



# 2/2 COMMANDO Courier

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## COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On the afternoon of 21st November, with the Memorial trees dappling the drive with golden sunshine and under clear blue skies we had a truly heartening attendance of members, wives and friends to honour our fallen and deceased comrades. Maybe the later time of the meeting accounted for the good attendance, and this might be worth the Committee's consideration when arrangements are made for 1977. Twenty-seven men attended and about the same number of ladies. It was good to see a fine representation from Mandurah, including Gordon Rowley and his wife and daughter formerly of Manjimup. Another faithful country member present was Lou Thompson of Wannamal.

Under the direction of Nick Morgan the men looked fine as they marched, even if one or two limped a little and there were I think a few lumps in the throats of those watching. Our President Jack Carey gave an inspiring address that is presented hereunder, and then most of us repaired to Jack and Delys's delightful home for a barbecue tea and a drop of the doings. This was a wonderful time, full of comradeship and fun, and made a fitting end to a perfect afternoon. Our sincere thanks Delys and Jack for your great hospitality.

## COMING EVENTS

30th JANUARY (Sunday) —

MANDURAH OUTING, POYNTON RESIDENCE, 169 ORMSBY TCE., —  
MAKE IT A MUST. BRING YOUR OWN MEAT, SALADS PROVIDED.  
BRING BEACH UMBRELLAS.

1st FEBRUARY —

FILM NIGHT OF SAFARI, BRING THE LADIES AND MAKE IT A  
SUCCESS. JACK FOWLER PROVIDING MOVIE FILM.

1st MARCH (Tuesday) —

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. MAKE THIS MEETING AND SUPPORT  
THE INGOING COMMITTEE. TO BE HELD AT THE PERTH CLUB,  
4 SHERWOOD COURT, PERTH.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, fellow members of the 2/2 Commando Association, it is my privilege to address you on the occasion of the Association's 29th Commemoration Service.

The passing of a loved one or close friend is an experience in life which most of us have undergone. The loss, though it brings much grief at the time, is often softened by the fact that the one we mourn, as we put it, "had a good innings". By this we mean the person had lived out a full span along with all the rich experiences which life had to offer.

The home and family with all the love and joy this brings, the everyday challenges of a humdrum world, the sharing with others of the good and not so good things, the setbacks and moments of exultation, enduring friendships, the witnessing of the wonderful achievements of an exciting technological age, were all part of this fulfillment of life.

The men of our Unit who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Islands off our northern shores over three decades ago, were deprived of the opportunity to live out a normal lifetime. Theirs was a very brief innings. Apart from their boyhood years, happy as they no doubt were, a fleeting youth and a brief taste of young manhood, their lives were snuffed out by the cruel fortunes of war. The ages of our fallen which appear on the plaques attached to the trees, bear testimony to this. Walk up and down this beautiful avenue, see for yourself and be ever thankful to those brave young men, our former comrades, who gave up that most precious possession of all, life itself, so that the generation of their day and future generations could live in freedom and peace. At this time we recall the words uttered by Christ 2000 years ago, "Greater love hath no man, than he lay down his life for a friend".

To the relatives of our fallen, who suffered such a deep personal loss, we extend our sincere sympathy. The passing of time helps to ease the burden of sorrow, but there always remains the anniversary or birthday to serve as a reminder of a happening long ago. It is fitting

too, on this occasion, that we should remember those members of the Unit who have passed on since 1945. The arduousness of the Timor, New Guinea and New Britain campaigns, has over the years taken a steady toll. Through the activities of this Association we came to know them for the fine men they were and we are the poorer for their passing.

Whilst this occasion is one of solemnity, it is also one of quiet pride. We feel honoured to have served alongside these men. They were our mates and we remember them as they were at that time — young, cheerful and full of spirit. Their message to us the living could be, "shed no tear for us, enjoy what life has to offer, but at least be mindful of our giving". This we must always do.

It is over thirty years since World War II ended and with the advancing years, we are bordering on the veteran class. As responsible citizens and ex-Servicemen, we view with concern the things that are happening about us. We grow accustomed to reading in the daily papers of the trouble and turmoil in South Africa, the Lebanon and the Middle East area, of the continuing struggle between the east and west powers. Hijacking is commonplace and even sport has felt the impact of racial prejudice. Progress in our own country is being impeded by a seemingly endless number of industrial strikes. The road toll, drug trafficking and an increase in crimes of violence remain serious social problems. Concerned as we may be, there seems precious little we can do about these things. It is unfortunate the media gives so much publicity to the wrongs people do when there is so much good being done in our midst. Australia remains a land of opportunity and we should look forward with optimism to the future. The majority of our young people, in spite of the critics, possess great drive, are intelligent and know what they want from life. Parents who have made big sacrifices to educate their children have no fears for their future. In the pursuit of higher living standards, Australians should learn to be patient and more importantly more

mindful and considerate of the rights of others. Too much of the "good life" breeds selfishness and selfcentredness and we tend to forget other people's feelings. Charity remains life's greatest virtue.

A change of Government has resulted in more attention being given to the defences of this country and this is a good thing. We realise no matter how much money is spent on manpower and materials for defence, Australia by its very isolation will always be vulnerable. It is therefore of the utmost importance that relations with neighbouring countries and the more powerful nations are handled with care and diplomacy. The re-introduction of the School Cadet system, small as it may be, does serve a useful purpose.

At our last Commemoration Service, I spoke with concern on the plight of the people of East Timor and expressed the hope that after 400 years of colonial rule, the Timorese should be entitled to resolve their own way of life and be permitted to govern themselves as an independent nation. Such has not been the case. After a year, during which time the people have endured much suffering and loss of life (reported to be many thousands) East Timor has now become the 27th State of Indonesia.

It has been said that the invasion of Timor was a regrettable necessity in Indonesia's highest national interest, not a suppression of the right to self-determination by a former colonial people.

Because we are not a political body I will leave it to you, as individuals, to form your own conclusions.

It is an irony of fate that we as an Association, can do so little in return for a people who did so much for us in this hour of need. Because of this, we are left with a feeling of frustration and doubt. A good many members of the 2/2 Command Association, along with countless of their fellow Australians, must have troubled consciences over what has taken place on Timor.

We feel deeply for the Timorese and can only hope and pray that under this new order they will be fairly treated, allowed to live their own lives in peace and once again

return to the happy and generous people we knew them to be.

Before proceeding to read out the names of our fallen comrades on the Memorial Plaque, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Warden, Mr. George Fletcher, and his Assistant, Mr. Rod Dhu, for maintaining our Honour Avenue in such splendid condition. The avenue is a credit to them and must surely create a favourable impression on the many visitors to this park.

I would ask you all to stand to attention whilst I read the names.

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1976**

The President : Mr. J. Carey declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m.

Present : J. Carey, A. Wares, P. Hancock, D. Darrington, R. Dhu, R. Neuzerling, C. Varian, C. Doig and L. Bagley.

Apologies from : D. Fullarton, G. Fletcher and B. McDonald were received.

J. Carey welcomed C. Doig to the meeting, he also welcomed back the Secretary, L. Bagley and A. Wares, from sick leave.

Minutes of Meeting : Held on Tuesday, October 19, 1976 were read and confirmed on the motion of C. Varian, seconded A. Wares.

Treasurer's Report : Mr. P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at November 16, 1976 :

Balance as at November	
16, 1976	\$302.58

Financial report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of R. Neuzerling, seconded D. Darrington.

Correspondence : Inward from Mick Devlin, Alf Hode, The 2/4-ther, N.S.W. Commando News.

Moved C. Varian, seconded A. Wares, that Inward correspondence be received.

Kings Park : R. Dhu reported that the area was looking well.

Commemoration Service : Due to wet weather on October 3, it was postponed until November 21, afterwards a B.B.Q. is to be held at the home of Deyls and Jack Carey.

**Calcutt Trophy:** Due to lack of numbers attending the two nights set aside for this competition, it had to be cancelled.

**December Meeting:** Tuesday the 7th is to be a mixed evening, with supper provided, at the Visitors Lounge of the Anzac Club.

**Mandurah Picnic:** Once again, at the home of Joe and Helen Poynton, on Sunday, January 30, 1977. Please bring your own B.B.Q. meat.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MEETING

The normal monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7th was the final open meeting for the year and took the nature of a Christmas party to which our ladies were invited. Rather a disappointing turn up really, with several of our usual crowd being unable to attend. However to off set this we had a couple of

very pleasant surprises in the unexpected arrival of Ron and Win Sprigg from Albany and Grace and Clarrie Turner from Capel. All these country types were looking fine although Ron has to have another operation on his eyes, in January. We had a very pleasant evening with a drink or two, and the usual light supper, but as always it is the getting together that is the best of all.

### SICK PARADE

Scotty Wares has returned to Hollywood Hospital for surgery, and should then improve in health prior to further surgery on the spinal column.

Roy Watson is at present at Fremantle Hospital as the result of a heart attack. The Association wish these two speedy recoveries.

## WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### PERTH

I am sure that we have all, during recent months, felt a sense of frustration and impotence in being unable to "do something" to help the Timorese in their hour of need.

The Timor chapter, vis-a-vis Fretelin, is virtually closed and whether we should condone the Indonesian intervention is now not the issue. Of far more importance is the recently published announcement that Australia intends renewing her aid to Indonesia with \$83 million over

the next three years. What we can and should do is ensure that a goodly part of that vast sum is channelled in a direction that will bring relief to as many as possible of our Timorese friends.

The spearhead of the lobby would best be based in the East as it is closer to Canberra. I would think that Bernie Callinan would be ideal as he has not only the ability but also the entree to the right people. I suggest we discuss this at the December meeting.

Kind regards — John Burridge.

## New South Wales News

The N.S.W. Committee were very pleased to hear Len that you are nearly back to square one again, things sure happen quickly, but it is all behind you now, and you should be fit and strong for the Christmas festivities.

We held our deferred Annual Meeting last evening, and the following members were elected to the Committee for the 1977 year—  
President: A. LUBY; Senior Vice-President: J. HARTLEY; Vice-President: A. ADDISON; Junior Vice-

President: M. MANNIX; Sec./Treasurer: F. M. DEVLIN; Assistant Secretary: J. HARTLEY; Hon. Auditor: W. BENNETT; General Committee: P. J. KENNEALLY, R. HILLIARD.

Country and Queensland Liaison Officers: A. McLachlan, Queensland. F. Press, Western N.S.W. R. Smith, Newcastle. C. Paff, Northern N.S.W.

President Alan Luby congratulated the incoming Committee and wished them all a long and happy stay with the Association, he also thanked

the out going Committee for their good work with regards to the success of the 1976 Safari. As is normal we concluded the A.G.M. and continued on with the December monthly meeting from which came the following points of interest. It was resolved by members present, that a cheque for the sum of \$2,200 be forwarded to the W.A. Branch with the following request. That \$2,000 be used to subsidise those members from W.A. who came over for the Safari, that your Committee deem, may be requiring financial assistance. We thought that you people would know the circumstances of the individual Safarites better than we, in particular the widows. Should however, their be no need for any subsidy we suggest that you invest the amount towards the expense of Safari 1978. The remaining \$200 is our annual donation to the cost of the Courier expenses allied to same. The main point arising from the meeting was a notice of motion that we have on the books, that emanated from discussions that took place at Bill Coker's Bar-B.Q and was deferred until our December meeting, which in turn was moved and seconded, that a Special General Meeting be held on **MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1977** to give all members the opportunity to vote on same.

Well that about takes me off, with one last favour would you please send 1/2 dozen Lapel Badges and 1/2 dozen Tie Bars. Season's greetings to all — Mick Devlin.

### 2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION N.S.W.

Dear Member,

Please be advised that at the Annual General Meeting and Monthly Meeting, of the above Association held on Monday, 6th December, 1976, at the Arncliffe R.S.L., it was resolved, by members present, that a Special General Meeting be convened on Monday, 7th March, 1977, to deal with a NOTICE OF MOTION currently pending and recorded in the minute book of the 2/2 Commando Association N.S.W.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

That the wives of N.S.W. members be allowed to attend all meetings of the Association with their

husbands, with husband and wife having one combined vote on all matters and late members widows to have the power of one vote in their own right.

As the above Notice of Motion could mean the alteration of the 2/2 Commando Association N.S.W. Rules and Constitution, you are respectively requested to attend and vote on this very important motion.

MEETING VENUE: Arncliffe R.S.L.,  
Wollongong Road, Arncliffe,  
N.S.W.

DATE: Monday, 7th March, 1977.

TIME: 8.00 p.m. Sharp.

F. M. Devlin,  
Secretary/Treasurer,  
2/2 Commando Association,  
N.S.W.

### NORTH SYDNEY

As you will know, Gordon Hart, Alan Thompson and I set up a Timor Aid Trust Fund late last year to supply medical aid to the Dr. John Whitehall team prior to the Indonesian invasion of Timor.

When this event occurred we still had \$600 odd in the till and it is quite plain that there is no way that we can do anything within Timor under the present circumstances.

We went round the donors in early December asking them if they wanted their money back or whether we could apply it to needy refugee children in Lisbon — the team that spent many months in Atambua before the Indonesians released them.

The decision was unanimously in favour of the latter course and on 15th December we sent Escudos 21,700 to Father Fernandes, who had been the spokesman for the Atambua group, as from the 2/2nd and 2/4th Commandos (I have since realised that other Squadrons were involved and Father Fernandes has been advised). We received a cable back, as per attached photo copy, and I thought some mention of this might be included in the next issue of the 2/2nd Newsletter.

With best wishes to all for 1977, and kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Stevenson

LISBON  
 A. STEVENSON  
 P.O. BOX 477 NORTH  
 SYDNEY N.S.W. 2060 AUSTRALIA  
 CONFIRM RECEIPT DRAFT NUMBER 395124/2366 DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONCERN YOUR GIFT SENT THROUGH FATHER FERNANDES WILL MAKE WARMER CHRISTMAS OF TIMORESE CHILDREN IN LISBON GRATEFUL FOREVER.

JOAO CARRASCALAO

### CANBERRA

We returned to Canberra warmed by the fellowship of all who shared the Sydney Safari, it was a wonderful experience for me as apart from the reunion dinner in Melbourne in 1956 and again in Sydney in 1968, and meeting one or two 2/2nds passing through Canberra I have been unable to join in other Safaris and again I was struck by that wonderful bond between the men of the 2/2nd and the way in which wives and families are surrounded by this warmth and friendship and to be included in this sharing gave me great pleasure.

Jim joins me in thanking everyone for making our Sydney holiday such a joyous one.

Dot Boyland spent an afternoon with us while visiting Robyn and John and we hope to see the Fowlers and Hewitts on their return from New Zealand on October 12th.

Greetings all — Joan Fenwick.

### YAGOONA

Firstly I hope you and Elsie enjoy your cruising holiday, you would be needing a rest after your spell in the Safari round. Scotty I do hope you behaved yourself on that ship and did not succumb to the temptation of pinching the lassies bottoms.

December, and my mind goes back to 1942, it was around this time that Mick Morgan, who was our section Lieut. told us that we would be slowly moving back towards Allas. We were then up around Viqueque, Norm Thornton, "Duck" Lacey, Tom Fitzgerald, John George Roffey, and myself had been ordered up to harass 300 Japs (who had moved up to Beaucau) if they attempted to move south. Mick would follow up later with the other eight members

of 4 section who were out on patrol. Then the whole 14 of us would give the Japs hell. I have always been very thankful for the amazing discretion those 300 Japs displayed. They decided to return to Dilli. I'll bet they would have left a trail of fertiliser all the way back if they had known 14 Aussies were prepared to do battle.

A bit bloody-minded tonight, and I should not be, seeing Christmas is only 17 days away. I should be full of Peace, Goodwill and Christian Charity. I can't get over the fact that two Australian Governments, representing the two main political parties in this land of ours allowed a small helpless community to be absorbed by Big Brother and did not lift a hand to help them. To our shame as a people, we did damn all to persuade them otherwise. We allowed it to happen to a people who did all possible to help us and keep us alive, and subsequently suffered enormously for their deeds. They should have been more sophisticated, more like us, minded their own business, it was not their war. After all "bugger you Jack, I am all right" is a widely held view. My God, will we ever live down the shame of our inaction, or are we so insensitive that it doesn't matter. We didn't even probe into the deaths of five of our own countrymen, in case we caused some embarrassment to Jakarta.

Had a good holiday in New Zealand with Tony, Coral, Joy and Col. When we landed on the Fox Glacier, Tony sank further into the snow than the plane. Not surprising, I reckon he was bigger than it. How five of us plus Tony fitted in I don't know. The pilot didn't seem to worry, so I didn't. If we were headed for Heaven so was he, and we'd have 6000 ft. start anyway. Nora didn't have a care in the world, small planes, perpendicular drops along the roadside, hobnail boots, mountaineering, she took in her stride. Yet if I drive her down the road, she is pushing that hard on imaginary brakes, I can hardly get mobile, can't say I blame her.

Helen will be home on the 18th after nearly 11 months in Indonesia. It will be great, we'll all be around the table again at meals, arguing, laughing, joking, and quite often heatedly, but it's grand. They at

least have opinions and they express them. Sean is the quietest of the brood, Helen the most controversial. One day they will settle down and we'll be (Nora and myself) alone, and it will be so quiet, I don't look forward to it at all.

I will now close, a merry Christmas to you, Elsie and all Unit Members and may the New Year be one of Good Health and Happiness to all. GOD BLESS — Paddy Kenneally  
P.S. Enclosed donation for Courier.

### YOUNG

I decided early in November, that it was time I started my Christmas letter, but here it is the 22nd and I am only just getting around to doing it. However, once started, let us hope that I can finish it off, before the next few days are over. We are both very well, and I received a very good report from Dr. after tests, x-rays etc. So I can breathe freely for another 6 months. Keith has been tired, but is well otherwise. We will have a very quiet Christmas, as this week Janette and Stan leave for Townsville for 2 years. We hope to go up there to spend about a month with them, next August. It will be a lovely new place for us to go for a holiday, and I hope to see the Barrier Reef, Magnetic Island etc. while up that way. Janette and Stan will probably be there for 2 years, or could be 3, that of course will depend on the Army. However, it will be something new for them to see, and hope that they will enjoy it all. Phillip is still at Puckapuyal, but expects to transfer to Melbourne in the near future. He has recently been on a long bivouac but is now back at camp. He hurt his knees whilst out on the bivouac and at the moment is resting in the Camp Hospital. That will stop him from playing squash for a few weeks I guess.

We had a quiet winter, and I played a bit of golf, not as much as I would have liked, as it was fairly cold, but I did try to play at least once a week. It was very tiring for me at times, but I stuck to my guns, and after playing all the winter, and not even getting anywhere near my handicap, I filled in to play with the proettes at the end of October, and had a couple of field days. I played with Betty Dagleish the first day, and broke my handicap by 4 strokes,

and with Lally Ireland the second day and broke it again by 1 stroke. I was so thrilled, as I had been trying all the year to do just that. The only other time I had played really well, was in the foursome championships, and a friend and I made up a pair at the last minute and went on to win it. No one received a bigger shock than us that day. Phillip and I had a few games when he was home during a weekend, and we quite enjoyed our afternoons out, but of course didn't do any good together. I am sure we must put one another off, as we always do well for a while and then crash.

Of course the highlight of the year was the Safari at Sydney from the end of August to the middle of September. It was wonderful to see so many and to catch up on friendships we had made so many years ago, but, which of course, only seemed like yesterday, when you met up with folk again. Phillip was with us for the whole of the Safari, and we had his friend Carol Ayers with us for 5 days, during that time, and Janette and Stan came down for the weekend, just to meet up with all the folk, they have heard so much about, but haven't been able to meet. They enjoyed every minute of it too, and said the only thing wrong, was it all seems to go so quickly. During the time of the Safari we also went to the Russian Ballet. We had tickets on the Saturday night, the final night, and it was absolutely out of this world. It is something that I will never forget, but I couldn't describe adequately, as it would be impossible for me to do it justice. Suffice to say that we were enthralled, and fascinated by it all, and it is something that I will never forget. On that night we had Joan Darge with us, and she enjoyed it all too. While in Sydney we stayed at the Zebra Motel, and had our own lounge, dining room and kitchen, so we were able to have many of the folk around for the usual cuppa etc and talk. It was really good to see everyone enjoying being together, and having such a lot of fun and just being good friends. It really makes you proud to be part of this wonderful association. These men, who have been through so much together, have a certain something which is wonderful to see.

During the year we have had quite a few visitors. We had a school friend of mine and her husband from Brisbane for a few days, and had a wonderful re-union, and finished up playing the Pianola for hours and hours, and singing all the old songs we have on rolls. We also had my sister and her husband and two children over from Adelaide, on their way to and from Sydney. Conrad had married Janette and Stan last year, so it was good to see them again. I also received news from another sister who lived at Mildura, that they had moved and were now living at Canberra. So far they haven't been over to see us, but I am hoping to have a meal with Shirley, even if we have to meet in the City, as I will only have the day, and I have to go to the Hospital, and then a meeting. If I am sure I will be going over, I will let Joan Fenton know and if she is not too busy, we might be able to have a couple of hours together. Keith has been busy in the garden, as per usual, and this year we have had a wonderful display of roses. We lost a few of the shrubs, as we had some very sever frosts at times, and they just didn't take it. However we have replanted some, and hope they will go through. Keith was put off from his job at the end of June, but started work temporarily about a fortnight later, and is still there, so I don't know how long his temporary job will last. We also painted most of the inside of the Church in July and August. He painted, whilst I held the ladder, and was general overseer, and sunnier of cups of tea etc. It made quite a difference to the look of the Church, and as Keith had cleaned off the roof of moss etc. and mended a few places, where the water was seeping in, it has made a lot of difference. We still have a bit to do, but it can be done a little later. We had our Church Fete a few weeks ago, and it was a lovely day for it, after many weeks of rain and heavy thunderstorms over the weekends, so we were lucky. I had dressed a Doll as a Bride to guess her name. I used scraps of material from Janette's wedding dress, and she did look nice. We named her Bronwyn 1st choice and Fiona 2nd choice. The organist from the Church won her on the 2nd choice, and she has now

given her to the Hospital, so that they can give her to some needy child, who is in hospital for Christmas.

We have had some funny weather the last 6 weeks or so, and we had a very bad hailstorm, which of course did quite a lot of damage, not only to cherry trees, and some growers were unlucky enough to lose all their crops. Some growers, will lose trees as well, and also some or all of their stone-fruit. These storms have been very wide-spread, and have hit different parts of the State, at different times. We were lucky at home, having very little damage done to our garden, but on the other side of town, they were chopped to pieces. This year Keith has been going to Tech. to do a course in carpentering. He has been having fun, having made bits and pieces, and at the moment, has just about finished a bookcase, for the lounge room. It will be lovely to have it there, as we seem to have books everywhere, and to have them in one place will be good. He has made a cupboard for the kitchen too, which he will put up later, as he wanted to finish off the bookcase, while classes were still on. Tonight is ther break-up party, and so he won't have to go again until next year. It has been good for him, and although at times he was tired, he said that he has enjoyed it all. He is really keen on building things, but says he doesn't know much about those little bits and pieces that seem to put the finish to an article. Next year I might, I just might, go to Dressmaking classes. I can sew, but don't know too much about the finishing off etc. and it will be no load to carry either. By this means I might get around to making myself a couple of skirts or frocks or something.

It seems to me that I will soon be out of paper, so I had better close this off. We do hope that you have a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and that the New Year will be good for us all, especially health-wise. We hope that all the sick folk are on the mend, and trust that anyone who does by any mischance get sick, recovers quick and lively.

Now best wishes from us all here, and the best of luck to everyone.

— Keith and Betty Craig



## VICTORIAN NEWS

### MORNINGTON

As usual I have several valid EXCUSES for not writing before this but, I'm afraid not one REASON.

We were very sorry we could not make the Safari. Had intended to get to Sydney during that period, but, unfortunately, Grace's brother's wife died suddenly while we were in Queensland and we had to head straight home. From all reports the Safari was another good show.

I met up with a couple of our chaps this trip.

Bluey Westeweller has a very nice caravan park at Nyngan, N.S.W. and would welcome any of the boys who are in that neck of the woods at any time. Thanks to Jess Epps for passing on Bluey's address for me.

I also had a brief chat to Cyril Chaplin at Cloncurry. He was pretty busy yarding a mob of Cattle and he and his men put on a real wild west show for us.

It was all in a day's work for them of course but I have a sneaking suspicion that a couple of them (one by the name of "Mulga" especially) put on a bit of an act for the townies.

Chappy had his hands full with buyers, agents etc. and we were heading for Mt. Isa so we didn't have much time together but he did send regards to all.

On the home front Grace hasn't been too good and has had to go a bit quiet for a while, and I have been out of action with the old leg but we are both on the mend I hope.

Norm Tillett's address is — 191 Sixth Ave., Rosebud 3939, Vic. or, for golfers, he is Manager Country Club Golf Club, Rosebud.

I'm enclosing small cheque for subs. etc. You folk keeping the Courier going deserve a special spot in Heaven.

Hope to see you all some time next year.

Regards — Max Davies.

## ENGLISH NEWS

### BROMLEY, KENT

Just a swift note, with apologies for its lateness.

I have been working flat out for ages — did not take much time off this summer. We had a couple of weeks in Somerset. It was really dry, and the smell of forest fires was everywhere. It took me back to my boyhood days in summer in Australia. It has hardly stopped rain-

ing since to make up for the dry summer.

Zopo, the Labrador, has been behaving himself, except for stealing a pound of sultanas, leaving odd ones all over the house as evidence.

Everything is going well here. I enclose something for the "Courier" which I really appreciate.

All the best to Elsie and Jess from Margaret and myself.

With kind regards — Ian Ronald.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

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A. LUBY, 6/35 Richmond Avenue, Dee Why 2099.

The PRESIDENT wishes to thank the following for Courier donations :

Max Davies, P. Kenneally, N.S.W. Association.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who sent letters for the Courier during 1976, and it is only through your letters that we keep in touch with one another. Please keep up the correspondence as it is greatly appreciated.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD AT THE PERTH CLUB,  
4 SHERWOOD COURT, PERTH,  
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1 1977.**