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### EDITORIAL

I can scarcely believe it, but "It's That Time again. Time, that is, to write yet another Christmas Editorial. Whatever happened to 1977? It seems only a few weeks ago that we were looking forward to 1977 as a bright, unwritten New Year. Anyway mates, in reviewing the year it is good to be able to say that the Association is still going strong — sometimes I think it grows even stronger with the passing years. The "COURIER" continues to be our strongest link and from the many heartening messages I have received during the year, no one wishes to see our little periodical falter or fail.

No doubt our fortunes have been varied throughout the year — we all experience our ups and downs — and to those who have had trouble and misfortune, let me wish you happier days in the New Year. To those whose year has been happy and fortunate — may your good times continue and multiply. 1978 brings another Re-union in Adelaide and we have this to look forward to. On behalf of the Committee and myself, our wives and friends, let me wish you and your families a truly happy and peaceful Christmas with, good health, good luck and happiness in the New Year.

Editor — Scotty Wares.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC HOUSE, ON TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1977

THE President: Mr. A. Wares declared the meeting open at 8.20p.m.

PRESENT: A. Wares, J. Carey, D. Ritchie, B. McDonald, R. Dhu, C. Doig, H. Sproxtton, G. Fletcher, C. Varian, D. Darrington and P. Hancock.

APOLOGIES from L. Bagley and D. Fullarton were accepted.

In the absence of the Secretary, J. Carey recorded the minutes.

MINUTES of Meeting, held on Tuesday, August 16, 1977, were read and confirmed on the motion of D. Ritchie, seconded G. Fletcher.

TREASURER'S Report: P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at September 20, 1977: Balance brought forward

RECEIPTS:	992.11
Payments:	211.30
Balance as at	
September 20, 1977	\$780.81

Financial Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of C. Doig, seconded H. Sproxtton.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inward from Commando News (N.S.W.), Ron Scott, Fred Otway, Mick Devlin, Swan Print, R.S.L. (W.A.) Comm— and Association (Vic.), Outward to Dud Tapper.

Moved C. Doig, seconded D. Ritchie that Inward and Outward correspondence be received and confirmed  
**ADDRESS BOOK:** It was moved C. Doig, seconded D. Ritchie that a vote of thanks be recorded to Jess Epps and A. Wares, for their efforts in producing the new Address Book. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mr. Longson, of Longsons Print for his co—operation and generosity.  
**KINGS PARK:** G. Fletcher reported the area in good condition, despite lack of watering. A busy bee will be held on Sunday September 25, to tidy the area in preparation for Commemoration Service. The notice board at the Western end is to be raised.

**ANNUAL DINNER:** To be held at Anzac Club on Saturday October 1. Starting at 6 p.m. with a sit down meal at 8 p.m., the club will provide a drink steward. Speeches:

Loyal Toast: D. Fullarton

The Unit: A. Wares

Visitors: C. Doig

Toastmaster: M. Morgan

Guests: Dave Ross, Vern Fyfe, President and Secretary of City of Perth R.S.L.

**COMMEMORATION SERVICE:** To be held in our area of Kings Park, on Sunday, October 2. R. Dhu is to arrange seating and G. Fletcher is to provide the flag poles. A get together afterwards will be at the R.S.L. Club, 4 Sherwood Court at approx. 4 p.m.

**OCTOBER Meeting:** Due to other functions there will be no general meeting in October.

**October Sunday Outing:** Cars to assemble at the Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford at 2 p.m., followed by a BBQ at the home of Jess Epps at 4 p.m. — 12 Hackett St., Green—mount.

**NOVEMBER Meeting:** Tuesday, November 1 is to be a mixed bowls evening.

**SUNDAY November 27:** A BBQ will be held at the home of Delys and

Jack Carey, commencing at 4 p.m.  
**DECEMBER Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6 at Anzac Club for a Xmas drink.

**SOCIAL functions:** To assist the Treasurer, it was decided that all male adults will be levied the same, where a charge is to be made.

ALF Brady is in Hollywood Hospital, recovering from a heart operation. A. Wares reports that he is on the improve.

**SAFARI Raffle:** Sales are very slow, with only 19 tickets sold to date. More publicity will be inserted in the next Courier.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1977.

**THE President:** Mr. A. Wares declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** A. Wares, P. Hancock, J. Carey, D. Ritchie, H. Sproxton, R. Dhu, C. Varian, D. Darrington, B. McDonald and L. Bagley.

**APOLOGIES** from C. Doig, D. Fullarton and G. Fletcher were accepted.

**MINUTES** of Meeting held on Tuesday September 20, 1977, were read and confirmed on the motion of P. Hancock, seconded R. Dhu.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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Balance brought forward \$780.81  
 Balance as at

October 11, 1977 \$591.01

Financial Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of D. Ritchie, seconded B. McDonald.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inward from D. Tapper, R.S.L. (W.A. branch), Mick Devlin, Frank Freestone, Bert Burges, Elsie Newton, Paddy Ken—neally.

Outward to Longson & Son, Printers. It was moved by H. Sproxton, seconded P. Hancock that Inward

and Outward correspondence be received and confirmed.

ADDRESS BOOK: A. Wares reported that the new Address Books had been received and would soon be posted to all members.

ANNUAL DINNER: Held in the dining room of the R.S.L. Club, was an excellent evening. The catering, the venue and the company were first class.

**COMMEMORATION SERVICE:**

Took place in our area of Lovekin Drive, Kings Park on Sunday October 2, was well attended. The President read his address, which will be printed elsewhere in the Courier. Afterwards some members and their wives adjourned to the R.S.L. Club.

SAFARI RAFFLE: L. Bagley reported that only 45 tickets had been sold to date. Application forms had been inserted in the last two issues of the Courier.

TIMORESE MIGRANTS: The Madeira family have applied to emigrate to Australia. A letter has been drafted by A. Wares and R. Aitken to support this application, and to recommend its early approval.

P.O.W. BENEFITS: P. Hancock reported on a suggestion by the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of War Veterans Affairs that a letter be written to Mr. Vic Garland, Minister for War Veterans Affairs, regarding P.O.W. benefits for those who served on Timor. P. Hancock will get a letter drafted to send to the Minister.

R.S.L. SHOP: D. Ritchie suggested that an advertisement be printed in the Courier to support the R.S.L. Shop. Dave has just recently been promoted to manager of this shop. D. Ritchie then formerly moved, and J. Carey seconded the motion, for an advert to be inserted in the Courier. Dave will supply the details and layout of a suitable advert.

POYNTON PICNIC: This popular annual event will be held at the home of Helen and Joe Poynton, on Sunday January 29, 1978. Please bring your own meat for a B.B.Q. lunch. The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

## WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### CLAREMONT

Please note that from 23/8/77 my new address will be Flat 11, 54 Gugerl St, Claremont. All unit members welcome. Mainly home mornings and evenings. In and out a lot in the afternoons.

Regards - Frank Freestone

### KATANNING

Just a note to say that the film and record had been safely received. My talk and the film was presented last Friday and it was decided to leave the recording to one day the following week, as it was thought a little break in between would prove beneficial for the children. Alf Hillman agreed to come along and help. He brought some photos and bits and pieces and as he was in a different area on the island most of the time, he was able to broaden the picture. Alf had not heard the record previously so if you are not in a hurry for it I will keep it a while longer and play it for him and Elsie.

Have not been flooded here as some parts of the South West have been but have had some useful rain over the past week. Crops and pastures are looking extremely well but some dams still have some very thirsty looks. A little more rain now whilst the ground is wet would change the situation dramatically. We are hoping and praying.

Have been wondering could we make an approach through various Consuls to have someone visit East Timor if no general publicity was promised.

Regards to all - Bert Burges

### ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 1st October at the R.S.L. Club, in Sherwood Court. This is the first occasion

that the Association have used the facilities at the Club and by the remarks afterwards from the members it proved most popular. The catering was in the hands of the lessee of the dining room and as the meal was in the form of sit down I personally am of the opinion that it was an improvement on the buffet style. The food was very good and beautifully presented. This was the first occasion that a sit down dinner had been arranged the the new R.S.L. Club.

There were 37 members present and three guests, not too bad a gathering but I cannot understand why there are not more members attending from the metropolitan area.

The Toastmaster for the evening was the reliable Col Doig, and he called upon the following members to propose the various toasts. Loyal Toast - D. Fullarton. The Unit - A. Wares. Visitors - C. Doig.

The stewards for the evening were to have been supplied by the R.S.L. Club, but unfortunately there was a slip up, and our two reliable members in Geo. Fletcher and Rod Dhu performed that duty. A vote of thanks to them was proposed by Len Bagley.

Quite a number of country members attended and it was certainly great to see them along.

#### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Sunday, October 2nd saw yet another Commemoration Service held in our section of the Honour Drive at King's Park. The day was fine, although cold and windy, but still we had a good roll up for the march - twenty five men being present and with wives, friends about forty in all. One or two of our regulars were absent because of the previous night's re-union dinner. Sometimes I wonder if it is a good idea to have our Commemoration Service following on this pretty heavy night. Still most of us were bright eyed and bushy tailed, and following the President's

address and under the direction of our stalwart Mick Morgan, staunchly marched along between the trees bearing the names of our remembered comrades. Later some of us returned to the RSL Club for a pleasant drink and chat and once again our Remembrance Day was over. Following is the President's address, some of which was blown away on the wings of the wind on the day itself.

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen - Once more it is my pleasure and honour to welcome you here to our 27th Annual Ceremony, held in honour of those of our friends who never returned from the dark days of war. As the years pass it is very difficult to find any new things to say on these occasions, but that does not really matter, for the things we remember today are courage, sacrifice - and duty - and these things are ageless and always new and fresh - as new and fresh in fact as our memories of those who are not with us today.

On this day above all days we recall those of our group who did not return with us, to receive the welcome of their families and of the Nation. They sleep quietly in foreign soil - in Timor, New Britain, and New Guinea and yet surely they must rest more happily knowing that they are not yet forgotten - That by your presence here today their sacrifice is remembered. We also today remember those of our comrades who even though safely returning from the fighting have since left us. Our ranks grow thinner with the passing years; yet memory, like seed from a beautiful flower; renews itself and blossoms ever fragrant - never dying.

Many times I have heard young people criticising gatherings such as these - their argument being that we are "glorifying" war. How hopelessly they misunderstand. No one is their right mind "glorifies" war. We all know the horror and terror of war. What we do glorify is the way that our comrades, wanting death no more than any of us - yet willingly risked (and incurred) that death. They believed -

as we all did - that it was their duty to protect our freedom and the freedom of our children and our children's children. Yes, that is what we glorify and remember today. By your presence here today you have shown that you respect and honour that courage and dedication to duty shown by our fallen comrades. We have all at times felt discouraged by the troubled world in which we live, dismayed by slaughter and persecution of many who aided us in war years, and perhaps you have often wondered, as I have, whether it was all worthwhile. My message to you is this. We must keep the faith for those who died, we must all in our own small ways keep fighting for that better world that we thought we were making. We cannot move mountains, but perhaps we can push over a very small sand pile. Many of our Association members, men and women, are showing they care by actively helping is many organisations, some of them, themselves victims of some of the terrible killers of our time, are working for anti-cancer and heart crusades. Many in political fields are fighting - ever fighting - for the under privileged and helpless. Some visit the sick, help the aged, assist with handicapped children - each and every one showing they care about their fellow men. No matter how small our contribution - we too - can make the fight for a better world come true. We fight, no longer with guns and knives, but with our time, our hands and our spirit. Charitable organisations everywhere are crying out for voluntary helpers, and all of us can, if we will, assist in some small way. Even if the sum total of our effort is to make life a little easier, a little happier for just one person surely it will be worthwhile, and we will be keeping the faith with those comrades who gave their lives with just that idea in mind - to make the world a better place. And now in the shade of these trees that bear the names of our friends I will ask you to stand and face the Honour Roll and Monument while I

read the names. Remember them with pride, and thankfulness and with the determination to make ourselves worthy of their sacrifice.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### A HOPPY-GO-LUCKY EVENT

On Sunday 23rd October, a car drive followed by a barbecue at the home of Jess Epps was planned. Jess was going to lead a safari of cars on a drive through the hills, but had the misfortune to fall into a trench dug for a new fence at her home, and badly wrenched and tore the ligaments of her knee. We would have cancelled the event but Jess luckily had her son and daughter-in-law Terry and Linda over here from N.S.W. and insisted that she could cope with their help and that of one or two friends.

When the cars assembled at the Stirling Arms Hotel in Guildford, and heard of Jess's accident, everyone decided to go straight to her home instead of going for a drive. We had a really beautiful time sitting around the pleasant garden, quaffing a few ales, with a hoppy-go-lucky Jess visiting each group in turn on her crutches. Later Terry, Linda and Peter, barbecued the steaks and chops and we fell to on the good food. All in all about forty people enjoyed this get together. Many thanks Jess for offering your home for this event and many thanks Linda, Terry and Peter and those friends who gave you a hand. At the time of going to press I'm glad to say that Jess's leg is much improved, and she has abandoned the crutches.

As I always seem to say - what a pity more people don't take advantage of these friendly little social gatherings - they don't know what they miss!

The many friends of Hazel and Allan Hollow were delighted to receive a visit from them recently. It was really wonderful to see them and they enjoyed the hospitality of several friends on different occasions. Through not knowing early enough that they were here, they were unfortunate enough to miss the bar-

becue at Jess Epps home, something they would have loved to attend. However they seemed to be having a ball, Alan particularly was in great form. They are returning home, via a brief stay in Kalgoorlie, on 1st November.

#### NEW ADDRESSES

H.A. Holden,  
c/- Long Flat Post Office,  
WAUCHOPE. 2446.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

E.F. Freestone,  
Flat 11 - 54 Gugerri Street,  
CLAREMONT. 6010.

D. Murray,  
9/7 Tasman Place,  
North Ryde. 2113.

D. May,  
20 Manning Road,  
CANNINGTON. 6107.

E. Dinwoodie,  
212 South Terrace,  
COMO. 6152.

R. N. SMYTH,  
128 Dalkeith Road,  
NEDLANDS. 6009.

The President wishes to thank the following members for Courier and Association donations; L. Thompson, A. Smith, F. Freestone, R. Aitken, H.Sproxtion, D. Fullarton, D. Darrington, G. Haire, J. Fowler, J. Carey, L. Poynton, E. Bingham, S Turton, F. Griffiths, E. Hodgson, G. Laidlaw J. Hallinan, K. Hayes, A. Hollow, W. Anderson, J. Southwell, M. Conroy, H. Handicott.

#### NEW ADDRESS BOOK

The 1977 Edition of the address book has been printed and sent out to all members Australia wide, on 24/10/77. Should any member know of anyone whose name does not appear in the issue, or the address of those whose names only appear please notify the Editor, P.O. Box T1646, Perth. This is important as an up-to-date record wopuld be appreciated by the

Committees in all states. Another very important aspect is should anyone change their place of residence please notify the Editor, who will arrange the Courier to be forwarded.

There are a few addresses where the last Courier and Address Book had been sent to but have been returned to the Box in Perth G.P.O. marked changed address. R. Wilkerson, (W.A.). W.Congdon, (QLD). P. Stafford, (VIC). J. Purvis, (VIC). G. Kennedy, (VIC). S. Witford (VIC) A. Brand (VIC). N. Tillett, (VIC). C. Downe, (N.S.W.). W. Gallard, (N.S.W.). C. McCaffrey, (N.S.W.) K. Beer, (N.S.W.). R. Dorham. (N.S.W.)

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

### EPPING

Just a brief note, to let you know that all is well here in N.S.W. I was able to finally track Don Murray down and obtain his new address, which is 9/7 Tasman Place, North Ryde. 2113. He would be most obliged if you could include him on the mailing list for the Courier.

Have not included my Safari ticket with this correspondence, as I am hoping to catch a few more clients. How are the sales coming along, I hope O.K. I have been speaking to Alan Luby who wishes to be remembered to all. We are organising another barbecue to be held at Paradise Gardens Catti Ridge on Sunday 16th October in addition to the one previously arranged for Jack Hartley's place on 4th December. We extend an open invitation to all.

Scotty I would anticipate only one more edition of the Courier before Xmas, so may I on behalf of all NSW members and families extend to all other state members and their families, a very merry Xmas and a Healthy New Year.

Regards to all - Mick Devlin

### BROKEN HILL

Enclosed application for 2 tickets in raffle for "Your Asian Tour" and cheque to cover cost and balance for the Courier. I have waited two weeks for Lionel to write.

He does intend to write sometime but don't hold your breath.

We had a good trip overseas for 3 months recently, saw our elder son David in London and also visited Ian and Margaret Ronald over there. We hope to make it to Adelaide in 78 for the reunion.

Sincerely - Elsie Newton

(Sorry to have missed you whilst you were in Perth for a few hours at the airport - Editor).

YAGOONA

This will be a very hurried bit of correspondence, as well as being a much delayed job. We held our General meeting in September. Little change or rather no change in all departments.

Nora and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary last month. Helen, Michael and Gerald gave us a surprise party at an Irish Eatery cum drinkery named Buratty Castle, same name as the real one in County Clare, much the same atmosphere, no resemblance in physical appearance or surrounding scenery. It really was a surprise party as they had invited about twenty of our relatives and friends. We certainly appreciated their thoughtfulness and generosity. Sean of course was missing being in the territory, I don't know where at present.

I reckon the man Sam Fulbrook is looking for is Peter Mantle, Arnold St, Allora. Qld. I knew Allora fairly well having played football there in 1938. I remember your hose fireman too Sam, hardly call him a sprinter though. He won the Grantham Stakes in 35 and 36.

As you mentioned congratulations to Bernie Callinan, the honours are certainly pouring in on him, the latest a knighthood. He certainly rendered this country good service, in peace and war. In my opinion he was about the only man in the 2/2nd in Timor who knew and realised the meaning of guerilla fighting and what it entailed. The Japs were lucky there were not a few more like Bernie in the unit.

I know that you people will be pleased to hear that the Timorese who came to Sydney have settled in

quite well and there are only a few left at the Villawood Hostel. Most have moved into private accomodation. Delindo the ex Portugese Consul in Sydney has been a tower of strength to them.

I am off, enclosed cheque for tickets also names and addresses of the purchasers. Balance of money for the Courier.

Good luck and God Bless -  
Paddy Kenneally

CANTERBURY

The MEMORIAL SERVICE held at Canterbury - Hurlstone Park RSL Club was a sad occasion for the State Annual Congress and for former State Councillor, Mr. Frank Press. Frank who commanded the parade, was attending his last Congress as a State Councillor. He has now retired and his presence will be missed at all meetings of State Council. We all wish Frank a very happy retirement and thank him for his support to the League over many years.

(Extract from NSW Reville, sept. 77. Sent by Harry Holder.)

All the best on your retirement Frank - Editor.

YAMBA

Enclosed is cheque covering Association dues and two tickets in 1978 raffle.

I am still enjoying good health and the life of retirement. Catching a few fish, growing a few vegetables and rolling up a few bowls.

Regards to all, and best wishes to all my mates in the West -  
Geoff Laidlaw.

HUSKISSON

Thought you would like some news from this part of the world. In June we had a trip to Bowen, Queensland, whilst there we had a day trip to Ayr and I contacted Lawrie Tate (Buller) and he came into town to meet us and took us out to his sugar farm. We had a tour of the property which was most interesting. Afterwards we had a beaut afternoon tea at the house with plenty of hot scones. He and the family are well.

In Bowen itself found George Shields, he has a tomato farm and other vegetables. We came home with beautiful tomatoes, capsicums, apple cucumbers and a cabbage which weighed 10lbs. It was great seeing the boys and talking over old times. Jack Keenahan is down at his cottage for a few days. He is well and we went out fishing, but fish are very scarce.

Hope to see you all at the Adelaide Safari. My kindest regards to all - Jim Hallinan.

P.S. (Enclosed cheque for ticket and Courier.

WOY WOY

Hi there - I know its been a long time so please forgive me. Letter writing and I are things that don't get along too well together. Please find a little something enclosed towards whatever, but please keep the Courier coming. I have been side lined for quite a while now, had a couple of operations on my legs for arthritis. The doc took a look at me and shook his head, and granted me a service pension a couple of years before I was due. It does not leave one with much money but I don't smoke and just a social beer now and again, so things are not real bad, like that old saying I complained when I had no shoes till I met a man who had no feet.

I have not seen any of the boys from the unit for years but I will get around to going to Sydney one day and find some of them. I must away so remember me to any of the boys you meet. They will probably say Bunny who..! Anyway all the best - Bunny Anderson.

## QUEENSLAND NEWS

### MT. GRAVATT

I intend to be on the Adelaide trip and I will take a ticket in the raffle. The odds are better that the bookies of getting your money back. I would wish the bookie would operate like this.

Have not seen any of the boys for a while, but will make an effort to get around and see some of them. Now Sam Fulbrook, don't forget to give me the drum when your good colt comes up. I don't go to the races now and save my energy for the Saturday night dances. I see Charlie McCaffery is in Coff's Harbour and it is nice country down there, it is not far from Geoff Laidlaw and Happy Greenhalgh.

Brisbane is having a drought and the country is very dry. Just heard on the radio that Bernie Callinan has been appointed to the A.B.C. By coincidence I was reading his book on the Timor campaign. I have given up jogging and have bought an exercise bike. They are good and they make the heart and lungs go, and you can do it under the house or lounge room.

Well I have exhausted my news so from your old mate -

Fred Otway.

### ALLORA

How's that for bad luck? Association's last meeting for the year on December 6, and I arrive in W.A. on December 8.

Much the same thing happened years ago when I was returning from India: my ship due in on the morning of a meeting night, and at Colombo it got rammed by a Pakistani gunboat and we were delayed 24 hours. Recalls one of Frank Muir's lovely stories in the BBC's MY WORD. It was about a chap for whom everything in life went wrong. ...."who else could get beaten up in a Christian Science reading room - by a Quaker".

I'll be staying with my brother Humphrey at Floreat Park, seeing something of the many changes to Perth since I was last there, and hopefully meeting some 2/2nd and maybe a few folk I knew before the war.

December 14 I board a Russian ship at Fremantle and sail Melbourne - Sydney, then a short gallop around the Pacific and back to Sydney.



Thus far I only know four words in Russian: yes, no, comrade and prostitute. In the interests of east-west detente I'll try to pick up a few more. On the last cruise I did, the table steward was Portugese, so I was able to say OBRIGARDO every now and then - though he corrected my pronounciation. Cabin steward Italian - of which I have a dozen or so phrases.

When I battle away in another language I have visions of Boy Hewitt in Timor yelling at a creado "Piggy agua la liche you....." which nicely blended in four languages.

Regards to all - Peter Mantle.

#### BRISBANE

Edna and I have just returned from a holiday in the Red Centre, Alice Springs, seeing I had not been there since 1941 and I found many changes. We went on all the trips, walked up many dried river beds to the gorges and chasms, ate well and didn't put on any weight, the temperatures ranged from 40 to 15 degrees. I preferred the 40, 15 is bleak by our sunny Queenstand conditions.

We had a 3 hour stop over in Adelaide and previous to our going on the trip I had written to Dud Tapper asking if he would find time to be at the Adelaide terminal. He was there and also Mark Jordan whom I had not seen since 1943. We had a few beers and relived some of our experiences in Timor, both of them being there made the break enjoyable. Edna a I intend being in Adelaide for the Safari and also hope to go to West Australia after. I had a phone call from Happy Greenhalgh to say that his wife had passed away after a long illness.

Yours faithfully - George Vandeleur.  
(Very good idea to let members in other states know in advance that you will be arriving and arrangements can be made for a get together Members visiting W.A. let the Editor know and he will organise it.)

## VICTORIA NEWS

### RINGWOOD

What Ho fellers and the female faithful.

This missive has been a concept since early this year but never became of any pressing concern until now. This in face of the fact that early this year I called in on Dick Adams and his wife at their Yarra Glen home, and then later replied to a letter from Alec Boast, pointing with pertinence and penetration to my absence from Anzac Day Parade.

Much pleasure in reporting that as of time of visit Ritchie Adams was looking a respectable rival for Mickey Nargitay when the latter cantered off with the Mr. America title. A far cry from the old Dick Adams when he was riddled and racked with malaria at Atsabe. Dick's wife was a fine counterpart to him, being so obviously happy and well. They have a lovely place right in Yarra Glen, and no doubt their well being springs from the fact that Dick's employers are a branch of the same Government agency that harbours my presence.

Well I will sneak off with the contents of Joy's house keep purse (whilst she is in the bath) and Loom it on to some noble steed through the Tote Agency. Funny thing how that desciption of "noble steed" can change to maggotty misbegotten mongrel, so soon after he runs in the race.

Herewith for two tickets in raffle and balance to Courier.

Regards - E. Hodgson.  
(SMASH).

### MORNINGTON

Herewith application for tickets and cheque. We are looking to this time next year in Adelaide.

This year as usual we went North to miss Melbourne's winter. Before leaving I got my address book and placed it safely in the pocket of my reefer jacket, which of course I left in the wardrobe. Old age I reckon.

Spent a few days in Yamba where we met up with Geoff Laidlaw. Regards to Lola, Gladly and yourself Geoff and thanks again for a happy few days. Looking forward to collecting some more bacon one of these days. We missed Bash Adams in Brisbane but Happy Greenhalgh told me he is retired and doing a bit of caravanning. Must get together soon Bash and arrange a trip. Perhaps to S.A. next year.

Regards to all W.A. chaps and hope to see you soon if not before at least in Adelaide.

Cheers for now - Max Davies.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

### NARACOORTE

It is pleasing to know the next safari is going to be held in Adelaide and I am looking forward to meeting the boys there. Dud Tapper and Keith Dignum are doing some enthusiastic organising. It was a pleasure to see some of the boys at the Anzac march, especially my old 4 section mate Paddy Kenneally who has changed little over the years. He is still the same loquacious Paddy who enjoys life to the full especially on Anzac Day.

The season down here is just fair to middling, one of our driest for a long time. Hay cuts are going to be very light. Further North in the State it is even drier.

Regards to all - Ron Gurr.

### 1978 SAFARI

The committee organising the 1978 Adelaide Safari are well and truly organised and we should by the time the next Courier goes to press be able to publish an itinerary. The success of the safari relies heavily on the success of the Asian Tour Raffle but the sales to date are very slow, this could be possibly to the fact that everyone is saving madly for Xmas. The total issue of the Courier and distributed throughout Australia is 450, and if the majority of recipients were to buy

a ticket and perhaps sell another to a friend it would gladden the hearts of the organising committee. So members I am appealing to you all get that application on the way to the Secretary, G.P.O. Box T1646, Perth, as soon as possible. You have got to be in it to win it.

### OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the passing of Rene Greenhalgh, wife of our esteemed member George (Happy) Greenhalgh. Rene had suffered for a long time and passed away on 2/10/77 and was cremated at Lismore N.S.W. on 4/10/77.

The Association members send their deepest sympathy to you George in your sorrow at the loss of your loved one.

### THE CASE OF THE GUILTY GRANDMOTHER

I am a guilty grandmother. I freely admit this. I am guilty of perpetrating many offences against my four defenceless little grandchildren - so much so, in fact, that I sometimes look at my own two sons and think "Oh, you poor old things! How on earth did you ever manage to live to grow up - even be strong and healthy - after the way I reared you! You see, I do ALL THE WRONG THINGS. For a start, I must have fed them all the Wrong Things. Apparently even a teaspoon of sugar is fatal to teeth, and as for giving them biscuits - well! Now don't get me wrong - I agree that too much sugary food, lollies etc. are not good for littlies, and I never fed my own children unlimited quantities of these things. On the other hand I did not turn pale or faint if they were given an occasional lolly and they often used to eat biscuits.

Now for the confession of my guilt. Once I was baby sitting my little grand daughter, who had just been weaned. Her mother left me a bottle of formula consisting of milk, yeast, Pentavite, drops of cod liver oil (ugh) malt, etc. Well small grandie woke and cried, obviously

hungry but consistently refused her bottle. Almost in despair, I tasted a little of the stuff and didn't blame her. Guiltily I poured away the conglomeration and prepared a drink of warm milk with - oh! wretched grandma - a teaspoon of sugar in it. Every drop of the bottle was downed and when parents arrived to collect baby she was sleeping peacefully. Mum could not believe she had drunk all her bottle because she hardly ever did. Well, small wonder either! Never to this day do these parents know how I accomplished that feat.

Another time I read that blackcurrant syrup was richer in Vitamin C, even than oranges, so triumphantly bought a bottle of the best brand which stated "no added sweetener" on the bottle. The grandies all loved their drinks of "pink drink", but this was a **WRONG THING AGAIN**. Apparently someone had written an horrific article about a child given this drink from babyhood and all his teeth had rotted by the time he was five years old. "All right" I muttered rebelliously "they can drink it through a straw and it won't touch their teeth.

Once I was making warm cocoa for three littlies. Mum said "They really don't like cocoa". I said they always drank it for me and asked for more. "Do you put sugar in it?" asked Dad in horror. "Of course" I replied, "Don't you?" "Oh, no, Mum, we don't like them to have too much sugar". Well no wonder they didn't like it. Have you ever tried cocoa unsweetened?

Another wrong thing I do is "ruin their skin with soap". I refuse to believe that little boys - or girls - can be made really clean without a bit of soap. "They don't need soap if you use B-time in the bath Mum" they patiently explained. Well, I still sneakily scrub their grubby little knees and necks with the soap concealed inside the wash cloth. What's more, although I know it is a **WRONG THING**, I always sprinkle them lavishly with baby powder - they smell so good.

"Talc powder takes all the oil out of their skin, Mum". "Yes, dear" I reply meekly, thinking of my own presumably oil-less body after years of sprinkling with bath powder, and I hide the talc behind a big box. However I bring it out again when they - the parents - are out of the way and we all have a grand time sprinkling it madly all over ourselves

Well, dears, you can quite see what a guilty wretched grandma I am. I must finish this now as I am just going to prepare a mid morning snack for one of them. "Only some carrot or celery, MUM, or you'll spoil her appetite for lunch. Well, what the hell - she never eats lunch anyway - with or without snacks.

"Will you have a piece of carrot, darling, or celery?"

"Can I have a biscuit?"

"Carrot is much better for you, darling".

Silence.

"Really it is".

More silence, heavier than before.

"All right, " I say weakly, "Come and get your bikkies and milk".

"Oh, thanks Grandma!"

Poor child - oh, poor, poor little mite!

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It is with regret that we have to announce the passing of Tom Crouch after a long illness on 22/11/77.

Further details in the next Courier.

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## COMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER:—**

**Tuesday 6th—Get To Gether at R.S.L. Club, Sherwood Court. XMAS DRINKS, BRING THE LADIES and make it a good night.**

**JANUARY:—**

**Sunday 29th ANNUAL PICNIC, MANDURAH**  
Venue usual place, Poynton residence, 169 Ormsby Terrace. Bring your own steak and chops. Every other thing will be supplied. So what about making a note of the date and be sure to be there.  
It is one of the best outings the Association conducts thanks to the generosity of Helen and Joe Poynton.

**BUY A TICKET AND SELL A TICKET. BUT DO IT QUICKLY AS TIME IS ADVANCING RAPIDLY AND SALES TO DATE HAVE BEEN VERY SLOW.**