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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Christmas and New Year 1981 are almost upon us and it is once again my pleasant duty to offer all members of the Association, their wives, families and friends, the very heartiest good wishes for a happy, happy Christmas tide, and for 1981 — well, what can we wish you except good health and peace, for without these nothing else is important.

The Season's Greetings are extended to you all on behalf of the President and Committee of the Association.

The year that has passed has been fairly uneventful from the point of view of the Association. Most exciting of course, are the preparations afoot for the Safari to Queensland in October 1981. Many long months of planning are needed for these Safaris and we appreciate the wonderful effort being made by the Queensland Committee concerned with this. For us in the West, the year has been lightened by several visits by Eastern Staters and we are always glad to welcome old friends. Unhappily, as always, there has been occasion to say our last farewells to several of our comrades and to the families of these, our mates - remember, we will be thinking of you all as Christmas approaches.

MAY GOD BE WITH US ALL

The Editor

COMING EVENTS

Poynton Picnic to be held on January 25th at 169 Ormsby Tce., Mandurah. This is the long weekend holiday so please try and make it. It would be appreciated if ladies could assist by supplying salads and savouries. Liquor will be supplied or you can bring your own.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Anzac Club on Tuesday 17th March 1981 at 8.00 p.m. Please make this a must and give the Association your support. Mark your calendar and make sure you attend.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Canberra

Dear Mr. Wares,

In your letter of 12 August 1980 you mentioned that some of the members of your Association are interested in a return visit to East Timor and asked for my views on the likely attitude of the Indonesian authorities to a request by these persons for such a visit.

Entry to East Timor is restricted and the Indonesian authorities' attitudes may be influenced by statements from some Australian ex-servicemen denouncing Indonesian incorporation of East Timor. I believe that motives would be an important factor in considering any application. I would suggest, therefore, that any of your members wishing to make a visit to Timor should attach, with their applications to the Indonesian Embassy, a clear

statement of the aim of their visit. Such things as the commemoration of an action, establishing a plaque to World War II dead, or even the adoption of a village for aid purposes would have a much greater chance of success than any suggestion that your members wished to investigate conditions in Timor.

The Indonesians are also likely to require advance knowledge of the members of any group, their present occupations, and the towns and areas to be visited.

I could not, in all honesty, be too optimistic about your chances but I would certainly not want to discourage you from trying. If your members decide to proceed with their applications, I should be interested to learn the outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Peacock.

WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

GIBSON

Please find enclosed cheque for Courier. Peter and I have just come back from a golfing week at Yanchep with friends. We played every day on the beautiful Sun City course. Peter has had a spell in hospital with his kidney trouble but is over it now. We went to Bolgart and had a nice couple of hours with Dot and Reg Harrington organising our round Australia trip to coincide with the Queensland Safari.

The season has been one of the driest we had had since we came here in 1957 but still we are lucky after seeing some of the other areas between here and Perth.

Ern Hoffman sends his regards to all his mates and regards to all from Pat and Peter Campbell.

(Tell Hottie that I now send the Courier to the Gibson Post Office, — Scotty)

ALBANY

I am afraid I have not been able to do much with the raffle tickets. Here they live off each other and every second person has a raffle book of some sort and these were a bit expensive for most tastes.

The Stirling address you gave me has three versions, Street, Terrace

and Way, and thirty miles would cover them from here so when the first was wrong I gave up on him. I visited Win Sprig about three weeks ago, she has settled in at her new home and puts in quite a time on the golf course.

They have started bowls officially here now and if a man played in everything he would be broke and never home, but I get enough to keep me happy.

Yours, Alf Hillman.

(Sorry about the address Alf but he must get his Courier as it is never returned — Editor)

ARMADALE

Enclosed raffle book and cheque.

We were so lucky that the weather remained so pleasant last Sunday. It was such a pleasure meeting you all again. It was such a pity some of the old friends were unable to join us owing to sickness — we wish them speedy recoveries.

Trusting you are all in the best of health. Regards to all members and their families, God bless, Charles and Mary King.

BICTON

Millie and children wish to thank the 2/2nd Commando Association

for their cards and floral tributes, messages of sympathy and attendance at the funeral of my dear husband and father Ken (Curly) Bowden. As tributes were far too numerous to answer personally would you all accept this letter as our personal expression of sincere thanks and gratitude.

Yours, Millie Bowden.

VALE

JOE KALINOWSKI

It is with regret that I have again to record the passing of another of our esteemed members, in the person of Joe Kalinowski. He passed away on Monday 27th October in Victoria Park.

The funeral took place on Friday 31st October at the crematorium, Karrakatta. There were a great many of his personal friends and also members of the 2/2nd Association attending, who were as follows:

G. Mackenzie, R. Kirkwood, T. Paull and his wife, J. Hasson. P. Hancock, A. Wares, G. Strickland, F. Sparkman, J. Poynton, and M. Holland.

The Association extend their deepest sympathy to Dolly and the family in their sad loss.

**MAY HE REST IN
ETERNAL PEACE**

E. ROWE

It is with regret that I have to record the passing of another of our members, but unfortunately to this point I have no particulars, only that he passed away in September.

To the relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

BERT DELBRIDGE

It is with deep regret that I have to record the passing of Bert Delbridge, on September 25th, 1980. Bert did not have any association with the unit since our army days.

The funeral took place at the East Rockingham Cemetery on Monday, 29th September. Among those attending the funeral were Gerry & Mary Mackenzie, Jack & Jean Fowler, Mick & Jean Holland, D. Fullarton, C. Varian, P. Hancock, R. Kirkwood, G. Rowley, R. Watson, J. Smailes, Jess Epps, Helen Poynton, Scotty Wares.

The Last Post was played by Mark Cruickshank.

To the relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

TURTON SUNDAY OUTING

A very successful day was held at the property of Vida and Don Turton on Sunday 14th September. The property is situated at Keysbrook in the hills area, and Don had the entrance well marked with a Double Red Diamond and arrow pointer on the main road and also at the gate leading in to the farm. The weather was a bit against us but fortunately we had no rain; but the wind was a bit strong in the early part but eased off during the afternoon.

Don drove those who wanted to see the sights around the area in the utility and later on some went for a stroll to the waterfall.

The barbecue lunch was supplied by Jack Carey and in his usual manner they certainly were delicious

meats. Everyone brought along their own salads and drinks and it was (to my way of thinking) a great improvement on previous arrangements.

Among those attending were the following: Gerry Mackenzie, Roy and Vera Watson and the family, Mick and Jean Morgan, Jack and Delys Carey, Charlie and Mary King and son, Gerry and Dot Maley and Rod, Jack and Jean Fowler, Jess Epps, Ann Douglas, Arthur and Beryl Smith, Queenie Phillips, Joe and Helen Poynton, Les and Cherry Anderson, Arch Campbell, Jean and Mick Holland, Scotty and Elsie Wares.

To Vida and Don we express our appreciation for a most delightful day's outing.

A DAY IN THE HILLS

Once again Mary and Charlie King offered their lovely Bedforddale property for a get-together on October 19th, a Sunday. Out came the cars and the people and we were off to the hills. Saturday had been bleak and miserable but, as usual, someone up there liked us enough to turn on a very pleasant, fine day. It is always so relaxing meeting our friends, having a drink or two (or three) and everyone enjoying some of Jack Carey's delicious barbecued meats. The wild flowers on the property were still in bloom and I just loved prowling around the long block enjoying them. All in all I prowled round three times — once with Eileen Sharp (who was enraptured with the flowers), and twice more with assorted children (my grandchildren amongst them). Just as well

I am in good shape!

Our very grateful thanks to you, Mary and Charlie, for opening your home — and hearts — to us all.

Enjoying the day were: Gerry and Mary McKenzie, Jean and Mick Holland, Jean and Jack Fowler, Jess Epps, Terry and Linda Epps, Fran and Peter Epps, Jeannie Beatson, Ann Douglas, Eddie Randall, Mavis Phillips, Joan and Bob Burns, Dot and Gerry Maley, Helen and Joe Poynton, Beryl and Arthur Smith, Queenie Phillips, Vida and Don Turton, Dot and Len Bagley, Delys and Jack Carey, Jan and Lex Wares and children, Elsie and Scotty Wares, Ida and Don Murray, Don Hudson and friend Olive, George Lewis, John Carey. Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone.

ELSIE WARES

THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC

Recent visitors to this State were Grace and Max Davies with Grace's cousin Peter. Travelling around Australia by caravan, they paused briefly in Perth and this time Jack Hasson and wife Norma opened their home for a bit of a get-together. It was a very pleasant afternoon, and the chance to meet up with old friends is always welcome.

Among those present were: Gerry and Mary McKenzie, Gerry and Dot Maley, Harry and Thelma Sproston, Doug and Edna Fullarton, Col Doig, Joy Loudon, Arch Campbell, Scotty and Elsie Wares, Jean and Jack Fowler, Norma and Jack Hasson, Jess Epps and three cousins. Thank you Norma and Jack very much for your hospitality.

Also recently visiting Perth were Bill and Eileen Sharp from Melbourne. Unfortunately Bill, at the beginning of a caravan trip down south, was stricken with a heart attack and hospitalised in Pinjarra Hospital. Later he was transferred to Hollywood Repat Hospital. Luckily the attack was not too serious and Bill was discharged. I drove them around a bit and they were able to catch up with several unit members for a bit of a chat and they were here long enough to attend the barbecue at Charlie King's, where of course they were able to meet up with many

more of their friends. Eileen and Bill flew back to Melbourne so that Bill would not risk being out of touch with medical aid for too long a time. We received a phone call from Eileen after their arrival home and Bill had behaved nicely during the trip and not had any more problems. Eileen said next time she takes Bill for a holiday she will leave him home — she does not want any more frights.

Anway Bill, best wishes for continued good health. It was great to see you both again.

Just as the Sharps left we had advice from Cliff Paff that his brother Leo with wife Joan from Taree would be visiting here for a couple of days, as part of a round Australia bus tour. I was able to contact them and drove them around Perth a bit, visiting Fred and Rose Sparkman and Percy and Val Hancock. We tried a few others but unfortunately the members were not at home. We entertained Leo and Joan at home for dinner and it was great to meet up with these two fine people. Time did not allow for much entertaining but I think they enjoyed their brief stay in Perth.

MORNINGTON

Just a few lines to once again say a big "Thank you" for the wonderful

way you all looked after us during our recent trip.

We have had quite a few laughs over the accounts of your overseas trip given by Elsie and Jess.

NOt only did you Perth folk do us proud, but everywhere we went I was lucky to catch up with a 2/2nd chap. We got the same warm welcome and friendly greeting everywhere. It sure made me proud to belong to such a mob.

I am quite sure the Courier plays a very big part in keeping that spirit going and holding the boys together.

Enclosed a cheque to help in some small way to keep it going. A big hug and kiss to Jess and Elsie.

Regards to all, Max Davies.

(It was great to hear that you enjoyed it in the West, and hope to see you in Queensland — Editor)

SICK LIST

Col Doig has been in hospital for a few weeks and is now home and we hope that he is now well on the mend.

Clarrie Varian has been in hospital undergoing surgery and we trust that the operation will prove successful and give Clarrie great relief.

Fred Napier has also been in Hollywood Repat. Hospital and I understand that he is now back home.

To all those we wish them well and that they will be back in good health again shortly.

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting for December will be held at the Arncliffe R.S.L. on Monday 1st December at 8.00 p.m. and not at the Christmas Barbeque as in previous years.

CHRISTMAS BARBECUE

The Christmas Barbecue will be held on Sunday 7th December 1980 at the home of Ron and Pat Hilliard, 6 Kembla Street, Arncliffe.

Please bring your own steaks and choice of beverages. All other salads and savouries will be supplied. Hope to see as many there as possible, anytime after 11.00 a.m.

**MAKE IT A
"MUST BE THERE"
ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

FAIRFIELD

Many thanks for your letter and congratulations, but I am afraid I have grown out of the habit of writing letters since I gave up the secretary's job in '68. Time has always been a great problem with me but all going well I shall be retiring next July and I may then be able to do justice to the job. Mick has been doing a great job for some years now and deserves a break.

We were all rather shattered by Bill Bennet's death as he gave no

indication of any heart condition, but June told me later that he had been told to slow down. I am enclosing a tribute to Bill for inclusion in the Courier. It may seem a bit long but Bill was the sort of person one cannot describe in a few words. Please print it in its entirety Scotty.

All for now, mate and will look forward to seeing you and Elsie in the New Year.

Best wishes, Jack Hartley.

TRIBUTE TO BILL BENNET

Bill was an original member of the unit and stayed with it right through the Timor, New Guinea and New Britain campaigns, and when the 2/2nd Association N.S.W. Branch was formed in May 1946 Bill was there to play his part as a foundation committeeman and, because of his job, as the unit's Postal Sergeant was able to provide the names and home addresses of most of our members. Over the intervening thirty four years since then he has always held some office; committeeman, auditor, Vice President and lastly President of the N.S.W. Branch. For his work in support of the Association Bill was made a life member some years ago.

Bill was a friendly and forthright person who always spoke his mind,

but in all the nearly forty years that I knew him I never once heard him speak unkindly to anyone or of anyone, and I'm sure that everyone who had the pleasure of just knowing him would have none but warm and friendly thoughts of him.

Bill was one of those truly fortunate people who achieve life's greatest double — a very happy family life and a successful business career, and this in itself is a real tribute to the love and support of his wife June and their children Stephen and Marlyn.

Over the many years that we have been having our Christmas parties, barbecues etc, Bill and June were our hosts on many occasions and their hospitality was a delight for us all, and for this June we say thank you with all our hearts.

Maybe it's wishful thinking, but if I ever make it to the same place as Billy I won't be at all surprised to find him waiting there to hand me a can of cold Gold and a bundle of mail along with his usual cheery greeting.

To June and her family may I extend the sincere condolences of all our members and families.

— Jack Hartley

YAGOONA

Scotty, congratulations on your health report. It is good to get some cheerful news concerning people. You will be pleased to hear that Bob Smith also received an excellent report on his health. I saw him recently and had to look a couple of times to make sure it was "Beaky". He now sports a real mop of dark curly hair. The last time I saw Bob was when he was in hospital and he was as bald as a rock and very weak. Good luck Bob and Joyce.

Unfortunately it has not all been good news. I was really shocked when I heard the sad news of Bill Bennett's passing. It was certainly sudden. To you, June, and your son and daughter, Nora and myself extend our deepest sympathy, may time treat you kindly.

Bill is a sad loss to our Association. He acted as Auditor for a number of years, only missed a meeting or turn out due to business commitments. His last year as President was notable. All matters were dealt with through the chair and not half a dozen talking at one time. I for

one really enjoyed meetings with Bill as chairman. God rest you Bill and keep those Irish rebels up above in order.

We had a visit from Tony Bowers, he only stayed three days in Sydney as he was heading for Brisbane to visit his daughters Linda and Jacki. He was then intending to travel north and visit Bulla Tait, Jim Foot and Alan Soper.

Tony and I lunched at the Summit in Australia Square. We had a 360 degree view of Sydney as we slowly revolved. The waiter must have thought we were fixtures. The beer was good and Sydney in my opinion the most blessed spot on earth when it comes to natural surrounds. We wended our way round the Rocks area and met a bloke who most of us will remember as Strathpine Laurie Sykes. He fought Ernie Bingham for the middleweight championship of the camp. He wishes to be remembered to all the blokes and you Ernie. He is keeping well, solid and straight as a ramrod.

I was visiting my sister in Cowra and took the opportunity of visiting Frank Press in Orange. Frank was in hospital but was being discharged next day. He assured me nothing serious and says he will be about for a long time yet. He is a fund of knowledge regarding the unit, he was in a position to acquire a good knowledge of all areas.

Life moving slowly, were it not for the football season I'd die of boredom. One compensation is plenty of reading time. Finally finished reading MacArthur.

Nora and myself, the boys and Helen are all well. Seeing this will be the last issue before Christmas we send our best wishes to all unit members for the Christmas and New Year.

Good luck and God bless — Paddy Kenneally.

ORANGE

A little letter to say "How Do". We note you are editing again, Scotty, and also aware you had some illness earlier in the year. We trust all is well now and that you will have many years of editing ahead. Congratulations on reaching the 70th milestone. When things get very slow for Frank he says he wants to reach his 70th birthday, which is in

February, 1981. I have no doubt he will do it comfortably.

Life gets a little slower but he copes very well mentally, which is all important, and has coped with the winter months quite well. This is his third stint in hospital this year — he reached a stage when only professional care helps.

Very dry State-wise and will be critical if we go into a third dry summer without soaking reservoir-filling rains.

All well on the Press front — school holidays, visits forthcoming over the next couple of weeks. The family are thoughtful towards Frank and come when able with their busy lives. John (our army member) and family are now in Canberra.

Elsie, dear, you are ever-busy I guess. All the best from Kath and Frank Press.

DUBBO

I hope that my letter finds you well and still making the most out of life. We are all well at Dubbo. I had a month in hospital at Easter and was pretty sick. I had a blockage in the bladder and the day after the operation I had an internal haemorrhage which blocked everything again and they had to operate once more.

Due to the loss of blood I had to have transfusions. I have just got over a bout of bronchitis.

I was sorry that I missed you when you were on your trip East last year. Don Latimer, Mick Devlin and Harry Botterill called at Werris Creek but I was out on the line and missed them. I am only in the office one day a week.

Phyllis and I will be going to the Safari and we are hoping the two boys will also go with us. I was home for last weekend and opened the N.S.W. Commando News and read of the passing of Bill Bennett, Edie Rowe and Frank Craigie. The boys are certainly diminishing and that is three in three months.

Time is certainly passing by and I have only 12 months to go before retiring, after 40 years with the railways. I am looking forward to it.

Phyllis says our first trip is to go back to the West and it will be 10 years since we were there last at the 1971 Safari. I will say cheerio to everyone now and will be waiting to have one of those scotches with you that I missed out on when you were here. I was so pleased to hear that Geoffrey entertained you and kept the drinks up.

Regards, Frank Sharp.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

FLINDERS PARK

Please find cheque enclosed for \$350 as passed by our Committee for aid in publishing the Courier. I have sent a cheque to George Vandeleur for \$1,000 for the Safari 1981. This finalises the South Australian Safari finance.

I had a letter from Tom Snowden saying he was passing through Adelaide en route Darwin. I duly met the flight from Melbourne, but failed to find him (better luck next time). Ted Mulcahy has had a stay in the Repat Hospital here. Alan Hollow and myself paid him a visit. I guess by now he is back in Darwin.

That is about all the news at present Scotty, and hope you and Elsie are enjoying good health.

Yours, Dud Tapper.

(Thank the S.A. Committee for their generous donation towards the Courier — Scotty.)

WINNELLIE

Thanks to Henry Sproxton I have received the last three copies of the Courier as apparently the addressing machine went haywire for a few years.

Although I did not see Henry it was good to hear his voice as I had just been discharged from hospital a few days before after undergoing surgery for cancer of the bowel. Although it was a malignant growth and I only weighed in at 7 stone 12 lbs at the time I have now advanced to 8½ stone, so I should get a mount in the Melbourne Cup. During August I was a patient at Daws Park in Adelaide and I rang Dud Tapper and he and Allen Hollow came to visit me and it was a very nice gesture as I did not know a soul in Adelaide. I have to go back at the beginning of November, but I hope it will be a short visit this time. My doctor wants me to knock off work, but I

consider myself too young to retire yet as I was only 60 last month.

Providing I keep in moderate health I intend to finish about Augst 1982 and what with annual leave and various other lurks I can avail myself of I should be able to stay on full pay until September 1983 then I will call it a day.

Over the last few years I have been on three cruises and I find them very relaxing and for one dollar you can purchase a can of grog and a packet of cigarettes, so can imagine me getting around half full, camouflaged by a cloud of smoke.

I still work at the Airport and if anyone is up this way just ask for me at either Airline or the Departmental staff and they will be able to contact

me. I work shift work and really like it. Well, we are just about at the end of the six months Dry Season where the temperature is regularly 32 degrees daily, so we can expect that humid weather for a long spell.

Next year I am going to go to New Zealand for a Drive-Yourself-Holiday so whilst I am in Sydney I shall endeavour to look up a few of the lads. My address book managed to survive the cyclone although it is a bit battered as it was out in the rain for quite a few days. Enclosed is a cheque towards the cost of the Courier, keep up the good work, Scotty, as it is a great morale booster to receive same in this neck of the woods.

Regards, Ted Mulcahy.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

MERMAID BEACH

You will notice that Daph and I have changed our address and are now living on the Gold Coast where we have bought a unit. As a matter of fact it is not too far distant from where the Safari will be held.

Since I last wrote to you, several changes have happened to us. First of all, because of a deterioration in my health, we sold our house in Brisbane as mentioned briefly above. Secondly the Government Medical Officer, when he examined me last August, because I had been out of work for some weeks considered that I should forget about future work and certified that I should be retired. So, I have left the Post Office, and will be on accrued sick leave for some months before my actual retirement takes effect.

Next year Daph and I propose coming over to the West for a few weeks. One of my brothers is being married at the end of January or thereabouts, so we have booked a flat in Como for three weeks. We anticipate driving to Port Pirie and putting the car on the train and arriving about 26th January. After we leave Perth it is our intention to drive to Albany across to Esperance to Norseman and head home over the Nullabor. We are certainly looking forward to it and I would hope that I could attend a meeting with you all.

There is certainly no doubt that the world is a small place. In the

block of units there are only nine, and one of them is owned by one of the New Zealanders — Trevor Harris his name is — who was one of the New Zealand contingent that were training at Derby on Wilson's Promontory when we were there.

The July copy of the Courier is the only copy I am Missing, so would appreciate a copy if you have one to spare.

Please find enclosed cheque to assist with the Courier publication.

Yours sincerely — Wilbur Wallis.

(Have sent you the back copies of the Courier — Editor)

TAIGUM

Have no fears, your cheque has been received, your cheque and some others came to me after I had sent you the letter dated 29/8/80.

I intend writing once a month to give you names of members who had sent cheques for accomodation. As far as unit accomodation is concerned we would prefer that participants nominate who they wish to share with, if they don't they will have to take pot luck.

Cheques have been received from F. Sharp, D. Boyland, J. Poynton, H. Handicott and G. Greenhalgh.

Edna and I send our regards to Elsie and yourself. Why is not Elsie coming to the Safari?

Edna and I are both well at present and hope you both are too.

Regards — George Vandeleur.

TAIGUM

Here are some more names of members who have sent cheques and money to me for Safari '81. Mick Devlin, Don Turton, Don Stevens, Paddy Kenneally, Les Isenhood, D. Isenhood, D. Dennis, R. Gurr, A. Campbell, C. Paff, C. Beavis, J. Hartley, J. Epps. These have been received to the end of September.

I received from the S.A. Committee per favour Dud Tapper a cheque for \$1,000 for which we are most grateful. Things are going along nicely, our next big day is drawing of the raffle.

It is very dry here and above normal temperatures. The country is in a bad way and we need rain desperately.

Hope you and Elsie are enjoying the best of health and hope you can get to Brisbane in December.

Regards — George Vandeleur.

MERMAID BEACH

Dear Scotty, thank you for your recent letter and the two copies of the Courier. I will miss seeing you when Daph and I are in Perth but we will catch up with you at the Safari.

I went round to see if I could find Jack Hanson at 13 Gavin Avenue, but all the houses in the street were empty. The whole street has been purchased by a firm who specialise in picture theatres. In consequence of this, I have not been able to trace him, but will continue trying.

Thank you for the phone number and I will contact Gerry Mackenzie during our Perth visit. We have confirmed our travel arrangements and leave Port Pirie on 23rd January and arrive Perth on Sunday 25th. The car is also booked on the same train.

Once again Scotty my appreciation. Yours sincerely — Wilbur Wallis.

MERMAID BEACH

This is to let you know that I have changed address and please forward the Courier to the box number. We have moved to a caravan park right on the water front on the coast.

I had a good time when I visited in the West, and enjoyed meeting old mates. How is Jack Spencer going with the prospecting? I have a metal detector but only have found bottle tops as yet, but have not been in the right places.

We went to Canungra Training Camp with some members of the Queensland Commando Association and saw some films at their own theatre in the camp, and also the assault course which brought back memories. We had a barbecue in the sergeant's mess. The Padre gave prayers at our commemoration service of our Independent Companies. The Brisbane Lord Mayor, Mr. Sleeman, headed the party. He was from the 2/1st Company. The wives enjoyed it immensely.

Hope everyone is well, enclose donation, Yours — Jack Hanson.

QUEENSLAND SAFARI 1981**2/2nd COMMANDO SAFARI
GOLD COAST 1981**

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Dear Scotty, like yours, a short note. We too are a little disappointed over the response from Western Australia in regards to raffle tickets. We are of the opinion that the prize is attractive for the price, for people in the West. At our last meeting Tony said he would send you our last ten books you probably have them by now. Send them back if you can't do any good with them.

As we have no spare females requiring, at present, share bedroom accommodation I have booked the three of you for a unit. Jess will say there will now be only one cook. Thank God for the dishwasher.

Now about the town of Silvertown. Silvertown is the name of the apartment block where we will stay. It is in Surfer's Paradise, five minutes from the heart of Surfer's - walking distance. If you come into Queensland via Tweed Heads you travel through Coolangatta, Burleigh, Broadbeach, to Surfer's Paradise. You travel along a double highway. As you approach Surfer's the highway splits into two separate one-way

roads. As the highway splits there is Silverton, on the left hand side of the road. Throw your maps away.

Will write you in a couple of weeks and supply a list of all bookings. Up until the single bedroom units run out we have not had to work a sharing of bookings. Those who share have done so on their own bat. We now have a few whom I have had to notify that they will have to take a double on their own, or share. Anyway, will let you have a full list shortly.

Best for now — Angus.

P.s Main reason for quick reply was to put you out of your misery looking at Queensland maps for Silverton — Angus.

SAFARI NEWS NUMBER 2

To bring you up to date since I last wrote, accommodation: so far we have bookings for 17 single and 13 double bedroom units available at Silverton. As of the 12th September there are no extra single bedroom units available so future bookings will have to be on a share basis. This

should present no problems as the units are ideally suited for sharing.

Our raffle is in full swing with the closing date the 1st December and the drawing date 12th December. We still have an ample supply of books on hand for those who can dispose of more than the nominal one or two books. At \$2 a ticket we feel the prize is especially attractive for those who live the south and the west.

In answer to a couple of queries: excepting for a kiosk there are no shops or restaurants in Silverton Apartments, but there are plenty within a stone's throw. Management can supply Continental breakfast, also room service in regards cleaning and bed making. There is also a ring-a-meal service. The building has under cover security parking for all units.

We have placed an order for 30 dozen Unit glasses, same as original, and expect delivery in about two weeks. No final costing has been received, but they will be about \$12 per half dozen plus postage. Those interested should contact me with their order. — Angus.

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