



# 2/2 COMMANDO COURIER

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## COMING EVENTS SANDGROPER SAFARI 1983 3RD TO 16TH OCTOBER, 1983

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*IT'S YOU WE WANT TO SEE IN 1983*

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## ANZAC DAY MONDAY 25TH APRIL, 1983

### 1. DAWN SERVICE

Laying of Wreath. John Fowler

Assembly Point for Members — top of stairs leading to WAR MEMORIAL — 5.45 a.m.

Let us have a good roll up.

### 2. ANZAC DAY MARCH

Assembly Point: Proximity Irwin Street and St. George's Terrace, opp. Council House.

Time: 9.45 a.m.

Standard Bearer: Tony Bowers

### 3. REUNION

Criterion Hotel — Entrance Mangoes Bar — 101 Murray Street — North end of Hotel,  
12.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Let us have a full muster on this important day  
to enjoy the companionship.

**2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1983.**

**BALANCES FORWARD 1ST FEBRUARY, 1982**

WORKING ACCOUNT		1645.61	
TOWN & COUNTRY RESERVE ACCOUNT		1814.99	
DEBENTURE		3000.00	6460.60

**INTEREST RECEIVED**

WORKING ACCOUNT		82.23	
RESERVE ACCOUNT		13.63	
DEBENTURES		709.34	
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		111.64	916.84

**COURIER**

DONATIONS		4453.00	
PRINTING & POSTAGE	LESS	2800.72	1652.28

**ANZAC DAY**

RECEIPTS		380.00	
EXPENSES	LESS	371.76	8.24

**SALES OF:**

LAPEL BADGES		27.00	
CAR STICKERS		1.50	28.50

**SUNDRIES**

REFUND OF COST OF MEAT — TIMOR NIGHT, DECEMBER, 1981		108.00	
SALE OF FULBROOK PAINTING		20.00	128.00

I CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND FAIR  
POSITION OF THE 2/2ND COMMANDO ASSOCIATION  
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**ANNUAL DINNER**

COSTS		669.00	
RECEIPTS	LESS	585.00	84.00

**KINGS PARK HONOUR AVENUE**

WATER RATES		145.26	
INSURANCE		63.00	
HONORARIUM		40.00	
		248.26	
DONATION	LESS	70.00	178.26

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

PETTY CASH		80.00	
RUBBER STAMPS		29.86	
RENTAL ON MEETING ROOM — RSL		60.00	
TYPING OF ADDRESS CARDS		20.00	189.86

**SUNDRIES**

RENTAL — G.P.O. BOX T1646		52.00	
DONATIONS		125.00	
LOSS ON XMAS GATHERING 1982		11.60	
ENTRY IN "LISTENING POST"		10.00	198.60

**BALANCES AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1983**

WORKING ACCOUNT		425.54	
RESERVE ACCOUNT		4526.03	
DEBENTURE		2080.53	
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		1511.64	8543.74

\$9194.46

## TIMOR MEMORIAL

### Replacement of Plaque at Dare Memorial Pool and Resting Place.

Many have wondered what has happened to this Memorial, a very small token of our thanks to the magnificent "Timorese Helpers." Many of our boys were present at the dedication and renewed old friendships of yester years.

With the withdrawal of the Portugese and then the annexation by Indonesia, plus the subsequent news and visitation blackout, it was anybodys guess as to what really happened in Timor, and of indeed, our Memorial had been spared.

Only in recent weeks has it opened up. Bernie Callinan wrote to me asking if I could supply the text, layout and inscription on the Memorial Plaque at Dare. In fact the State President of Victoria R.S.L., B.C. Ruxton O.B.E. had taken up the cudgels on receipt of a letter from the National Secretary of the R.S.L. of Australia, Peter Young who also wrote to all State Secretaries. We are indeed indebted to them for their tremendous interest and support.

Hereunder are the letters concerned that created the picture:—

Dear Arch,

Sir Bernard Callinan informs me that he wrote to you concerning the Commemorative Plaque erected by the 2/2 Commando Association in Dili.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letters I have received from Peter Young, the National Secretary of the R.S.L. concerning the Plaque.

As you can see the original has been stolen and they wish to replace it. As soon as you can give me some idea of the wording I will then inform those concerned with the replacement of the Plaque.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
BRUCE RUXTON.

Dear Bruce,

I write to you direct rather than through the State Secretary as would be my normal channel, on a personal matter regarding the Commemorative Plaque which records the assistance provided to Australian troops by the East Timorese during World War Two in Dili.

We have today received a request from the Department of Foreign Affairs asking for the wording on the original Plaque. I know that you are interested in this matter and I would ask whether you would undertake this request as a personal matter.

I have further advised the Department of Foreign Affairs that I am sure that the League would move to assist financially

any replacement of the Plaque and in any subsequent ceremony of re-dedication.

Yours sincerely,  
PETER YOUNG.

Dear Sir,

We have today received a request from the Department of Foreign Affairs asking for information on the wording of the Commemorative Plaque at Dili in East Timor which records the assistance given to Australian troops by the East Timorese during World War Two.

This plaque made of brass and copper, has been stolen and the Regional Commander in East Timor, Colonel Kalangle, would like to replace it. I would be most grateful if you could request the Editors of your journals to run this item calling for any information and asking that any information be sent direct to myself at National Headquarters.

Further to that, we will be most grateful for an appeal in those same columns for the return of the original Plaque with no questions asked.

Yours sincerely,  
PETER YOUNG.

John Burrige was the man of the moment for he had all the dealings regarding the Memorial Plaque at Dare and, he had retained the file over all those years. Well done John! Here is John's letter to me which was so badly needed, it was apparently inscribed in both English and Portugese. Am sure the Indonesians would not be all that interested in the Portugese inscription!

Dear Arch,

The following is the text and layout of the inscription on the Memorial Plaque at Dare.

TO THE PORTUGESE PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE  
FROM MINHO TO TIMOR  
THIS MEMORIAL  
HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR YOUR USE  
BY THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA  
IN GRATITUDE FOR THE HELP  
YOU GAVE OUR SOLDIERS  
DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR  
1939 — 1945  
AND PARTICULARLY TO THE PEOPLE  
OF TIMOR  
FROM THE MEN OF THE  
2/2 COMMANDO INDEPENDENT  
COMPANY  
WHO SERVED HERE IN 1942.

The significance of Minho is that it is the northernmost province of Portugal. After much discussion with the then Governor of Portugese Timor, Brigadier Pires and Australian Consul, John Colquhoun-Denvers, it was decided that this wording was desirable. It heightened the fact that the Portugese in Timor came

from all provinces in Portugal — from Minho in the north to Timor in the south. It was also worded in this way so that there was no differentiation between Portuguese and ethnic Timorese.

It was given by the "people of Australia" because, after the greatest amount of lobbying I have ever been involved in, the Federal Government chipped in — \$ for \$. It was said they had never agreed to this type of request in the past for fear of setting a precedent.

All the best,  
JOHN.

Every member of the 2/2 Commando Association will be thrilled that this Plaque has been, or will be, replaced, for it is unique in every concept. Regardless of who controls Timor this Memorial is sacred ground to us all, for it carries into posterity our thanks and our love to the unforgettable Timorese people of that era who gave their all that we might live, and, to the Portuguese for their terrific help.

We trust the children of today will understand and recognise the tremendous contribution to our war effort by their forebears, and, our humble "thank you" via the tangible Memorial and accompanying Plaque.

"Lest We Forget."

## FIRE FLOOD AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE

Victoria and South Australia have the deepest sympathy of all Australians in their sad plight after the complete devastation of towns, homes, livestock, property, wildlife, but above all the loss of human lives. In many cases it was given in heroic endeavours to rescue people in trouble and turn fires away from focal points.

Right across Australia people have given freely, and in depth, of money and goods, to try and all alleviate the plight of their fellowmen. Such situations bring out the best in people, their humane and positive understanding shows just how closely knit we become in adversity. Many things can never be replaced, the loss of dear ones in particular, but the response for help in all its facets and to places where it was most needed, must have touched the hearts of everyone involved.

Stories from both states show the grim endeavour and determination of most people to rise above their adversity and rebuild their lives and their homes, clearly they counted the blessing that they were still alive above everything. Character such as this has made our nation great, for over all the years people have combatted, fire, flood and famine to make sure Australia progressed to nationhood.

The spirit displayed by people of all ages shows that in peace as well as in war

torrid and tragic situations bring out the finest qualities of those involved in, courage, personal sacrifice, in this case throwing to the four winds their own safety to try and help their fellowmen caught in the grip and terror of fire. No medals were involved just a complete devotion to helping others in worse trouble than themselves, and in so doing, losing all they possessed.

Fire was followed by flood in South Australia in such proportions as to cause millions of dollars worth of damage to crops, property and homes, fortunately not with loss of life. It must shake the strongest people to their very foundations to see a life's work disintegrate before their eyes. No wonder strong men cry.

We of all people would know just what teamwork will be needed for those so badly devastated to rise again from right off the ground. Australians show their real character in adversity, and, when their home territory is threatened or completely shattered it takes that indefinable something to take a grip, swallow the tears and grimly resolve to get back on their feet, then, rebuild from the ground floor, a new life.

On your behalf I can only say that we salute the brave, cry with the wounded, mourn the dead, pray for those who are undertaking the heartbreaking job of rising from the depths to ascend to the throne of honest endeavour by rebuilding, reshaping, reforming, that new life.

As yet **there is no news** of any unit member being involved.

**THE WINDS OF CHANGE** have blown strongly in the political arena and people Australia wide, regardless of their applications, have shown, via the "ballot box," just how they feel regarding the current situation. Labor sailed into power on a very strong tide and they will now have to perform as a party should or the people will again show the strength that is theirs, by law and by right, to choose those who would best represent them.

It seems to me when Australia is in dire trouble all parties should get together, as happens in a wartime situation, to sort out the mess, bring out the best of all brains to get us back on the rails, then revert to party politics.

Australia to us all is an important place, it will be for our children and our children's children, let us learn from the errors of other countries, keep it as a wonderful place to live. Give our politics a greater depth of thought, politicians representing the people as they should be represented, do not get lost in the welter of the political party and forget the welfare of Australians in total.

Start it all in your own electorate where you have been put by the people who want you to fan the, "Winds of Change," for the ultimate benefit of everyone.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING W.A. BRANCH

There was a reasonably good roll up to our A.G.M. held in our new home the Criterion Hotel, Hay Street, Perth, on the 1st March, 1983. It was a spirited and productive meeting, just as it should be in the year of our "Safari." There was an extremely good response by the Mandurah boys.

The following listed hereunder, were elected to office by the returning Officer, no other than Colin Doig. Sprightly as ever, he had the elections completed in record time. What a man!

President: John Fowler  
 Vice President: Rod Dhu  
 Secretary: Jack Carey  
 Treasurer: Ron Kirkwood  
 Courier Editor: Archie Campbell  
 Auditor: John Burrridge  
 Wardens Rod Dhu  
 Kings Park George Fletcher  
 Liaison Officer  
 East Timor Association: Gerry McKenzie.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

As above plus:

Charlie King, Don Turton, Henry Sproxtton, Len Bagley and Doig Fullarton.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have completed 12 months in office and it has been a busy year with the build up to "Sandgroper '83."

I would like to personally thank all the office bearers and your Committee for the work accomplished over the year, it was certainly a positive contribution by all.

Our Secretary Len Bagley, while in office did an excellent job having Safari '83 well in hand, unfortunately Len had to resign for personal reasons but all secretarial work was up to date. Thanks Len for your help and co-operation.

Thanks go to Gerry McKenzie, his wife Mary, Archie Campbell, Len Bagley and Jess Epps for the production of the "Courier," they are certainly a hard working team.

Our Honour Avenue in Lovekin Drive, Kings Park, is always kept in top condition and we owe a debt of thanks to our wardens, George Fletcher and Rod Dhu, who have worked so hard.

It is with sadness I have to report that nine of our members have passed away since I took over office. Quite a number have been in and out of hospital, some have been widowed, these have been mentioned in the Courier. We wish all the boys a quick and successful recovery.

We are fortunate that our history will be kept intact for Peter Epps, son of Jess and our late member, Bill Epps, has taken over the Archives. Jess has kindly made her garage available to be used for this purpose and all relevant material is in their

possession. By Safari time Peter may have our treasurers on display for perusal by all. Thank so much Jess and Peter.

Visitors from interstate have been made very welcome and it was delightful to see Bob Smith and his family, plus Ross Smith from South Australia.

### FUNCTIONS. ANZAC DAY 1982

The **Dawn Service** was attended by a member of members and our wreath was laid by Gerry McKenzie.

The **Anzac Parade** drew a very strong contingent, particularly from the country. Afterwards we adjourned to the Knutsford Hotel where a great spread was organised by Jack Carey. Thanks Jack for your great effort. A very pleasant afternoon of comradeship ended at 6.30 p.m.

The **Annual Dinner** was not all that well attended but all present enjoyed the evening.

The **Commemoration Service** was held at our Honour Avenue in Kings Park and there was a good roll up recorded. Later we adjourned to view the Safari '83 accommodation venue at the Freeway Motel and to partake of refreshments. It was nicely done.

The **Xmas Party** held on the 7th December '82 was an outstanding success, and thirty four, comprising members and their ladies, were present at the Criterion Hotel. Mrs. Douglas, the proprietor, provided an excellent supper.

The **Poyton Picnic** on the 23rd January '83 was the 13th such event and as usual a great success with members coming from far and wide. Contributions came from Peter Campbell and Tony Bowers, a fine cooking of a pig by Helens brother was a masterly effort. Thanks to Helen and Joe for their organisation and for a wonderful day, likewise to all the stalwart helpers.

Finally we are now embarking on a very important year, that of the "1983 Safari," let us try to make this the greatest ever, but more importantly, give everyone from all over Australia an enjoyable time. It is up to us.

JOHN FOWLER.  
 President.

### TREASURERS REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

The audited statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st January, 1983 was presented by our Treasurer Ron Kirkwood.

John Burrridge Auditor, eulogised the terrific task that Ron undertakes for the unit and the masterly way in which he presents his Annual Statement, then formally moved its adoption.

Ron, on all occasions a really heartfelt vote of thanks for your fine contribution year by year in the handling of our funds and the way you make them work for us. Well done, a good and faithful servant.

## N.S.W. NEWS

Dear Arch

To enclose some recent news sheets from N.S.W. I thought I should also add some notes of personal items. You can sort them out as to what should be Committee items and what should go into the Courier.

Firstly, we were puzzled and some what saddened to learn that Len Bagley has given up the job as W.A. Branch Secretary — knowing what a stalwart he has been over so many years and the magnificent job he has done for us all. We hope that it has not been a recurrence of his cancer problem that necessitated his decision. In any case I will be writing to him personally to convey our thoughts.

We trust that Safari arrangements are proceeding smoothly as at this time and will enclose a cheque for deposit for Edith and self, something I thought I had done but was horrified to find that I hadn't — one of the penalties of age!

Although the news is some what old now but I guess it was to be expected, when we held our A.G.M. last September, all officers of the previous couple of years were returned without opposition, so we carry on with the same hard core nucleus — much the same as you do.

I know that space and costs are serious considerations but have been some what disappointed that there has been no mention in the Courier of our Martin Place, Australian Commando Memorial or our Marksmanship Trophy, both of which were important features of our last years activities, and from which I personally sent over photo's and brochures. Both were done on behalf of members all over Australia, and, we feel, did much to promote both the memories of our comrades, and to *Espirit de Corps* of present day soldiers. They certainly helped to promote and cement friendships with those who are most likely to take over where we leave off.

In similar vein, yesterday I was one of those privileged to attend Victoria Barracks, Sydney, whilst a new phase of Australian Army history was being made for the first time ever the G.O.C. had agreed to the appointment of a Warrant Officer of the Army (in keeping with policies of many other countries) and during the usual Tuesday Changing of the Guard ceremony there was a presentation made of a ceremonial sword. The cost of the sword (around \$800) was met by the Paddington — Woolahra Sub Branch and R.S.L. Memorial Club, with whom we are affiliated, and the presentation was made by president Russell Crook (CROOK) ex 2/7 Commando Soldier. Afterwards the Army turned on a magnificent lunch at the Sergeants Mess with nary a can of Bully Beef or a biscuit in sight.

Nearly forgot — the recipient and first one to carry the position is W.O.I. Walter T.C. Thompson a soldier who has served in every theatre of war since Korea. His job is to be the direct link from the G.O.C. to all ranks below officer status with an expected 2 way flow regarding all aspects of the army career structures. No doubt a formidable task but the regulars seem to think he's the right man for the job.

The year commenced sadly with the death of several members and, or their wives — in our case locally with Jim English. Unfortunately we were in Newcastle at the time of his demise to spend a postponed xmas with Barry and Marg. — much as I would have wished to be present, that was impractical, and I delegated the job to Mick and Paddy (They probably did it better than me anyway). Contact is being maintained with Jean and Pauline, who, with their indomitable spirit say they are doing O.K. and everything is fine.

19th as usual, there were things to be done that delayed any letter. One of the most important being the fact we had rain — "RAIN!" I SAID! Beautiful soaking rain that has freshened everything up. Brings the point too — do we know of any of our members being affected by the disastrous bushfires or floods in either Victoria or South Australia? If so, what can we do to help them.

Must away or I'll never get this posted — hope it finds all our friends well, and will look forward to seeing you in a few short months time. Edith joins in warmest greetings to all.

Sincerely,  
ALAN LUBY.

### EDITORS NOTE

No, Len's health is fine and he is back in circulation and on the Committee.

Will be dropping you a line re your query on the Commando Memorial and Marksmanship Trophy.

Thanks for the news and cuttings, will utilise the letter in next Courier.

Dear Arch,

Sorry about the lack of communication from this end but after a brief retirement I now find myself working as hard as ever, with a resultant lack of spare time. I am now in the Courier business and tearing around the city and suburbs for about 10 hours a day, a job which I quite like and find fairly profitable. I rang Col Doig early in January with the sad news about Jim English and he said you were away looking after a scout group so it appears there is no rest for the wicked.

The main reason for this note Arch is to send you the enclosed copy of the address by Gough Whitlam on Timor. I recently had the pleasure of being at a dinner given

in his honour and as I was seated next to him I was able to bash his ear at length on the Timor situation, and he sent me the copy of his address. After reading it I am left with the feeling that we have been flogging a dead horse all these years and that much of the information we have been receiving about conditions in Timor have been fabricated by certain people with an axe to grind. I know that all of us who served in Timor have a great affection for the Timorese people and have been left with the feeling that we have let them down, but the way things happened I don't believe there was any way we could have prevented the Indonesian take over of East Timor. After the war Doc. Evatt wanted Australia to obtain a 100 year lease of the territory from the Portuguese but his plan was turned down and I think this was a tragedy for the Timorese.

After reading the note in the Courier re Julio Madeira's son, I made a few phone calls and found he is living at Bonny Rigg only a short distance away from me. I went out to see him and found he has a wife and 5 children ranging in age from 12 down to 5 years of age, plus his wife's sister about 16 and his wife's parents to look after and they are all living in a rented flat in reasonable conditions. Joe has a job as a spray painter and they are very happy to be here and are managing quite well. There are relatives in the area who are helping them. I gave them a couple of beds, clothing, crockery and money which was donated at our Christmas barbeque, some from Association funds and a personal donation and I believe they are now quite O.K. I will keep in touch with them in case they have any further needs.

To return to Jimmy English Arch — Jim had 40 years of ill health, but through it all he displayed a rare courage and a genuine concern for other people. He never complained when he was feeling sick and he never spoke a bad word about anyone he knew. His love and devotion for his family Jean, Greg and Pauline and his pride and joy for Pauline and her achievements in swimming and her personal life are an example for all of us who knew him. When he learned he had terminal cancer he rang me and said he wanted to have a wake while he was still around to enjoy it and that is exactly what we did. The end finally came in the early hours of New Years day and Jim was cremated at Waronora on the 3rd of January. There was a good roll up of 14 members and wives plus an overflowing crowd of relatives, R.S.L. members and friends to pay their last respects. The ode and R.S.L. service was given by Mick Devlin and the eulogy was presented by Paddy Kenneally in his own inimitable way. Paddy is to be congratulated on his ability to carry out this most unhappy duty and several people remarked to me afterwards on the fine

tribute he paid to his old friend.

To Jean, Pauline and Greg we extend our deepest sympathy and wish them an untroubled and happy future.

On a brighter note Arch, N.S.W. has been honoured by a visit from a rough old type from the Golden West whom I have long wished to meet. I stepped into his shoes after the battle of Dill drome, and even though I probably only met him once for a few minutes and not again for 41 years I still feel we have been good friends for all that time. I speak of course of Mervyn Ryan, who with his good lady wife Dulcie has been visiting with a fellow P.O.W. friend Frank Fitzmaurice and wife Monica at Epping, one street away from Mick Devlin.

Anyway, we got together at Epping R.S.L. last Friday night with Alan Luby, Paddy Kenneally, Mick and Betty Devlin and we had a lovely dinner and a few beers and a good old earbash for several hours. The club staff finally turned out the lights and began locking the doors so a most enjoyable evening had to come to an end, but I hope we will be able to repeat it sometime in the future.

Well Arch, must close, but promise to write again soon.

Cheers,  
JACK HARTLEY.

#### EDITORS NOTE

Thanks to you Jack and the N.S.W. boys for your generous and tangeable help to the Madeira family. It was a very thoughtful and positive action.

I read with interest the address to the united nations by Gough Whitlam. Too much for our Courier but interested parties can ask to read the, "Question of East Timor."

#### N.S.W. ANZAC DAY MONDAY 25TH APRIL

##### WREATH LAYING

Commando Square top end Martin Place.  
8.30 a.m.

##### MARCH ASSEMBLY POINT

Elizabeth Street, Head on Hunter Street.

##### DIRECTLY AFTER CEREMONY

At our Memorial in Martin Plaza.

##### REUNION

On ferry at Circular Quay from 11 a.m. onwards, cost \$17 P.H., all servicemen welcome.

WE NEED THE NUMBERS  
AND  
WE NEED THE MONEY

We Need the Numbers  
and  
We Need the Money

## RALPH CONLEY RETIRES

Our Queensland member, one who has helped in many Safaris, particularly Queensland and the one to be held in W.A. this year, retired from his beloved T.A.A. — he was State Manager in Queensland.

There were many functions held in honour of Ralph and his wife, Sheila, judging by the names of those attending it was a real "whose who" of Australians, top personnel from all fields. Thanks to Tony Adams for the press cuttings, they were most impressive in their tributes to Ralph and his service to T.A.A. and Queensland.

Spending 36 years in the aviation business is some achievement for Ralph worked his way through a very competitive field from Expenditure Clerk to the position of State Manager. Such are his talents he will still be involved on a consulting basis with the airline and the airline resorts.

Well done Ralph, best wishes to you and Sheila for a happy and well earned retirement from all members of the 2/2 Commando Association. Thanks too for your help with the travel side of "Safari '83," plus your contribution of effort over all the years. Trust you can make it to W.A. in October.

## DONATIONS

### COURIER

Madge Field ✓  
 F. Stevens ✓  
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 D. Hudson ✓  
 L. Bagley ✓  
 J. Fowler ✓  
 C. King ✓  
 D. Turton ✓  
 Bagley's Gambling Day ✓  
 N. Thornton ✓  
 J. Poynton ✓

## PERSONAL PARS

### FRED NAPIER

Fred is in a rest home and progressing reasonably well. We send our best wishes Fred and may you continue to improve in health. God bless.

### ARTHUR SMITH

Poor old Arthur is back in the Repatriation Hospital. A skin graft did not take on his troublesome leg. We are keeping our fingers crossed for him. Good luck from us all.

### ELSIE WARES

Bad luck for you Elsie to have to be hospitalised for an operation on your feet. Our love to you and a speedy recovery and discharge from the Repat Hospital.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This goes from us all to the "Grand Old Man" of the 2/2 — Colin Doig — who turned 71 years of age on the 3rd March, 1983. NOT OUT!!

Colin reckons he is now on the credit side and celebrated accordingly with old and dear friends.

May you be spared for many years "Doigie" to enjoy the fruits of your labours — and we need you!

### EDITORS NOTE

More on dear old Colin in the next issue of our Courier.

## Correspondence Corner

Neerim South Vic 3831

Dear Arch,

Just a note to let you know that Geordie Hamilton Smith, myself and our wives are coming up to the Safari and would like to book into the Freeway Hotel. Last time there was a Safari I stopped with one of my married daughters in Perth and seemed to miss seeing a lot of the chaps that were over here.

I don't like driving a car around Perth anymore, thought it would be better to be right on the spot, so could you send me particulars of deposits etc. that are required.

Enclosed cheque to be used for anything you think fit. Have not seen any of the boys for quite a while now but give my regards to all

Yours,  
NORM THORNTON.

P.S. Excuse my writing but it is not as bad as Paddy Kenneally's!!

### EDITORS NOTE

We can only get the Eastern States people into the Freeway Motel but you will be booked into the Town Lodge Motel where serviced apartments are available. It is nice accommodation and a number of our boys will be there. Deposit as for Freeway Motel. Thanks.

Editor,

Enclosed cheque for Safari deposit and sub for Courier.

I will be making the trip on my own and am a little out of touch with all the plans. Are they going to take a flight package deal for the ones leaving Brisbane or shall I book Apex?

Am looking forward to seeing you all, I've not seen any of the West Aust. boys. The ones I remember mostly are, Gerry McKenzie, Henry Sproxton, Jack Carey, Ralph Finklestein, Rowan Robinson, Criddle Bros, Tom Crouch, Sadler Bros, Sid McKinley, Jack Wicks — that is all I can remember of names at present.

Looking forward to seeing you and regards to all

L.A. MITCHELL.

### EDITORS NOTE

See Safari news for Brisbane T.A.A. contact — they know of our Safari. Thanks.

Dear Friends,

A very brief note hopefully to catch you up with our new address before the new address book is printed.

The above will be our permanent address as from the beginning of May. Yes, we are giving up the city 'rat race' at long last. No point in hanging onto the family home any longer as the family are well and truly scattered and after all, our new abode is only one and a half hours from Melbourne.

John and I found that it was a rather traumatic and sad time one way and another as many of you will probably agree with selling the family home but it's another phase in our lives and now that it is all over we can relax and are both looking forward immensely to our trip to the West.

Jane our youngest daughter returned from overseas in January and has just moved over to the West (Mosman Park) but more of that in a future letter.

In the meantime, we hope things are going well with one and all and our apologies for not having written to you for Christmas but you weren't forgotten. We drank your health in champagne and hoped that the New Year would bring you all the nice things in the future years.

Our warmest regards and thanks to all those responsible for the tremendous organization that must be going on for the Safari and for the 'Courier' towards which please accept the attached donation.

Take care everyone.

CATH & JOHN ROBERTS.

Dear Archie,

Sorry I missed you in Brisbane during the Games. I had intended calling on Tony and Iris on my way home from Townsville. However, on the homeward run I stayed the first night at Bundaberg, leaving there at 0700 the next day. I reached Brisbane about midday but a phone call to Tony had nil results — 2 guess you were all involved in the spectacle of the Games. I learned that the weather was closing in through Cunningham's Gap, and with just myself and an aged cocker spaniel, I decided to make Glen Innes that night and Sydney the next. Mission accomplished without any delay, but the drive through the Gap in torrential rain left much to be desired. I am driving to Townsville again mid May and hope to see Tony and Iris on that trip. Had a phone call from Tony recently — they were celebrating the arrival of another grandson — they are doing their bit towards replacements for the 2/2nd.

Will you be kind enough to see that my address is altered from 79 Springdale Road, Killara, to Unit 13, 630 Pacific Highway, Killara, 2071. I found the upkeep of a large home and extensive grounds just too much. On a short trip on leave from Korea, son David and wife decided to invest some spare cash in a unit — I am now residing in it and although it is set amidst extensive gardens it is a real joy to be able to admire them without the need to assist in the upkeep — a quarterly levy caters for all this and is a real boon to the not so active.

Many thanks for your really lovely Christmas card — hope you received mine. No doubt you are looking forward to the Safari — I am quite sure it will be a tremendous success. Best wishes to you all.

Am enclosing a donation to the Bulletin, which I always enjoy and hope will continue to arrive.

Take care.

MADGE FIELD.

Dear Arch,

I forwarded a cheque about December 8th for deposit on accommodation during 'Safari,' I hope that you received same and that it was sufficient to cover deposit. Whilst the above cheque has passed through my bank account I am unaware as to who may have presented it, could it have been the "Association" or some STRANGE BODY. If you received cheque O.K., no notification is necessary however if by chance it never reached you wonderful people, mention it in next "Courier."

I do not wish to be a nuisance to you folk but I would hate to think my name was not in "The Hat" at the time of the event.

I hope that everything is fitting into place for this wonderful event in October and that everyone in W.A. is fit and healthy enough to carry the work load involved.

See you in October, regards to all of you good folk over there.

TOM & BONNIE SNOWDON.

#### EDITORS NOTE

It arrived safely and thanks now stowed away by Ron Kirkwood.

Dear Arch,

Enclosed is a cheque to cover \$20 booking fee for a caravan site at Como Beach Caravan Park from 25th September

to 17th October. Put me among the other caravan haulers if you can. Extra money is donation to courier or where needed.

I phoned Ron Trengrove tonight and it looks as though a meeting of those pulling vans could be arranged in a centre place in N.S.W. for early April to do a spot of planning. Sounds like a good excuse for a get together. Having retired last year it was a great feeling to be able to say to Ron to fix the date with the others so I can now organize my own time.

Like so many others, I don't know how I found time to work as I've been flat out since I gave work away and still have plenty to do.

We had the pleasure of our daughter, Sue, coming home for five weeks from Sarawak, in the Xmas period. We'll probably go over to spend time with her and her husband sometime after the Safari so will have to make time to learn Malay before we go.

All the best to yourself and the W.A. crowd.

Yours sincerely,  
JACK PEATTIE.

Dear Arch,

Would you pass the enclosed information sheet on to the Safari Organising Committee please?

We shall be attending the re-union in October accompanied by another couple who are friends of ours. Leaving home around early July.

Our intention is to travel through central Queensland, tour the Northern Territory and your State along the coast. After having a look at your south west we'll return to Perth for the re-union.

I have already sent you my address information but now Telecom have given us a telephone. If you haven't already gone into print here it is, TEAGUE R.W., (066) 86 5355.

Couldn't get much done last year as we spent most of it in Sydney caring for my Mum who passed away about a fortnight before her 91st birthday. She'd been ill since February and died late in August.

I also had a couple of visits to Concord for repat. treatment.

The enclosed cheque to help repay Courier costs.

"At Perth we'll be in '83. See you there."

Cheers,  
RON TEAGUE.  
(BABE.)

# **SAFARI SUPPORT W.A. MEMBERS**

Usually to support the finances when a state is host to a Safari a sweep is organised.

In the present climate ticket selling is real hard work and the committee in its wisdom have decided not to run a sweep but appeal to all W.A. members to support the Safari with a \$20 donation, or whatever you can afford. This was passed at our A.G.M.

We feel members would prefer this method and it will not encroach on their time, just a straight transaction instead of being a high pressure salesman.

This will be an important item in our finance machine, we are putting our faith in the generosity of members by adopting this method. Will you help?

Already enthusiastic W.A. members have run functions to raise funds and have done extremely well.

Just fill in the area below and return to 2/2nd Com-  
mando Association, Box T1646, G.P.O., Perth, 6001.

NAME.....

DONATION .....

**Thanks in anticipation!**