



# **2/2 COMMANDO COURIER**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

14th September, 1980

### **PICNIC DAY AT THE TURTON RANCH AT KEYSBROOK.**

The date is Sunday, 14th September, 1980 — make it an outing with the family on this day and make it one to remember.

Meat will be supplied, but bring your own salad.

19th OCTOBER, 1980

### **BARBECUE LUNCHEON**

**AT THE HOME OF CHARLES & MARY KING,  
489 ALBANY HIGHWAY, BEDFORDALE.**

Entrance to the house is on the left, and first house past the Nursery. There will be a Double Red Diamond placed at the entrance. Make it a day and as the one last year was tremendous, let this one be the same.

Meat will be supplied, but bring your own salads.

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Should any member be a sufferer of DIABETES please write to the Editor and let him know immediately on receipt of the Courier. This informa-

tion is of vital importance as LEGACY are conducting a case before the Repatriation Appeals Tribunal on behalf of a member. The winning of the appeal might benefit other members so please do not delay.

**TREAT AS URGENT**

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ANZAC CLUB ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE, 1980

The President declared the meeting open at 8.05 pm and asked all present to stand and face the Honour Roll in remembrance of departed comrades.

**PRESENT:** G. Mackenzie, G. Maley, L. Bagley, G. Fletcher, A. Blundy, J. Carey, D. Turton and A. Wares.

**APOLOGIES:** J. Fowler, A. Campbell. It was moved A. Blundy, seconded G. Maley that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of D. Turton and seconded L. Bagley.

### Business arising from minutes

Mr. Mackenzie reported on the progress made re the printing of the Courier and that a further report would be submitted after further investigations had taken place.

Mr. Bagley reported that in company with Mr. Fletcher, the bowls mats and bowls had been picked up from the Wembley-Floreat R.S.L. and were now stored in Anzac Club.

Mr. Carey reported on the visit to the property of D. Turton with the object of holding a barbecue there. He was of the opinion that it would be an ideal place to hold an all-day outing.

### Correspondence

INWARDS. Received from: C. Andrews, P. Kenneally. It was moved G. Maley and seconded J. Carey that correspondence as tabled be received.

### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Maley submitted the statement of accounts as at 3/6/1980.

Balance B/Fwd.	439.17
Donations	10.00
Total	449.17

PAYMENTS	NIL
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### General Business

Mr. Turton enquired if any news was available about the Memorial at Dillii. Mr. Wares said that one of the men informed him on Anzac Day that the Memorial was again being used by the natives and appeared in good

order when he was there a few months ago. He was to send me some photographs he had taken of the area, but to date had not turned up.

Mr. Bagley reported on a phone call he had received from Charles and Mary King re the barbecue to be held at their residence. The President asked Mr. Bagley if he would liaise with Mr. Turton and arrange a date which would be acceptable to both the Kings and Mr. Turton.

Mr. Carey submitted a cutting from the West Australian re the visit of Mr. Critchley to Timor and then Mr. Carey moved and Mr. Turton seconded that a letter be sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs requesting a copy of the report. A letter also to be sent to Senator P. Drummond and Ross Maclean M.H.R. asking for their assistance for a copy of the report.

Mr. Maley reported on the re-appearance of John George Roffey and that he would supply the Acting Editor with his address.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm and thanked all those present for their attendance.

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## VALE

It is with deep regret that I have to record the passing of Ken Bowden on the 28th June, 1980, at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Curly had been in the Intensive Care Ward for approximately three weeks prior to his death.

The funeral was held on Wednesday 2nd July, 1980 at the Fremantle Crematorium, and was attended by the following members: Gerry and Mary Mackenzie, Gerry Maley, C. Doig, P. Hancock, G. Barnes, J. Haire, C. Varian, M. Holland and Jean, C. Gorton and R. Macdonald, W. Wilkerson, M. Ryan, E. Bingham T. Bowers, D. Turton, H. Sproxtton, M. Morgan and Jean, A. Wares and Elsie, Joe Poynton, F. Napier, D. Fullarton, J. Hasson, J. Carey, J. Fowler, R. Dhu, R. Kirkwood, R. Watson, Jess Epps and Joy Loudon.

To Millie and the family, the Association extend their deepest sympathy.

**REST IN ETERNAL PEACE CURLY**

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### KATANNING

I have lost track of who is now Secretary, hence the formal address.

Elsie and I are on the move, some time this next week we will be moving to Albany, where our new address will be: 16 Regent Street. We have been thinking about it for some time now, and have decided.

Three years ago we sold the farm and moved to the Porongorup area, 25 miles from Albany, and now one of the boys is moving down there, leaving us no ties in this area, and the scheme water is getting so bad we are losing a lot of garden and that made the final decision for us.

I was in Perth for the R.S.L. Congress last month, but only stayed for the two days, having no time to look around.

Being another 100 miles away and with the present cost of fuel, we probably won't get up there quite so

often. I can kid some of the locals that I am only moving to get rid of the job of R.S.L. Secretary. I have had 28½ years in an office of some sort, from committee to President, so I think I am entitled to a rest. So now I will only be one of the ranks.

Selling the house was the easiest part — four hours after putting it on the market it was sold, but now an insurance hold-up has delayed settlement for two months.

I started to make a list of whom I had to notify change of address, but gave up at 26. The rest will have to take their chances, postage is now too dear.

Regards, Alf Hillman.

### MORLEY

Enclosed please find donation towards the cost of the Courier, and hope it will help.

Yours, Nellie Mullins.

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

### YAGOONA

"Dear Editor" — that sounds so impersonal. However I don't know who will have the job of decoding this, so I can't give a personal address.

After perusing the April edition of the Courier I felt like the bloke who closed and locked the stable door after all the horses had bolted. I refer to the Red Cross Appeal for East Timor, to which you had already given a cheque. I notice you said that the money was donated by members from all over Australia. Were we in N.S.W informed of the appeal by the W.A. branch? If so, I knew nothing of the matter, otherwise I would not be writing to W.A. concerning the Appeal by the Red Cross. I heard it from other sources, however I preferred to forward my contribution to Force Ten Appeal for Timor.

I was speaking to a Timorese on Wednesday who told me that Indonesia had severed all contact between East Timor and the outside world. One can't even send a letter there now. I have checked with the G.P.O. and they say you can send mail but the difficulty arises when you try to send money to an individual. There is a vast difference between sending

money to an individual and through the Red Cross for the people as a whole.

Quite a good roll-up on Anzac Day, 22 in all. After the ferry trip there was tea at the Craig's Motel suite but don't know how many stalwarts made it. I did not go on the ferry trip but reunited with my brother, and the first mate I had in Aussie, way back in 1927. We ambled around the Rocks area and Millers Point, seeing we went to school there.

A bit of sad news, Deolindo Encaracao died on April 27th. He was Portuguese Consul in Sydney, however many of you will remember him for his visits to Remexio on Timor, and Captain Laidlaw received much information from him.

We are all well and Helen will be home for a week from tomorrow, and we should be arguing well within two days. She is a tonic at the tea table and provides me with some great arguments. Letter from Sean, he does not mind being out in the never never, but says this camp is very rough. He is about sixty miles east of Leonora at present, but is moving to the Pilbarra shortly, making plenty of dollars and nowhere to spend it.

Guess I will call it a day. Plenty of rain here on the coast, but none inland.

Good luck, Paddy Kenneally.

(Sent a letter explaining about the donation to the Red Cross and hope that it explains where the money came from — Editor.)

### **EPPING**

As usual I am running late with news from N.S.W. I have just returned from a holiday and finding it very difficult to get my mind back on work. We had great weather, plenty of fish and seeing many wonderful places in N.S.W. Spent two weeks at Forster and while in the area visited Cliff Paff at Tuncurry. Tuncurry is a beautiful town that has everything going for it, Cliff is looking better than I have seen him in a long time and he sends his regards to all. We missed Jack and Marge Peattie and also Frank Sharp while in the Tamworth area. Frank who actually resides at Werris Creek was out instructing trainee loco drivers at a place called Ardglen when we arrived. However his mates tell us he is going great guns since his return from hospital. Jack and Marge were hard at work teaching the kids at the local primary school. Hope to catch up with them next trip.

We had a visit from Morrie (MAM) Smithland and his friend Jack Carmody recently. They were over for a three day bowls match during the Queen's Birthday weekend. We were able to get together at the Southern Hotel for a few drinks. MAM has now retired and looks a million dollars and is looking forward to Safari 1981.

I am still trying to work out who is the Secretary and Editor. To whom however, may I extend my congratulations and wish you a long and happy term in office. To Scotty many thanks for a job well done, and my personal thanks for your guidance and co-operation over many years of correspondence to each other.

I have had no recent mail from Angus Maclachlan regarding the Safari, last report was to the effect that they were awaiting approval from the government re the raffle. The Safari is only a little over twelve months away and a lot of work to be done, but I have no doubt that everything is under control.

Tony Adams and Harry Handicott both called while I was on holiday and I was sorry to have missed them. It is not generally known that Harry's son was the doctor who attended Tony's daughter during her confinement. I still don't know whether it was a boy or a girl. I think that Tony called into Forster on his way home, and Cliff Paff was looking forward to meeting up with he and Iris. Cliff had just farewelled Tex and Bridget Richards who were on their honeymoon, about a week before Betty and I arrived.

My old friend Percy Handcock will be pleased to know that Betty won the grand slam in ladies bowls this year, Minor singles, Major singles, pairs for the second year running and finally the triples last Monday, all club championships.

Regards to all, Mick Devlin,  
(Congratulations to Betty on her bowls achievements — Editor)

## **NEW SOUTH WALES SPECIAL NOTICE**

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Arncliffe R.S.L. on Monday 1st Sept. 1980 at 8.00 p.m.

Metropolitan Sydney members should rally and assist your Association as it is the greatest Association attached to the R.S.L.

So what about setting one night free so as you will be able to attend — Editor.

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## **VICTORIAN NEWS**

### **HIGHETT**

A very pleasant evening was held at George and Dot Robinson's home on Friday, 23rd May, when Ken and Margaret Monk showed their slides on their trip overseas with the Jersey Herd Association last year. Margaret

provided the commentary. Those present were Kath and John Roberts Olive and Harry Botterill, Wyn and George Humphreys, Beryl and Alex Boast, George and Dot Veitch, Eileen and Bill Sharp, Johnny Southwell and Tex and Bridget Richards,

who have been holidays on the mainland from Tasmania.

Margaret and Ken are to be congratulated on their photography as they were not experts (their words) at this, but they had some very excellent shots and they were interesting. It was good to see Tex and Bridget and they were looking well.

Olive and I enjoyed our trip to Singapore and Hong Kong. The weather treated us very kindly and we did a lot of shopping and spent all our money, but it was worth it. Well that's about all for now, and until next time, all the best,

Harry Botterill

p.s. Congratulations to Gerry Mackenzie and all the best to you, Gerry, in your capacity as President. (On behalf of the Association I wish you well in your retirement Harry and may you have good health to enjoy it — Scotty)

#### POVERTY RIDGE

All good things must come to an end, so the inevitable has happened and it's back to work, after a most enjoyable holiday — made even more so by the people we contacted.

First of all, Elsie, how is Scotty. It is no good asking him as we know the answer that he will give. Anyway we trust he is now in good condition, and you Elsie really well and fighting fit. Pat is still raving on about the meal you put on in spite of it giving me indigestion (didn't really, but that's what I tell her). Must have been that egg cup full of "steam" you gave me. We tried to ring you before we left Perth, but there was no answer. No doubt visiting the hospital.

We had a good trip home stopping over in Adelaide and spent some time with the Hollows, and with Muriel and Frank - Hazel's brother.

Getting back to the West, where we were fortunate to be able to see so many old faces and really thrilled to be made so welcome. There were two main things that made it possible for us to meet so many. First came on Anzac Day when I believe there was the biggest roll-up for many years.

The Dawn Service which was very well attended was most impressive and to me a total stranger to the area that was a very moving occasion to

see the monument appearing with that glorious background while so many wreaths were being laid.

The gathering after the 11 am march was an opportunity to meet a lot of chaps and while I have not experienced any of Jack Carey's catering feats then the descriptions were not exaggerated. If anyone went short it was not Jack's fault. We had quite a number of invitations to visit members at their homes but unfortunately time was the telling factor and apologise for not going along.

The idea of the trip was to contact as many as possible of unit members and this was made practicable by the generosity of Jess Epps, who took us under her wing for our stay. We went as far south as Albany and met Win Sprigg who took us on a tour of the town and sights. We stayed with Win although she was in the process of moving to a new home. Thanks Win for your hospitality. We proceeded to Denmark where we met up with Geordie Smith and Norm Thornton. Olive boiled the billy and we had a cup of tea. From Denmark to Pemberton to see Ted Loud and his wife Phil. Ted made arrangements for us to book in at the Forrest Lodge. The temperature dropped to one degree that night. Next morning we enjoyed a good chat with Ted who came over to see us whilst we were having breakfast. Ted is looking forward to retiring next year.

Next stop was at Capel where we visited Clarrie and Grace Turner. Clarrie is growing flowers on the ashfelt (no joke). On the way to Capel we called on Barbara Palmer who said that Bob had gone away to play golf and so sorry to have missed him. A short drive to Bunbury and had a look around and then headed for Harvey and caught up with Arthur Marshall and Audrey. They were going out for dinner so we were invited also. We intended to make Mandurah that night but the Marshalls would not hear of it and we stayed the night. We had a conducted tour of the area next morning and it would be the best grassed area that we had seen.

At Mandurah we called on a couple we had previously missed and then took off for Shoalwater Bay to see Gerry Green and Lal where we had yet another cuppa. We finally got to Greenmount about 7.30 pm.

Whilst in Perth we visited Ray Aitken at the nursery. We called on the Poyntons at Mandurah and Joe gave us some frozen crabs. Dutchy and Jean Holland were home and we had lunch with them and then went round to Gordon Rowley and Eva and had a chat. Next stop was Arthur and Beryl Smith's, but as it was getting late we did not stay too long. Called

on Col Doig and Joy and had a cuppa as we did with George and Colleen Strickland.

We had dinner with Jack and Delys Carey and Jack drove us around the locality. To all those people who showered us with hospitality we say thanks,

Bill and Pat Petersen.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### FLINDERS PARK

Anzac Day in S.A. was a beautiful day and a very good crowd marched. 2/2nd members present were Ted Timke, Bert Bache, Col Carthew, Bob Williamson, Ron Mackie and Dud Tapper. We marched with the Combined Commando Association and a gentleman in Pommy battle-dress, looking like Monty, marched in front and they told me it was Padre Botterill.

After the march we gathered at a local pub and during the day a chap from the 2/6th arrived looking for 2/2nd members. It turned out he married John Rose's widow, she was present and asked if she could be placed on the Courier list. We had quite a session with them both and they are very nice people. Col Carthew is back in S.A. after twelve months in Queensland. I will include

his new address, also Nancy's.

Don Stevens had the misfortune to have a very bad accident with one of his horses. His wife found him unconscious and they put him in the Royal Adelaide Hospital where he was in a coma for 21 days. He made a remarkable recovery and is now back at the farm and we hope back to his old self.

Keith Dignum has just had a fishing and drinking holiday all stops from Pt. Lincoln to Fowlers Bay. Actually caught some fish.

The Combined Commando Association in S.A. are conducting a raffle hoping to raise one thousand dollars for the Timor Appeal Fund.

All for the present, Dud Tapper.  
(Have inserted the two addresses in the list. Thanks so much — Editor)

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## QUEENSLAND NEWS

### GEEBUNG

As my neighbour is becoming a little irate at having my Courier delivered to him each issue, would you please take steps to have my address changed from 54 to 51 Halsmere Street.

I hope the Courier will continue. Unfortunately your request for interstate participation in its production would be very difficult for the few of us in Queensland.

Enclosed cheque for Courier and best wishes to all. Col Andrews.  
(Have altered the address — Editor.)

### EVERTON HILLS

Scotty, hope that you and your good wife are enjoying good health. I will always remember your help and kindness extended to me during my trip to Perth. All is O.K. here. Have just returned from a cruise in the Chinese ship MINGWHA. A very good ship, good food and friendly service.

Hope the enclose cheque will help to keep the Courier going.

All the best to you and all the boys regards, Gordon Stanley.

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## THE WORST DAY OF WINTER

Recently my better half, your Editor Scotty, celebrated his 70th birthday on 29th June. Seeing he had managed to reach his three score and ten, I decided to let my head go, open up the brass-bound coffers, and give him a real wing-ding of a party.

With my usual optimism, and carried away by the fact that we had been enjoying some glorious Winter sunshine, I planned to have a late morning drink or two followed by a birthday luncheon. I visualised guests slurping their sherries on our newly finished pergola and then leisurley sauntering into the back patio room for their meal. Recklessly I made up a guest list of relatives and close friends (including a few 2/2nd types) and discovered I had invited about 65 people. So — I argued — what the heck. Everything was organised to the nth degree — practically everyone accepted and only one thing went wrong — about 5 o'clock in the morning of his birthday, Scotty and I were awakened to the sound of heavy rain and howling winds.

Away went my visions of sunshine drinks on the patio and we started in on a complete re-organisation of the house. Where on earth were we to stack 65 people. Out came everything that wasn't sit-on-able and in were jammed as many chairs as possible. Lounge, dining room, hall and study were all pressed into service and decorated with potato crisps, dips and other delicacies. Bravely concealing our panic, we

started receiving the guests, asking them nicely to sit as thin as possible and not to breathe more than necessary. Well don't tell me that everything does not work out for the best. Everyone was so close to everyone else that you could not help but be chummy, and pretty soon everyone was mingling and chatting with all and sundry. I really think that the bad weather, instead of being a disaster, made that party. I've never seen such a merry lot of people, and after lunch even the sun made a watery appearance, and people were able to stand under the pergola after all.

Scotty would like to take this opportunity to thank all friends who presented him with good wishes and gifts and apologies for the fact that he did not have time to open and admire them until later in the evening. In particular he appreciated a poem composed by Jerry Haire and written on his card. It was so good he wants you all to enjoy it.

Our son David made a really great speech proposing his Dad's health and all the grandchildren helped him to cut the cake. Scotty invited all guests to join him on his 80th birthday. But how will I fit in sixty five wheel chairs next time?

Alex and Beryl Boast were able to help celebrate with Scotty as they were on holidays from Victoria. Unfortunately Max and Grace Davies were unable to make it due to Grace having met with an accident.

Young Alex came forth from Scotland's fair Isle,  
To the land of the Cross and the Sun  
And along with him came that heartening smile  
That brightens up everyone.

When the going was tough on Timor's stark hills  
With the "Mukain" "lai-e-a" and "Tuaqua" poor beer  
Tho' he had not the physics nor necess'ry pills —  
"I'll fix up you blokes, you won't die, never fear."  
And he did as he said in his own crafty way:  
So we managed to "pigi" "doke" day after day.

And now far removed from the sound of the guns  
He has worked for his mates on committees galore.  
Like the "surat" of old the "Courier" runs:  
Just one of the tasks, there are so many more,  
Such jobs are not easy and that is for sure  
But Alex has managed — the Scotsman so dour.

I salute you young Scotty on this happy day  
May the years come on slowly and bear you along  
Thro' the 70s, the 80s well — no one can say —  
May your knapsack be light and your heart full of song.

## DONATIONS

The President wishes to thank the following for donations towards the Courier:

C. Andrews, G. Hart, N. Mullins, G. Stanley and R. Dook.

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## RETURNED COURIERS

There is still an occasional Courier being returned marked 'left Address'. Should anyone know of a member who has changed his address and not receiving the Courier would they please advise the Editor. State secretaries please furnish a complete address list of your members as it is intended to produce a new address book. This is really urgent as we don't want the book to be out of date on receipt from the printer.

**COURIERS RETURNED:** A. Birch  
L. Coustin, J. Finlay, J.R. Smith  
(W.A.)