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COMING EVENTS

LUNCHEON BARBECUE
AT CHARLIE KING'S, 489 ALBANY HIGHWAY,
BEFORDALE, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1979

ANNUAL DINNER
AT R.S.L. CLUB, SHERWOOD COURT, PERTH
ON 3rd NOVEMBER, 1979, AT 6.30 P.M.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE
KING'S PARK, 4th NOVEMBER, 1979
AT 3.00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS
AT R.S.L. CLUB, ON 4th DECEMBER, 1979
AT 7.30 P.M.

Having discussed the forthcoming Bar-B-Q at the home of Charlie and Mary King with them it would be greatly appreciated if those attending would supply salads and some savoury dishes. The liquid refreshments will be supplied as is always done at these functions. Another item which you are asked to assist with, could you bring folding chairs?

To enable the catering arrangements to be finalised would those

intending to be there please ring the Secretary on 276 4304 no later than a week before the event takes place.

There will be a Double Red Diamond placed on the roadway at the entrance to the property. The home is situated nearly at the top of the Bedforddale Hill on Albany Highway.

Hoping that as many members and their wives will make the trip and thus make it a very successful day.

6th June, 1979.

**PETER DRUMMOND, M.H.R.
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA, A.C.T.**

Dear Mr. Drummond,

You will readily recall recent correspondence with Mr. B.J. Langridge, a member of this Association, with regard to the reunification of Timorese families. We were happy with your reply, which was published in full in the June edition of the 2/2nd Commando Courier.

At a meeting of members of this Association held last night at Anzac House, Perth, we were terribly upset at a report presented by a Life Member, Mr. Ray Aitken, upon problems being encountered by a native Timorese student, Leongue Chitsen, who has been trying to arrange the immigration of two sisters. A copy of a letter dated 31st May from Mr. Aitken to your colleague, Ross McLean, M.H.R., is enclosed, from which you will obtain the overall circumstances surrounding the problem.

The thought of two young women, aged 21 and 16, being stranded in Jakarta as a result of a Departmental last minute decision and despite published and written assurances of the humanitarian intentions of the Government is appalling.

We have previously addressed the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the subject of the great debt owed by Australia to the people of East Timor, and we must insist that the time is overdue for these obligations to be met.

Your urgent support is requested to help overcome this immediate problem, and to preclude the occurrence of such soul-shattering incidents in the future. We are sending a copy of this letter, and Mr. Aitken's letter to the Minister for Immigration.

Yours sincerely,

**P.G. MALEY
PRESIDENT**

**PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA**

Dear Mr. Maley,

I acknowledge your letter dated 6th June 1979, regarding problems being encountered by a native student, Leongue Chitsen who has been trying to arrange for the immigration of his two sisters to Australia.

I have made representations to the Minister for Immigration on your behalf and will advise you as soon as I receive a reply.

Yours sincerely

**PETER DRUMMOND
MEMBER FOR FORREST.**

6th June, 1979

**THE HON. R.I. VINER, M.H.R.
MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT
AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA, A.C.T.**

Dear Mr. Viner,

I write this letter to you both as a Member of you Electorate, and as the President of the above association. In the recent past I have addressed the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the subject of

the great debt owed by the Australian people as a whole to the people of East Timor, as a result of the courageous assistance given to Australian troops, particularly the 2/2nd Australian Commando Squadron, during the darkest days of the 1939-45 War. Lip acknowledgement of this obligation has been readily forthcoming, but the time is now overdue for Australia to show that it will honour the debt actively.

Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. Ray Aitken, a Member of this Association, to Mr. Ross McClean, M.H.R. which is self explanatory. The two women concerned are aged 21 and 16, and the thought of them being stranded in Jakarta as a result of a last minute decision of the Department of Immigration has shocked the members of my Association.

We feel that urgent action must be taken to rectify the position, and urge you to impress this fact upon your colleague, the Minister for Immigration.

Yours faithfully,

**P.G. MALEY
PRESIDENT**

6th June, 1979

**THE HON. M.J.R. McKELLAR
MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION
AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA, A.C.T.**

Dear Minister,

I enclose copies of the following letters:

1. To Ross McLean, M.H.R. from Mr. Ray Aitken, Founder and Partner, Wildflower Nursery, Wanneroo, W.A.
2. To Peter Drummond, M.H.R. from myself
3. To Hon. Ian Viner, M.H.R. from myself.

These letters should explain this most unfortunate occurrence clearly, and will also indicate the reasons for the shock that is felt by all members of this Association that such a position should arise. We feel that under the circumstances we may achieve more towards helping the two girls by an approach to you, rather than contacting the Press.

Will you please take immediate action on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**P.G. MALEY
PRESIDENT**

**MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION
CANBERRA, A.C.T.**

Dear Mr. Maley,

Thank you for your letter of 6th June, 1979 on behalf of Leongue Chi Tsen concerning the admission to Australia of his two sisters.

The Minister has asked his Department to examine the matter you have raised and a senior departmental officer will write to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**JOHN PEACHEY
ACTING PRIVATE SECRETARY**

31st May, 1979

MR. ROSS McCLEAN, M.H.R.**Subject:** Immigration of sisters of Leongue Chi Teen.

Dear Mr. McClean,

By now you will probably be aware of the problem facing Leongue.

Leongue is a former native of Portuguese Timor and is of Chinese extraction. He came to Australia on a scholarship from Burma Oil, four years ago, prior to the Indonesian invasion.

He is completing a diploma in electronic engineering at Technical College. He is a successful student but his progress is slow as a result of some considerable difficulty in written English. Spoken English is progressing well.

Leongue is an Australian citizen domiciled in your electorate. Since his arrival in Australia he has successfully organised the entry of two of his brothers both of whom are employed. Recently another brother, at considerable sacrifice and perhaps risk, organised the transfer of two sisters to Jakarta as a first step to their immigration to Australia.

Leongue was advised by wire from local immigration authorities that the girls would be arriving, quoting date and Qantas flight number. They did not arrive and he was advised at the airport that the problem arose in Canberra. Whatever the reason may have been the handling of the matter was inept and inhumane. The local immigration authorities now advise Leongue that the hold up is caused by the fact the Leongue is a student. His only additional earning capacity is in vacations and other odd days when he works in horticulture for my company.

When Leongue came to this country he was assured by my partner and myself that he could have employment with us. The assurance still stands.

Should he fail to complete his diploma in this calendar year we are prepared to employ him while he continues at night school. Should he be forced to leave school by a bureaucratic decision we are prepared to employ him now.

However I would point out, sir, that such a measure seems to conflict with public policy. Further, since I have often been tempted to influence Leongue to change his course to horticulture at some expense to this company, and have resisted this temptation on the grounds that his present studies may be of more immediate value both to Leongue and our country. I am somewhat upset by what appears to be a very arbitrary decision.

Leongue is quite properly disturbed at the thought of his sisters having to return to Timor under present conditions.

Finally, sir, I would be grateful for any assistance you may be able to give in making overtures to the appropriate minister on behalf of Leongue and his sisters.

I am able to give a positive assurance that no member of this family is likely to become anything other than a good industrious law abiding citizen. As indeed they were in Timor in happier times.

My first contact with the family occurred in 1942 and down the years I have found no reason to change my initial assessment of this family.

Yours faithfully,

RAY AITKEN

P.S. I propose to allow Leongue to carry this letter open to your secretary and to allow him to show a copy to local immigration.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, TUESDAY 5th JUNE, 1979

The President G. Maley declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m., and welcomed the following visitors; Clarrie Turner, Gerry McKenzie, Ray Aitken, Geo. Greenhalgh from N.S.W and our two Timorese friends Costa and Leongue.

PRESENT: G. Maley, P. Hancock, D. Darrington, A. Blundy, G. Fletcher, H. Sproxtton, J. Carey, R. McDonald, L. Bagley, A. Wares, plus our visitors.

APOLOGIES: J. Fowler, C. Varian.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on motion of P. Hancock, seconded J. Carey.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hancock presented statement of accounts as follows: Previous balance \$732.89. Receipts \$87.00. Total \$819.89. Payments \$286.32, leaving balance \$533.57. The report was received and accounts passed for payment on motion of R. McDonald, seconded G. Fletcher.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: R.S.L., W. Tobin, J. Chatfield, Minister of Labour, D. Murray, G. Stanley, D. Tapper, U. Wright, H. Cotterill, M. Devlin.

Outwards: C. King, R.S.L., N.S.W. 2/2nd, Vic. 2/2nd, Q. 2/2nd.

It was moved L. Bagley seconded A. Blundy that inward and outward correspondence be received and confirmed.

REPORTS

Mr. Bagley reported that he had contacted the caterer who supplied the dinner for the last reunion, and she was quite prepared to do it again. The cost will be more than last year but that is quite understandable with the rising costs.

Mr. Aitken reported on the Constitution for the Timorese Association and until they can supply it in proper English it will be some time before it takes effect.

Mr. Costa and Mr. Leongue gave an account of two Timorese sisters who left Timor and are now in Jakarta, they were due to arrive on a certain flight to Australia but have not so far arrived here. Leongue was at the airport to meet the flight they were supposed to be on but they did not arrive. The President, Mr. Maley said that he would write to the Federal Minister and also the W.A. Federal Member, Mr. Peter Drummond to inform him and ask him to enquire into the matter.

The Secretary reported that Mr. D. Ritchie had donated a painting of Wilsons Promontory, the original training centre of the 2/2nd Independent Coy.

It now hangs on the wall with our other photos.

The Secretary reported that he had contacted Mrs. King re the luncheon B-B-Q at their home on 23rd September, 1979. He was informed that Mr. Bagley had the particulars. Mr. Bagley said that everything was in order and that he had arranged for Mr. Carey to supply the meat.

Mr. Hancock reported that Mr. J. Fowler had presented a folio satchel to the Association for the Treasurer's use.

Mr. Wares reported that the Wembley Floreat R.S.L. had not discussed the invitation

sent by the Association for a games night but would probably do so at their next meeting and Mr. Macuckin would contact us re the decision.

Mr. McKenzie suggested that in future when a member who happens to reside in the country and passes away, that the local R.S.L. be notified that he was a 2/2nd member so that it could represent the Association if it was too far for metropolitan members to attend the funeral.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and the President thanked members for their attendance.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ANZAC CLUB, TUESDAY 2nd JULY, 1979.

The President Mr. G.P. Maley declared the meeting open at 8.05 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Maley, P. Hancock, D. Darrington, G. Fletcher, C. Varian, J. Carey, L. Bagley, A. Wares.

APOLOGIES: J. Fowler, H. Sproxtton, R. McDonald, A. Blundy.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of J. Carey seconded by D. Darrington.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hancock presented statement of accounts as at 2/7/79 as follows; Previous balance, \$533.57. Donations \$102.00. Bank Interest \$10.37, Total \$112.37. Payments \$42.96. Leaving Balance \$602.98.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: R.S.L., M. Devlin, B. McLaren, F. Sharp, A. Dixon, W. Sprigg, S. Sadler, G. Stanley, P. Barden, D. Tapper, A. Friend, L. Mitchell, B. Sharp, J. Hanson, Minister of Immigration.

Business arising from correspondence. Mr. Maley reported on the letter to the Minister of Immigration re the application for the two sisters of Leongue Chi Tsen who appeared to be stranded in Jakarta. The letter appeared to have borne fruit as the sisters arrived in Perth

on Saturday 30th June.

REPORTS

The Secretary reported on the advice he had received from Mr. McGucan re the evening to be held at Anzac Club. Mr. McGucan wished the matter to be held over until the weather is more favourable.

KINGS PARK: Mr. Fletcher reported that he had cut the lawn on the previous weekend but that the area was as well as to be expected due to the lack of watering.

The Secretary reported that he had filled in an application form supplied by Mr. Ross Maclean, M.H.R. for two flags, a portrait of the Queen and a cassette with the National Anthem and Advance Australia Fair, these were being supplied by the Australian Government free of charge.

The President reported on the passing of two of our N.S.W. members in the persons of Jim Hallinan and Tom Martin. The Association extend their deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

The President reported that arrangements for the forthcoming social functions were well in hand.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and the President thanked the members for their attendance

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS

WARWICK

Must apologise for fancy note paper but if we wait for a writing pad you will probably never hear from us. Please find enclosed money order being our sub for 2/2nd membership. Had a letter from brother Dudley, all was well when he wrote. Hope your Anzac Day was all you wished for, for all of the wonderful 2/2nd Commandos.

Thank you for the regular delivery of the Courier — Alan and I really enjoy reading it, so nice to be able to keep in touch. I am also sending a donation to you for Mrs. Mullins to see if she could be able to have the Courier.

I wrote to make a plea for your friends, the Timorese, unfortunately

I had mislaid my Courier so took a chance, but addressed it to the wrong government. However, I'll enclose the answer I received for you to file if you see fit, sorry I made a mistake about it.

Must away, so on behalf of Allan and myself, best of Good Health to all members of 2/2nd also yourself and your wife.

Yours sincerely, Joy Chatfield.

(Hope to meet up with you at some of the functions which will be held in the near future — Editor.)

GERALDTON

Just a few lines to let you know all is well in Sun City Geraldton. We have been having a busy time with the activities associated with the

350th Anniversary of the sinking of the Dutch flagship 'Batavia' at the Abrolhos Islands and the 150th Anniversary of the Swan River Settlement.

I had the pleasure of having a cup of coffee and good chat with the Commander of the Netherlands destroyer 'Drenth' which took a party of Geraldton citizens to Beacon Island for the unveiling of a plaque by the Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. Schiffs, to mark the area where 'Batavia' went to her doom on June 4th, 1629. I also attended the official opening by the Ambassador of a new display of relics from the Batavia at the Geraldton Maritime Museum. I have a special interest in the Batavia story because in 1963 I had the pleasure of breaking the news to the world that the wreck had been discovered and that a mate of mine, skindiver Max Cramer of Geraldton, had recovered the first lot of relics.

We had a great Anzac Day march with Nip Cunningham and yours truly marching together. There was an additional attraction with the inclusion of American sailors from the frigate 'Robert E. Peary'. While on R.S.L. matters I had the pleasure of proposing the toast to the Women's Auxiliary at our sub branch reunion and to hear complimentary remarks by State President Len Phenna regarding the sub branch's great performance in winning for the 16th year the Collet Cup as the outstanding sub branch (which is based not only on service to ex service personnel and their dependants but also to the community generally). It is always my pleasure to compile the Collett Cup submission.

I have just attended my first meeting of the Geraldton Sailors and Soldiers Memorial Institute Trustees at the Mayor's office, having been chosen by the Town Council as the citizens' representative in succession to Boans of Geraldton Managing Director, Graham Willcock who resigned to go on a trip. This trust controls Birdwood House (which is the headquarters of our R.S.L. sub branch) because it was built from money contributed by the community generally.

I have also had the pleasure of a visit from A.B.C. State manger Graham Chisholm who presented me with a medallion in recognition of 20 years service. I have been regional

journalist at Geraldton for 23 years and obviously love Sun City Geraldton. The presentation ceremony was somewhat of a surprise and it was a delight to be surrounded by relatives and friends including Mayor Lyle Harris who at the Town Council the same night referred to his attendance and expressed thanks for the co-operation I have extended to Council over the years.

I don't know if I have already told you that I won a trip for two adults and two children to Darwin for submitting the winning entry for this area in a competition conducted by the Australian Hotels Association in connection with the Pub Mart.

The opening of Greenough Hamlet by the Governor's wife, Lady Kyle was a delightful function and I would recommend an inspection to any of you coming up this way.

Nip Cunningham is pedalling as well as ever after his spell in Hollywood Hospital and wishes to say thank you to the kind people who visited him, including Percy Hancock, Scotty Wares, Jess Epps, Jack and Norma Hasson, Jerry Haire, Fred Griffiths, Jack Carey and Jack Fowler. This is the kind of comradeship which is unique to those who served.

Kind regards to all, Peter Barden.
(Thanks for a very informative letter Peter, it is always great to hear from you — Scotty)

CARNARVON

Please find enclosed a sub for the Courier. I get a lot of pleasure out of receiving and reading this wonderful news sheet.

I had a pleasant surprise some time ago in the form of a visit from Jess Epps, neice Jean and friend Ann. We had a few ales while we swapped yarns about our travels in the North of the State.

There is no doubt about the supposed weaker sex today, just the three of them in Jess's car, a few years ago I would have thought twice about travelling North by myself.

As I am now a permanent resident of Carnarvon I miss out on the functions that I used to enjoy, but I am still there in spirit with the boys.

Regards to all, Albie Friend.

WONGAN HILLS

Enclosed is a cheque for membership and so on.

Have settled in Wongan reasonably well but still get out to the farm most days. We have just finished seeding and I did my stint of tractor driving. No problems these days. Sound-proofed and air-conditioned cabs, with radio, power steering and so forth. A far cry from sitting out-in the open, dust, cold and rain, whatever came along. We did that for years - much more pleasant now.

I have been wishing I had built an earthquake-proof house instead of the brick one we have. We really got shaken up in the recent tremors. We are only 28 miles from Cadoux and they really copped it over there. We had no damage much here, a few minor cracks but we are in the worst area and one of these days, who knows?

It has forgotten how to rain again this year for the fourth one in a row. We had enough to get our crops in well, but really want a good fall now.

Sorry to hear of Ron Sprigg's passing. He was a great bloke.

I will close now Scotty. Regards to yourself and all the people down there.

Yours sincerely, Stan Sadler.

ALBANY

Just a few lines hoping that you are both well and not getting washed away.

First I must thank you both, and all the boys that came to Ron's funeral. I was only sorry that I did not seem to have time to speak to all, to be truthfull I don't really know who I spoke to and who I didn't, I seemed all confused, but please thank all the boys for me. I will enclose a cutting that was in the local paper about the funeral and I have a lovely lot of cards and letters from the different members, all so very kind and thoughtful. I was so glad my darling was able to be home for a couple of weeks before I had to take him back to hospital, and so thankful he did not have to linger on, as that is so sad.

Wilma Tobin is coming over about September I think, and is going to tour the South West. I think it will be on a bus tour.

Well I think this is all for now, hoping you are well and again many thanks for your kindness to Ron and I.

Regards to all, Win Sprigg.

VISITOR TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A surprise and welcome visitor to Perth was Bruce McLaren and his wife Lorraine. Bruce was over to attend a Rotary Conference.

The W.A. President, Gerry Maley, made arrangements for a number of the members to assemble at the R.S.L. Club to meet up with the McLarens. Unfortunately Lorraine could not attend due to a prior engagement. Bruce seemed to be enjoying himself by wandering around and talking to the different ones.

Among those attending were as follows; Dick Darrington, Col doig, Joy Louden, Gerry and Mary McKenzie, Clarrie Varian, Doug Fullarton, Percy Hancock, Scotty Wares Spriggy McDonald, Harry Sproxton, Len Bagley, Gerry and Dot Maley.

It was certainly a good evening and shows what can be done should the W.A. committee know of any visitors in Perth.

Another visitor to W.A. from N.S.W. was George (Happy) Greenhalgh. Happy attended the W.A. Committee meeting and was welcomed by the President who wished him a very pleasant stay in the West. He enjoyed an afternoon of bowls at the Yokine bowling Club as the guest of Gerry Maley. Our Committee member Henry Sproxton escorted Happy on the various outings to visit as many of the unit members as possible.

To those two members who entertained Happy the Association is very grateful.

A BRAVE FRIEND IS LAID TO REST

Reprinted from an article appear-
in in the local Albany paper.

Railway folk, war veterans and other friends in the Great Southern, and in far away parts too ... received the news of the passing of Ron Sprigg with sadness ... tinged with the knowledge that a long battle against illness, including the loss of sight, had ended.

A few short years ago regular passengers on the Great Southern railway knew Ron Sprigg well ... a cheery conductor, ever helpful for the incapacitated and elderly ... and with a bright greeting for all.

He was not always on the passenger express. At other times he was a shunter in the marshalling yards and in the busy wheat harvest season was on the move night and day ... a well known figure on the Albany waterfront.

Ron Sprigg was only 55 years of age when the inroads of diabetes and failing eyesight caused his premature retirement from Westrail. He was 59 when he passed away in the Albany Regional Hospital on May 13 after years of battling against failing health and ever cheerful in the face of it all.

A TIMOR COMMANDO

During the World War the late Ron Spriggs was a commando in the famous 2/2nd 'Independent' Unit of the A.I.F., which became a legend of the war in the Pacific.

The island of Timor was overrun by the Japanese and the surviving members of the commando unit took to the hills, where they were on the run for months ... befriended by the local Timorese. During this period they harassed the enemy with frequent raids on supply dumps, air fields and installations and a big price was put on their heads.

Back on main land Australia they were posted as missing for a long period, until weak signals from an improvised radio set ... known as "Winnie the War Winner" ... were received in Darwin.

The unit was eventually taken off Timor in an undercover operation by the U.S. Navy.

Members of the 2/2nd Commando Association are a closely knit bunch of war veterans. They hold regular reunions at each State in turn and these are always well attended.

Last Wednesday members of the 2/2nd Commando Association came from many parts to pay a farewell salute to a highly esteemed mate ... joining friends at Allambie Park from Albany, Mt. Barker, Wagin and other parts paying last respects to a fine man.

The late Ron Sprigg was a member of a Wagin family and had resided in Albany for many years. He is survived by his widow Win, a member of the Bartlett family of Mt. Barker, his son Stan and daughters Kathleen (Mrs. Barry Moir) and Judith (Mrs. Henry Piwonski).

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Firstly my apologies for not answering your letters of 3 May and 23 June more promptly but I have been snowed under with worry about Iris' health and so unable to do anything constructive about the 1981 Safari. Happily Iris is on the mend now and today I have made a start to get things under way by phoning Fred Bryant. Angus MacLachan is overseas and will be away for another couple of months so Fred and I have decided to contact Ralph Conley, George Mathieson and George Vandeleur and hopefully we can get together in the next week or so.

As soon as we meet we will let you know what we have decided as to venue etc. and will outline our thoughts regarding accommodation, outings, and maybe a rough idea of costs.

Kind regards to all, T.B. Adams.

EPPING

At the June meeting of the NSW Branch it was passed that the next Safari to be held in Queensland. I will write to Tony Adams and Angus

McLachan to advise them of our decision. I have no doubt that they will have no difficulty in forming a committee to organise and plan the Safari.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the passing of Jim Hallinan on 1st June, 1979, from a heart attack. On behalf of all 2/2nd members and their families I extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Flora and family.

Had a flying visit from Ross Smith recently, he came over East on a brief holiday to visit his family at Sydney and Newcastle. A few of the boys were able to catch up with him at the Great Southern Hotel for a few drinks and a chat. He still looks fit as ever and looks forward to seeing any of the boys passing through Clare. Ross was able to visit Bob Smith during his visit to Newcastle. Bob is still receiving treatment at the Prince of Wales Hospital at Randwick on a one in three week basis, which means that he is home for two weeks and hospitalised for one. I would

suggest that intending visitors please check with the hospital in case he might be at home.

Tom Martin has made a miracle recovery from his illness and has been transferred to Eastern Suburbs Hospital and continues to improve each day. Ron McArthur has been discharged from Concord and I am awaiting word from him regarding his well being, a short note will do thank you Ron.

Scotty will you please advise through the Courier that the Annual General Meeting of N.S.W. will be held on Monday 3rd September 1979 with the quarterly meeting to follow. The venue will be the ARNCLIFFE R.S.L. and the time 8 p.m. It would be fine to see some new faces on the committee so how about coming along and making the A.G.M. a success.

Just received a phone call from Al Luby saying that Bob Smith is down for his treatment and will be detained a few extra days.

Have any of the N.S.W. members got any idea of the whereabouts of the following: B. Perrott, D. Pepper, A. Beveridge, J. Hocking, C. Downe, W. Gallard, K. Beer, C. McCaffrey. (Please write to the Editor direct (so as they can be included in the Courier mailing list.

Hoping that Elsie and yourself are well and convey best wishes to all members, regards to all, Mick and Betty Devlin.

DUBBO

Hello everyone I do hope you are all well and making the most of life and all those Safari-ites have fully recovered from the hospitality that was extended to us by our S.A. members and their ladyfolk. Thanks Dudley to you and your committee for such a fine organising that went so smoothly. I soon settled down to work on my return and have been very busy with this record wheat harvest. We have been plagued with endless strikes which upset our programs.

So sorry to hear of Ron Sprigg's passing in our latest edition of the Courier. Phyllis and I extend our deepest sympathy to Win and family. I recall the happy times I had with him on the Safaris. When I was in Perth on the Safari Ron and Fred Sparkman took me for a tour of the Kewdale and Forrestfield railway complexes as they were both railway men.

I did not make Sydney for Anzac Day this year, being in the middle of the week as it is a long way to travel and having to work the next day. The hospitality there is too great and I would have to have a 'sickie' the next day.

I paid a visit to Tamworth a short time ago and looked up Mick Devlin's son who is the manager of the fruit and vegie section of Woolworths Big W.

Phyllis is keeping good health again after her operation and sends her best wishes to everyone and especially to those who sent her get well cards during her sickness.

Kindess regards to all, God bless, Frank Sharp.

WEST PENNANT HILLS

Enclosed please find cheque to cover subs and whatever else is necessary.

Thanks for the regular issues of the Courier. The many names mentioned revive pleasant memories of friendships made during my time with the squadron.

I have just retired and so far have found it a pleasant experience. Jean and I are leaving in a couple of weeks for a tour overseas. We hope to be away for three months. Next year we hope to tow a caravan around Australia and during our time in W.A. hope to renew friendships.

Regards, Alan Dixon.

YOUNG

After you have picked yourself up after the shock of receiving this, I hope you are all well, as we are here. We have decided that we are definitely becoming slower or something, as we don't seem to keep up with things as we should. Oh well, I guess we can't all grow younger instead of a little bit older all the time.

We have been very busy this year so far, but hope that things have eased off now and will continue to do so for the rest of the year. We had a very busy and wonderful Christmas and New Year period, with Phillip and Lorraine, and her two girls here, and also my sister Val, and then Stan and Jan came a few days after Christmas and they were all able to be together for New Year. We also had a friend of theirs and their little girl, Gred and Judy and 17 months old Shirlee. She was a perfect pet, and we all loved her and would have

loved to spoil her. Our house was filled to overflowing but we all had a wonderful time together. Jan and Stan then went on to Tasmania and did a tour around there which they loved, and had a couple of trips to the Casino, where they won a little, which they said was a help too. They also called and stayed with some friends in Seymour so caught up with all the news there too. By the time everyone left the house seemed to have been so quiet, but it was lovely to be on our own for a short time and recover from the invasion. We then had friends from Griffith for the long weekend in January, and we were able to learn some more of the Old Time Dances from them, and also to teach them a few too. If all goes well we hope to go over there for the long weekend in June, which of course is only 10 days away.

January, February and March this year were very hot, and it was one of the worst summers we have had as regards heat. Hot nights too, which were very hard to take. In the middle of the heatwave, I caught a wog, and it laid me low for a whole week. I didn't know what struck me, but I never want it again. I was quite content to just stay on the bed, and I couldn't even be bothered reading. That is really all the sickness we have had luckily for some time, so hope we keep well for the rest of the year at least. During March we had a Bar-B-Q for the church, and we had about 70 people turn up. It was a lovely night, no wind, and just enough cloud to keep the mosquitos away. It was an easy way of making a few dollars for the funds, and everyone enjoyed just sitting around and talking etc. Probably do it again one day soon, in the Spring could be a good time. I have been to Canberra and had another series of tests and have another clean bill of health for 12 months, so that is very good. Each year there seems to be new improvements in the equipment they use, and this year I had a Sonar Machine as well as the other ones I normally have.

I have been teaching Old Time Dancing for most of the year, each Monday night and we are all having fun. We have been running a few dances also, and although they are no great financial success, socially they are great, and we are meeting so many people from around the district. At the present time we have

quite a run of dances, and will get to as many as we can. Have been locally, and to Harden, Cowra and Grenfell, and have two at Grenfell to go to, and also one at Harden and two at Young, so they keep us on the go. We went to Cowra the other night to the Legacy Ball and met people from Wellington. 100 miles they travelled. People from Parkes were there also, and they travel from from all over the place to follow the Old Time. In August they are hiring a bus, and going down the South Coast, for a Friday night, then back to Goulburn for the Saturday night, and Keith and I will go down and stay with my sister that weekend, and go to that dance, then they will go on to Boorowa for the Sunday night, and then home to Parkes, Forbes, etc. so they are really keen. We are not really quite as bad as all that, but we do go to some and enjoy them all.

Today I am celebrating my birthday, and my daughter rang me from Townsville and sang me Happy Birthday, dear Mother. Then my sister rang from Goulburn and did the same thing. We are having fun in N.S.W. with the Singing Telegram Boys, so they thought they would be their own telegram girls today. It was lovely to hear from them anyway. This weekend we are meeting in Sydney, as it is our 30th Wedding Anniversary. We are all staying at the Zebra Motel, and Joan Darge is also coming in to stay, along with Mervyn and Marjorie Jones. Joan has arranged for a few of the 2/2nd to come in on Sunday and we are all going to have a meal together and a drink to celebrate. I have had a cake decorated and will take it with me. Janette is flying down from Townsville for the few days we are in Sydney, so it will be good to see her. Phillip and Lorraine are coming in to stay also and my sister from Goulburn, if the trains are running of course, so it should be a good get together. Hope to do a bit of shopping also while down there as it is good to get into the bigger shops once in a while. Keith always says the best time to take me shopping is at night, when I can spend as much money as I like because I can't get into the shops to take it out of my purse.

I have also had a bit of luck as regards my shoes. After all these years of struggling to get the larger

fittings and to be able to get slippers etc. we had a young man open a shop at Grenfell, trading in the larger fittings and odd sizes etc. as well as the everyday shoes, so of course I went over to see what he had. Jannette and I went to town on the shoes, and I came home with 4 pairs and she bought 2. I went over a few weeks ago, and I was able to get good solid shoes for work, and good walking shoes, so at the moment I have all the shoes I want, thank you. I also have them in left and right feet and they are all perfect. He has been so popular that he has opened a shop in Boorowa one day each week, and he is now opening up in Young, so it will be good to have somewhere where you can go for good shoes. It is really lovely to try on a shoe and know it fits, than to have to write to Melbourne, and trust that when I get them, they will be a good fit, and something I really like. The postage back and forth makes the shoes so very expensive.

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I am at present living in the Blue Mountains, and was fortunate last year to have a visit from Tony Adams with wife Iris and son Paul. My family and Tony's has kept in touch over all these years.

I am looking forward to the continued receipt of the Courier and must thank Mick Devlin for having my address sent on to you. For the stamp box please accept the enclosed.

With very best wishes to all,
R. Field.

ORANGE

Receipt of the Courier today brings on pangs of conscience once more, so have decided no more procrastination. As is usual with its arrival there was a bout of avid reading by the recipients, namely Frank and myself, for news therein. Unhappily all is not always good news and Ron Spriggs death grieved us, our belated sympathy to you Wyn. We were bus companions on the Tasmanian Safari and cherish happy memories of their companionship. To those hospitalised or not enjoying good health a sincere wish for better days ahead.

It seems somewhat late to say that health reasons prevented us from going along to the Adelaide Safari, but the card so kindly autographed by those at the reunion dinner and so thoughtfully sent along by Frank Sharp was greatly appreciated and treasured along with other Safari mementos. At the Coker's very hospitable Xmas B.B.Q. we were able to

view some photographs, hear of many interesting events and also obtain some of the wine, so in a remote way, feel we have been in touch with the participants.

Life goes on, but quietly. For the first time since setting up house we without kith or kin. Frances finished school life last year and is attending the University of N.S.W., Syney, hopeful of doing an Arts/Law Degree. Needless to say the house took on a morgue like atmosphere after her departure, no friends commuting, no records filling the house with sound and a strangely silent telephone. Frank's activities are somewhat restricted but recognising the limitations manages to fill in all the time.

Recently our son Paul, wife Jann and three young sons took a drive to Perth to visit son Michael, wife Chris and two boys. We have now a photograph of seven Presses, all male species, taken with the King's Park Memorial Plaque as background. Our Sydneysiders were quite impressed with Perth and surrounds, particularly so with the King's Park Memorial Drive. Actually it was a working trip for Paul as his work takes him interstate so he will be seeing Perth from time to time. Jann was impressed with the neatness of the suburban gardens and the mildness of the climate, the boys were swimming daily in the motel pool.

Had a social drink with the Cholertons a while back and at that time all was well with them.

Congratulations to office bearers, as recorded in report of the annual meeting and to those who give so much of their time to keep the association together, and news circulating through the Courier. Enclosed a donation towards this.

Regards to all, Frank and Kath Press.

VICTORIAN NEWS

HIGHETT

Sorry to be late answering your letters but decided to wait until after Anzac Day and give you all the news up to date, and try and gather the information you are asking for. Firstly congratulations on your appointment as Sec - editor. I think it is a great idea and you will do it justice. Your first letter asked about the

whereabouts of J. Mildren (still have same address as in book) have not heard anything of him for years. R. Splatt, the last I heard he was in Bali in some kind of artist work but have no definite address. P. Stafford and A. Bennett only have address as per book and have heard nothing of them. Alf Grachan new address. George Kennedy is very much alive

but not in the best of health, he is at Kingston Centre Diabetic Ward which is his permanent address. He has a speech problem but can read OK, but at times he cannot recognise people. I am sure he would like the Courier and his address is Kingston Centre, Diabetic Ward, Warrigal Rd, Cheltenham 3192.

There is another matter to be tidied up - Percy Hancock sent me 40 stickers last year to sell to members. I still have a few left but to keep Percy's record complete I am sending a cheque for \$10 and my apologies for being so long winded. Have another member to be put on the Courier list, Don Freyer, 2 Hall† Crescent, Wangaratta 3677. It came as a surprise to me to know he was not getting the Courier. He has been in Wangaratta quite some time and comes down often for Anzac Day march and reunion.

Well Scotty that's all the news for now and enclosing news for next Courier.

Regards, Harry Botterill.

HIGHETT

We have had Alan and Hazel Hollow with their friends Frank and Muriel Shaw over here for a week taking in Anzac Day celebrations and it was good to see them and I believe they had a wonderful time.

Anzac Day was a very nice day and we had a good roll up at the march and reunion afterwards. The following were present: Ken Monk, Bluey Bone, John Roberts, George Humphreys, Alan Hollow, Bill Sharp, Max Davies, Bernie Callinan, Baldy Baldwin, George Veitch, Alex Boast, John Southwell, Bruce McClaren, Harry Botterill, Stan Whitford, Paul Costello, Jack Reneham, Bill Peterson,, Tom Nisbet, Don Freyer, Arnold Webb. Good to see the country boys along and we had a very good time. Jack Reneham was looking very well and has recovered from his former ailment. Bluey Bone from Kardella, Bill Peterson from Fish Creek, Arnold Webb from Hillend, Don Freyer from Wangaratta and as usual Ken Monk from Poo-wong. Ken and Margaret will be leaving for overseas on 29th April. They are going with a large group of Jersey cow breeders and then will have a few weeks travelling on their own to visit various people.

Alec and Beryl Boast made their home available on Sat. 28th April for

a B.B.Q. lunch for Alan and Hazel Hollow and their friends who were returning to Adelaide on the Sunday. Another very nice day and the following were present: Bill and Eileen Sharp, Stand and Marie Whitford and their son Frank and his wife Teena, John and Shirley Southwell, Bernie and Naomi Callinana and Olive and myself. We enjoyed a very nice afternoon and our thanks to Alex and Beryl Boast.

Well that is all the news for the present, best wishes to all, Harry Botterhill.

BURWOOD

Thank you for sending me the Courier. I do appreciate it and learning the latest news of happenings of the 2/2nd folk.

I appreciate being able to meet so many friends at the Safari in Adelaide and it certainly was enjoyable and am grateful I was able to be there.

I am now looking forward to a visit to Perth in September. I hope I will meet up once again with friends I have made through Bert.

Sincerely, Wilma Tobin.

WODONGA

Received the June Issue of the Courier and enclosing a cheque towards its publication. Have wrote before to let you know that I have settled in Wodonga after many years in the army. For a work interest I am doing contract cleaning.

Please give my regards to Jack Carey and Henry Sproxton and any other member of 9 Section. My best regards to all members of 2/2nd, L.A. Mitchell.

ST. KILDA

It has been my intention to write ever since Anzac Day, but something always gets between me and the pen and the paper. In the little over a year since last writing has been a busy one in many ways, but shall give a run down on the Squadron gatherings Bill and I have attended. As memory is not the best these days if anyone or any event is not recorded, hope the omission will be accepted as such, and not lack of enjoyment of company present. In September there was quite a good roll up of interstate visitors, in Alan Luby from N.S.W. and Gordon Holmes from Western Australia.

Finally the exciting night arrived when we boarded the train for the Adelaide Safari, and it was just as wonderful to step off the train the next morning to a most wonderful welcome which set the whole tune for the Safari. The hard working organisers must have been quite glad to wave the last of the invasion off at the end of ten days, and put their feet up with great satisfaction of a job well done. Thanks and congratulations to all. It was a case of home and onto the phone here, as the following Saturday night managed to round up quite a lot, at very short notice, where we had the pleasure of an evening at the Caulfield R.S.L. Club to welcome interstate visitors Betty and Keith Craig, Dot Boyland, Nellie a friend of Joy Chatfield, Dot, Len & Gavin Bagley. Hope that everyone enjoyed the night.

The next outing was the Commando Association day of Pilgrimage to the Cairn of Remembrance at Wilsons Promontory. Due to a petrol strike, Ron Scott suggested a bus, this proved a popular idea and hopefully will remain. The weather lived up to its nasty reputation, but despite the drizzle, wind, and to the few of us trying to set out plates of salad, bread etc. ready for the barbecue, it was great to see the pleasure of old friends meeting. Having written so far, realise that the gathering at the plaque near the Shrine of Remembrance took place prior to the Promontory day. Considering it was

held in the city, the attendance was not large — Gladys Curran (Kevins widow), two of his sisters and a niece came, and placed a wreath at the plaque.

The pre Xmas party was held at the home of George & Dot Robinson in Blackburn and Bill and I collected Gladys Curran and Kevin's sister on the way through. It was a terrific evening and every one enjoyed it.

Word arrived that Allan and Hazel Hollow and Frank Shaw and wife Muriel were arriving from Adelaide the Saturday prior to Anzac Day and staying for a week. We arranged a night at the Caulfield R.S.L. to give them a welcome. Anzac Day was Wednesday and the largest number of members marched that I have seen. The venue after was the Stage-door and it was packed but several of the ladies helped and kept up the supply of food and drinks.

Saturday Beryl and Alex Boast had a barbecue for the visitors and a good roll up — Melbourne weather did us proud and knowing they are writing will only say it was wonderful. It was great having the Hollows and the Shaws in Melbourne and now life has again settled to a steady pace. Bill has his good and bad days and has a claim in for a rise in pension.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all who are in ill health and greetings to everyone, Bill and Eileen Sharp.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

BRISBANE

I am enclosing a sheet on the Dawn Service on Anzac Day at sea. I'm writing this on behalf of my better half, who avoids pen and paper like the plague. At the time T.S.S. Fairstar was cruising through the Tasman Sea on her route from Auckland to Brisbane. The ceremony held aft on the Promenade Deck was touching and well attended. There seemed to be quite a few ex-servicemen and women prepared to rise early and pay homage to their fallen comrades under different circumstances than usual. The two large wreaths of artificial materials were fashioned by a member of the Italian crew. The first wreath was thrown into the ship's wake in normal Anzac

Day commemoration. The second, which I felt was a little touch of irony, was thrown in by an Italian ship's officer, in memory of the Italian Independence Day which coincides with our Anzac Day.

Due to ill health. Gordon finished work in January 1978 and as he seldom leaves the house, we are a regular Darby and Joan. It's an odd thing that the less one has to do, the less one gets achieved as days go by.

What pleasure I got from Elsie Wares article on the last 50 years in W.A. It brought back memories of a small bedraggled 7 year old, tearful and lost in the Centenary Celebrations of Victoria in 1934. Gordon, older than I, can still produce proudly the medal he was given that

day. Yes Elsie, the years fly and one sits and wonders where the time has gone. Our children are long grown and are mature adults and we are now grandparents. Yet it seems such a short time since our courtship and marriage. Often Gordon and I sit and reminisce by the hour, as it gives us both a little pain, but mostly pleasure to remember all that has happened over the years.

We are enclosing a cheque for the unit and must apologise if we have been remiss in this matter lately. Time passes quickly and with the best intentions in the world, we are side tracked sometimes, especially when there is illness.

Thanks again for the Courier and the pleasure it gives us.

Best wishes to all members, Gordon and Joan Stanley.

(Great to hear from you and hope that your health will improve Gordon — Editor)

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

APRIL 25, 1979

SUNRISE: 5.47 a.m.
HELD AT SEA, ABOARD
T.S.S. FAIRSTAR
of SITMAR CRUISES

ORDER OF SERVICE

5.15 - 5.30 a.m.

FALL-IN on the Promenade deck aft.

PRAYERS Said by Father Tom
Bowland.

ANZAC ORATION by Rev, Jim Mills
THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LAST POST Sounded at Sunrise
THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE Mr
King Cains, 1914/1918

TWO MINUTES' SILENCE
**WREATHS WILL BE CAST TO THE
SEA IN REMEMBRANCE**

(One representing Passengers, one
in joint commemoration of the 1946
Independence commemoration by
Italy also on this day.)

REVEILLE WILL BE SOUNDED

The Parade will then dismiss

LEST WE FORGET

MERMAID BEACH

Just a few lines to tell you that I expect to be over in the West in about a week or so. I will be there for a couple of weeks. I am mainly coming over to see my father who lives in Bunbury, but I hope to see as many of the old unit as I can. I will contact you as soon as I get over there Scotty.

I expect to leave Brisbane on Sunday 1st. July and arrive in Perth on the 5th July, as I will have to be back here at the end of the month it leaves me a little over 2 weeks in W.A.

Look after yourself and hope to see you soon. All the best, Jack Hanson.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

FLINDERS PARK

Not a lot of news to impart at this moment. Betty Dignum goes into hospital tomorrow for an operation and expects to be away about a fortnight. Condolences to Norm Tillet on the death of mother and father a few months of each other here in Adelaide, both had a long innings.

Over a weekly noggin with Keith Dignum we agreed that members who desire to come to Adelaide for their Xmas vacations we will arrange any accommodation and outings etc. for them along the lines of a mini Safari.

I recently spent a few days at Woomeera and the locals say the town is dying for the want of water, there are mostly Yanks there now doing

their 2 year stint of duty.

All for now, Dud Tapper.

FLINDON

This is a much belated letter which we intended to write after the Adelaide Safari. However, "better late than never".

Our trip to W.A. was a real joy. We must thank our hosts, Jean and Mick Morgan, Grace and Clarrie Turner and their friends Glad and Mac Read, Helen and Joe Poynton and their friends, all of whom made our stay very enjoyable. We also spent a very pleasant few hours over lunch with Elsie and Scotty Wares, and Jess Epps. Musn't forget to include Col Doig and Joy. By the time we finally arrived back home (a little

worse for the wear), it was nearly Xmas, and had to prepare for the festive season, which is the time when family is so important. We spent New years Eve with our friends Betty and Keith Dignum, which we enjoyed very much.

After settling down to the normal (whatever that is), before you know it, Easter arrived, and more family get togethers.

A week later we were on the Overland, with my brother Frank Shaw and his wife Muriel as travelling companions.

We stayed at the Hotel London, which is our old stamping ground when in Victoria. Our very good friends Eileen and Bill Sharp arranged a really beaut night at the Caulfield Central R.S.L. Beryl and Alec Boast, Olive and Harry Botteril, my brother Frank and wife Muriel, along with several other folk (whose names escape me at the moment, for which I apologise) were there.

Anzac Day was a bit of a disaster for us, the least said the better. I did have a very pleasant chat with Sir Bernie Callanan at the reunion.

The day before we left Melbourne, Beryle and Alec Boast arranged a barbecue at their home, which was really fabulous. The weather was perfect and the food and drink were great. We met Sir Bernie and Lady Naomi Callanan there, also Eileen and Bill Sharp, Olive and Harry Botteril, Stan and Marie Whitford and their family, and John and Shirley Southwell. Thanks Beryl and Alec.

Sunday, departure day, sadly. Eileen and Bill came through with flying colours. Entertained us, fed us, and took us for a drive over the Westgate Bridge at night, which was a lovely sight.

Finally, into the station and bid our fond farewells to Eileen and Bill. thanks to all for a lovely trip.

Kindest regards to Scotty and Elsie, Allan and Hazel Hollow.

VALE

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the passing of two of our N.S.W. members in the persons of Jim Hallinan and Tom Martin.

Jim Hallinan passed away on 1st June, 1979 after a heart attack. To his wife and family the Association extends sincere sympathy.

Tom Martin passed away on 13th June, 1979 after a very serious heart attack. Reports said that he was progressing favourably and then suddenly it appears that a blood clot which had been undetected had moved thus causing his death. From his wife's report he passed away peacefully.

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SICK PARADE

Alan Brown is at present in Royal Perth Hospital as the result of a heart attack and at time of going to press is in the intensive care ward.

Bob Smith is at present in Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, N.S.W. and was due to be operated on for gall bladder complaint on the 12th July, 1979. As this will have gone to the printer prior to that date I will pass on any information in the next issue.

To those members on the sick list we wish them a speedy recovery and that they will be home again soon with their families.

COURIERS RETURNED — ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

W.A. — J. Harding, J. Ritchie, J. Barnes.

N.S.W. — A.J. Birch, J. Finlay.

S.A. — K. Carthew.

ENGLAND — M. Calvert.

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

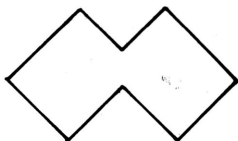
N.S.W. addresses unknown are as follows:

B. Perrot, D. Pepper, A. Beveridge, J. Hocking, C. McCaffrey, W. Gallard, K. Beer, J. Finaly, A. Birch.

If any reader knows of their addresses please write to the Secretary, c/o G.P.O. Box 6001, as it will enable to keep the Address Book up to date and also enable me to have them again on the mailing list. The P.M.G. now charge 25 cents for any Courier returned address unknown, so as you can see it is a bit expensive. So please if you know, don't hesitate to write.

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IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR**

1 tin Ideal Milk.
1 tin condensed milk.
20 drops vanilla
2 large tablespoons drinking chocolate (melt before mixing)
10 ozs Scotch whisky.
6 eggs.
Beat well or blend in mixer for 15 seconds.
Half the above quantities make up 26 ozs liqueur.

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