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COMING EVENTS

COUNTRY CONVENTION TO BUSSELTON

OCTOBER 22 - 25, 1985;

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Sunday, November 17th. Lovekin Drive, Kings Park 3 p.m.
Let us have a full muster for our most important day.

A DAY AT DON'S WITH THE TIMORESE

Place - Keysbrook Farm, Sunday, October 20th 1985

IMPORTANT

Arrive between 10.30 and 11.00a.m. Meat supplied. Timorese are our guests.
Bring your own cups for tea and coffee, folding chairs etc for your comfort.
Ladies please bring a cake for afternoon tea.

NEEDED - A FULL ROLL CALL.

CANBERRA SAFARI 1986

8 — 6th March Inclusive

Members staying privately please advise immediately to address below.
Travel by T.A.A. will be concessional, if you nominate 2/2nd Canberra Safari

Canberra Contact — Danny Thomas
2 Mackinalty Street, Scullin A.C.T. 2614 or Phone (062) 54 5356

BELOW THE LIST OF CANBERRA SAFARI ATTENDERS

N.S.W.

B. & J. Smith
 B. & C. Coker
 K. & B. Craig
 F. & P. Sharp
 R. & M. Goodacre
 B. Dennis
 J. Hartley
 A. & E. Luby
 R. & D. Trengrove
 H. Handicott
 L. & E. Newton
 J. & N. Keenahan
 J. & M. Peattie
 T. & D. Cholerton
 June Bennett
 Betty Devlin
 R. & J. Martin
 P. & H. Kenneally
 R. Yates
 C. & V. Holley
 M. & E. Mannix
 R. & N. Teague

VICTORIA

F. & M. Broadhurst
 Mrs Elliott
 H. & D. Botterill
 K. & M. Monk
 Wilma Tobin

M. & G. Davies
 P. McCracken
 A. & D. Claney
 C. & J. Roberts
 G. & W. Humphreys
 W. & P. Tucker
 L. & M. Cooper
 J. & J. Fox
 W. Krause
 F. & M. Bone

QUEENSLAND

F. & P. Bryant
 N. & M. Hooper
 L. Tait
 G. & E. Vandeleur
 T. & I. Adams Plus family
 L. Mitchell
 G. & B. Coulson
 A. McLaughlan Plus family
 K. Carthew Plus family
 C. Grebert

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A. Hollow Plus family
 D. Stevens

TASMANIA

C. Pacey

NOT DESIGNATED

D. & D. King
 M. & Mrs Millar

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

D. & M. Ryan
 Jess Epps Plus family
 Elsie Wares
 J. & H. Poynton
 L. Bagley
 B. Ilsley
 P. & P. Campbell
 J. & J. Fowler
 C. Doig
 Joy Louden
 F. Sparkman
 W. & L. March
 J. & D. Carey
 J. & G. Poynton
 D. & E. Fullarton
 R. & J. Tatam
 H. & T. Sprocton
 R. Parry
 R. & D. Harrington
 D. & V. Turton
 A. Campbell
 J. McLaughlan
 W. Pierce
 Dot Boyland
 Win Sprigg
 G. Swann

PLUS OUR CANBERRA HOSTS

WHAT A TREMENDOUS ROLL CALL

"ONE MAN IRISH SAFARI"

Recently Paddy Kenneally drove his trusty Kingswood around Australia and apparently enjoyed almost every minute of the trip, meeting many 2/2nd friends on the way.

Paddy spent a week or so with Joe and Helen Poynton in Mandurah and caught up with a lot of his mates and spent a few happy hours reminiscing with them at the 'Penn' (when he wasn't out fishing!!).

The day before he left to head south and then east on the last leg of his journey, Helen arranged a barbecue picnic at nearby South Dandalup Dam, a beautiful spot, and a good time was had by all.

We were all pleased to see Paddy and hope he had a safe and enjoyable journey home to Nora and family.

JOCK TAYLOR WRITES:-

I have recently been overseas to Bristol, England, to see my brother, Lieut. Bill (Scotty) Taylor. He is in a very nice nursing home and is keeping well and still able to look after

himself. He wishes to be remembered to all members. He was pleased to receive a letter from Doc Wheatley and I thank Doc for the enjoyment the letter gave him. If any member would like to get in touch with him they can do so through me as I hope to be sending him each issue of the Courier.

Pleased to receive copies of the Courier. A small donation enclosed.

Good luck to your Association and best of health to all members. I hope to meet some of your members one day.

Yours faithfully,
 Jock Taylor

THIS IS A "TAYLOR MADE" STORY ABOUT OUR LIEUT. BILL "SCOTTY" TAYLOR AND HIS "WEE" BROTHER "JOCK" OR GEORGE - WHO CARE - THE "TWIN" HAS NOW MET.

Way back in August/September 1985 I got a phone call from a chap with a Scottish accent. Gave his address as Pascoe Vale, 3044 and insisted that I knew his brother, ex Lieut. Bill "Scotty" Taylor, ex No. 2 Independent Coy and then 2/2 Cav. Commando Squadron, and later 2/6 Cav. Commando Squadron. It was simple for me to identify

these Taylor boys because I first met them in the good but hard old group settlement and soccer days at Marharet River in 1930. Scotty and I became team mates in Margaret River CArnival teams on several occasions - otherwise we were opponents. We met again as soldiers when joining 2nd Independent Coy in 1941, then in Timor in 1942 we became more closely associated again when I was appointed to command "C" Troop. Our ways parted when Scotty left Timor to attend O.C.T.U. near the latter part of 1942.

During our phone conversation I learned of Jock's concern - he had lost touch with his brother Scotty, and heard that he was ill and hospitalised in an "old man's home" in U.K. Jock, then recently retired, was practically on board the Jumbo off to U.K. to locate his brother and aske dif the Association could arrange a letter of identification for him to use in his search.

Several days later a handsome, obviously fit and intelligent young man (Jock's son) accompanied by a most attractive young lady, arrived at my place and we arranged a note of introduction to Scotty's welfare folk, which he sent off to his father, Jock.

The rest is history. On his arrival home from U.K. Jock heard that we were at that moment enjoying our 1984 Country Convention at Mandurah so he flew to Perth forthwith, then caught the bus to Mandurah where he joined us at play. It was nice to meet "Wee Jock".

Subsequently the Taylor brothers were placed on Courier mailing list. Two copies go to Jock in Victoria and he sends one on to Scotty.

EDITOR - Thanks Gerry McKenzie for such news.

The address for ex Lieut. Bill "Scotty" Taylor is:

Mr. W. Taylor
Wood Croft Elderly Persons Home
30 Inns Court Garden
Knowle
Bristol England

"Jock" Taylor's address is:

Mr. G. Taylor
15 Dromana Avenue
Pascoe Vale
Victoria 3044 Telephone (03) 354 7807

If any reader knows any ex-member of 2/6 Cav. Commando Squadron, Scotty would be happy to have his address passed on to that Unit Association.

Scotty would also welcome a visit from any member of 2/2 Commando Association on tour in U.K.

"GE-EM"

DARLING GRANNY

This lovely summing up of Grandma, a person who plays and has played a vital part in all our lives, is a special tribute to all of our ladies who qualify and to all those who have a deep love of this wonderful person:-

An eight-year-old's reply to "Why I like my grandmother". "A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own and therefore loves the boys and girls of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do - they only have to be there. If they take you for a walk they go slowly past lovely leaves and caterpillars. They never say, 'come quickly' or 'hurry, for goodnes sake'. They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up your shoe laces. They wear glasses and sometimes take their teeth out. They answer questions like 'Why do dogs hate cats?' and 'Why isn't God married?' They never mind reading the same story over and over again. Everyone should have a grandmother. Grandmothers are the only people who have time. They are young, really. They have only grown old on the outside."

"HEADS & TAILS"

This is the title of a book relating the fascinating and funny story of how the Kalgoorlie two-up school started and progressed through more than 100 years of history. On July 24, 1983 the first legal game of two up was played on its traditional bush site off the Broad Arrow Road, just outside Kalgoorlie.

The book was written by Danny Sheehan and Wayne Lamotte. Danny, son of our esteemed elder member, Jack Sheehan, researched the history, interviewing many of the old timers to gather in the detail for an entertaining book.

Jack, who ran the school for many years, features prominently, one sketch showing him throwing the pennies in Timor is a delight and a very true observation. When all was boredom Jack never failed to produce the pennies to put new life into the troops. How would you like to be gambling a Timor cock fighting bird against as couple of bananas?

You go down in Kalgoorlie's colourful history Jack, via your son Danny, now your successor. Nice tribute old timer, so well deserved. Thanks Danny and Wayne Lamotte who put it all together.

2/2nd HISTORICAL MUSEUM Created by Peter Epps

Our Sunday outing to view this was a real eye-opener and moves me to write an appeal to all members for their full support to Peter and Jess so they can bring this to a successful conclusion.

The social side was extremely pleasant but the numbers disappointing. A current flu epidemic was partially responsible. Hospitality was the keynote by the whole Epps family, with Jess of course a fine hostess. Thank you all for a day full of entertainment, nostalgia, fun and remembrance.

Now, may I make an APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS to co-operate with a request from Peter to fill in the "loose leaf" within this Courier. This young man, inspired by the memory of his father, our old mate, Bill Epps, has performed a remarkable feat in establishing a history of the 2/2nd in all campaigns - historical, pictorial and computerised.

Peter has a print out of every man who has served with the 2/2nd Commando Squadron, all he needs now is for the questions on the loose leaf insert to be filled in. To see the detail he has on many members via "War History" and given information is astounding. The real crux is the data to produce a complete history which can only be supplied by YOU, YOU and YOU.

I has been a costly exercise, not only from the monetary side but the many hundreds of man hours Peter has put into compiling a Unit History, possibly unique to any Association in Australia.

This tremendously inspirational effort reveals just how much we should support Peter, Jess (who so generously supplied the area for all this to happen) and the whole Epps family in this major endeavour of the heart, to bring this project to fruition.

We need -

- (a) Each member not having already done so, to fill in the Questionnaire.
- (b) Members to sort out any memorabilia in their possession on any campaign and get it to the West.

There will be a stiff reminder at the Canberra Safari and a representative from each state appointed to activate members.

Let us reward Peter for his valient effort to re-create our history by giving him our unqualified support. We cannot take anything with us, but we can leave behind a proud documented record of achievement which will be so ably compiled and classified by PETER EPPS.

W.W.C.P.

FRED NAPIER — Still involved in a battle with the old "pins", but mobile, alert, ready for any action. Keep pegging away Fred, we are right behind you.

FRED GRIFFITHS — News is that you are not really 100% Fred. We all wish you a speedy return to full health and "Good luck".

CLARRIE VARIAN — Has a heart problem but is making good ground. Keep it going Clarrie, we are all "gee-ing" for you.

HENRY SPROXTON — Here is a great fighter who is having problems but is determined to overcome them and get his projected "by-pass" operation successfully performed. We are right in there Henry, punching with you. God bless, and regards from all members. STOP PRESS Henry has been back in Hollywood hospital and is not all that well. The doctors discovered a blockage in the heart area. Henry is back home, we trust the news is better soon. Good luck.

VALE NEIL (JOE) PALM

It is with deep sadness we record the loss of one of our old and esteemed mates, Joe Palm. He passed away on the 9th September.

He had the dreadful affliction of lung cancer, a very distressing illness indeed, but Joe bore it with the stoicism typical of a man from the land, greatly supported by Jean.

Joe was a fine soldier in every respect and that would be reiterated by all those who knew him so well. He carried that courage right to the end. Life was a challenge to Joe and he did it the hard way. On enlistment he was a station hand, after the war, via cattle dealings etc, he managed to buy a portion of the property he had worked on prior to the war. He was a great horseman and cattleman, bought a property or two, then lived on a small acreage at Gracemere where he indulged in horses and a few head of cattle.

Who will forget Joe at our W.A. Safari, the small wiry, figure under the broad brimmed cattleman's hat? He sure needed it with his type of complexion, it suited him and his personality. Joe was quiet in many ways but blessed with a quick sense of humour, lived life to its full, it was always great when he and Jean were around, it added just that little touch of something to our gatherings.

He was totally devoted to his family, and Vicky, who lives next door and is a solicitor, has been grand support to Jean. She too is a fine horsewoman and has won many events at various shows in Queensland. Joe's love of horses just had to rub off on a member of the family.

We will miss you Joe but no doubt you will join a myriad of old mates, who, as we do, love you so well. Jean will be left with some vivid and wonderful memories and being the down to earth person she is, will when the heartache is much less, the sense of loss diminished to proportions she can handle, continue to live life to its full.

Jean may the months ahead treat you and yours gently, may you find peace of mind and heart in the knowledge that Joe is in safe hands.

All members of the Unit Australian wide would send their deep love and sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you all.

Editor — Thanks to Tony Adams for supplying the background to Joe's active life.

VALE MARK CONROY

News is to hand of the untimely death of Mark Conroy in Tasmania.

Mark joined the 2/2nd Independent Company from the 2/40th Battalion in Timor and served with our "Battalion Sapper" section. Mark was a really top grade soldier and of a most cheery nature and quietly made a host of friends with the boys in Portuguese Timor.

On his return from Timor he rejoined the newly formed 2/40th Battalion and served with it until the end of hostilities.

Mark kept in touch with the Association and had a holiday in W.A. when he met up with many of his friends.

Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Editor — Thank you Colin Doig.

VALE ALF LONGBOTTOM

We regret to advise of the death of Alf Longbottom who passed away on the 9th September. Alf suffered much pain during

the last months of his life but endured his illness with great fortitude.

Alf served in No. 3 section during the Timor campaign. He loved gardening and fishing and knew all the good fishing spots off Fremantle. Living in Hamilton Hill he was naturally a loyal South Fremantle supporter.

Don Turton and Jack Carey represented the Association at the cremation service at the Fremantle Cemetery on the 10th September.

To his wife Nora and family we extend our sincere condolences.

LEST WE FORGET.

JOHN BURRIDGE NUMISMATIST

John (Joe) Burridge in his own inimitable style is inserting an advertisement in our Courier - may be the first ever?

Being a collector of rare coins the appeal below may have some result, it will certainly put the icing on the cake of Joe's Timor Collection.

Ever with a sense of humour his rates finished thus:- "Usual advertising notes will be applicable I suppose" Answer "Yes John!!"

Can any body help in this direction?

ATTENTION TIMORI WANTED

10 AVOS COIN
must be dated 1945
Contact John Burridge

88 WATKIN RD, DALKEITH W.A. 6009
PHONE 386 3737

Top price paid dependent
upon condition.

DONATIONS

Messrs

Krause
Gallagher
Bowers
Bomford

Taylor G.
Rowen-Robinson
Richards T.
Chaplain C.

CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

Launceston, Tasmania
July, 1985

Many thanks for your letter and details etc. Pleased to hear you are well, likewise Ron Dook. Pleased to say I'm O.K. Guess we are all getting long in the tooth!

"Nick" Nicholson has heard from you but has been very ill in hospital, ulcers and his gall bladder removed. Believe he is home now and coming good.

I see quite a few of the boys who were with us in the hills when we have our Reunion in February each year. Am enclosing a donation towards Courier etc.

My regards to all.
Wal (Snow) Elmore

Halls Head, Mandurah
25/7/1985

Enclosed a cheque for the Courier or what you think.

Fishing and golf are still very good at Mandurah. Never felt better in health in my life and very happy in my second marriage. As you know, it is not very nice living on your own for a number of years.

Another one of No. 2 Section has come to live in Mandurah, that lovable character Watson. He has joined the crowd at the "Penn" for a beer or two and is a great story teller. When he is in full flight everybody in the bar stops and listens.

Rang Peter Campbell a few times in Esperance but must have gone bush again as no contact.

Going to Queensland to see my daughter Linda in two weeks time so will look up the Hooper and talk about old times.

Keep up the good work Arch.

Best regards,
Tony Bowers

Bicton 6157
7/8/85

Merv and I have just returned home after an absence of 5 weeks. We spent 3 weeks in Darwin with our daughter Robyn, her husband Peter, our 4 grandsons all well over 6ft, and our dear granddaughter emma. Robyn is teacher and was on school holidays. She drove us everywhere.

There are truly some beautiful spots in the northern territory. WE went to Berry Springs, Howard Springs, the crocodile farm and watched the hungry creatures being fed. Then we went to Kakadu Park, spent the first night in a motel at south alligator river. NExt day we were driven to Jabaru Airport where they have a free tourist bus that took us out to the uranium mine which is a colossal size. From there we drove to the east alligator river, and Robyn, Emma and I walked across Cahill River just to have our photo taken under a sign which read "Arnhem Land". At first Merv didn't want me to go across, the water was flowing fairly fast but only knee deep. When I said I was going Merv said to Robyn "If she slips in the middle just let her go. I hope he was only joking - I told him he would never get another wife like me. That night we stayed at a place called Cooida and next day up the yellow river in a barge. Took about 1½ hours. The bird life was in abundance and we were told that ornithologists from all over the world go to the yellow river to study the bird life. After the boat trip we started on our 3 hour trip back to Darwin, calling at the Bark Hut Inn for refreshments on the way home. Thank you Robyn and Peter and our grand children for a lovely holiday.

We were thinking of coming home as we had our return tickets paid for when Merv decided we would make a slight detour and go across to Queensland and see Neil and Marg Hooper. Neil had phoned a number of times when Merv was in hospital. When we phoned them Marg said she had just come back from posting me a letter and yes, we were most welcome. We left Darwin at 2.30p.m. on 22nd July, stopped at Mt. Isa and arrived in Brisbane at 7.05p.m. Boy, was there some talking done. We had arrived on Marg's birthday - forget how old she was but do not think she has reached 80 yet! Merv and Neil eventually came to bed at some ungodly hour. After much talking Marg wanted to know how long we were stopping. At first it was to be 4 days then a week, then 2 weeks. Marg had a friend who had a house down on the Gold Coast and she told Marg to take us down there for a few days. The house was as Nobby's Beach situated at the foot of the mountain where the magic mountain is. We really lived it up, lots of prawns, fruit salad etc. We would sit out on the front verandah and pretend we were idle rich. Every day we went somewhere down into New South Wales to play the poker machines and saw their lovely clubs. Neil also drove us up to the mountains.

After we reluctantly left the Gold Coast to go back to Kedron a barbecue was organised with the 2/2nd boys. When we arrived there we were met by Freddie Bryant who presented Merv with the biggest cake I have

seen. On it Fred had put the double diamond and "We Love You Merv" and at the bottom the names of the places where the 2/2nd served and the dates they served there. For once Merv was speechless. Thank you Fred and Phil for a tremendous effort.

Will name those who are there and hope I don't leave anyone out. Pat and Butch Banniers, Fred Bryant - Phil was unable to attend. Sheila Conley, Ralph was overseas. Col Grebert, Neil and Marg Hooper. Neil, it was so cold when we got home from your sunshine Merv said if he had known it was going to be so "B" cold he would not have come home.

I came home convinced that Australia is a beautiful country as are the Aussie people - there are a lot more good people than bad. You only hear about the bad ones.

Fred, we gave Doug Fullarton your message.

Merv is fairly well, and Dulcie is fit. All the best and warmest regards,
Dulcie & Merv.

Bridgetown, 6255
27/8/85

We have been travelling for the last ten weeks and have two Couriers to read.

First thing to do is advise you that both of us will join the Busselton "do" on October 22nd.

We both have a heap of work to do, not only for ourselves but civic wise as well. The local town keeps me very busy, like most country towns, one gets involved very easily, so much so that I have been honoured as Brodgetown's 'Citizen of the Year' for 1984.

Our travels took us to Europe and the U.K. - it rained most of the time.

Cheque enclosed for 2/2 Association - I presume we pay for Busselton later.

Robbie Rowan-Robinson

Leeton, 2705
July 22, 1985

R.M.B. 133 Kojonup 6395
5/8/85

Enclosed find donation for Courier or wherever needed. As we grow older we can be likened to an old car, need more maintenance and looking after, plus the fact we can't perform as well as in days past. However, being alive and enjoying life is something to be thankful for. I had my right hip joint replaced in December, 1983 and apart from the breaking in period which went on for some time, have had no trouble with it. Can recommend this operation if any members are so afflicted.

November 1984, the hip working well and the chassis re-aligned I started to lose weight for no apparent reason. After x-rays etc. the experts removed my pancreas and spleen plus some innards, which left me a Diabetic and have to inject myself twice a day with insulin, plus follow a rigid diet. I'm pleased to report that though 1½ stone underweight I feel good and can perform most of the chores that I did before on our farm.

All the very best to everyone and keep up the good work of running the Association and producing the Courier.

Yours faithfully,
Jim Gallagher

Recently at an R.S.L. Conference in Sydney I met a friend from Griffiths, name of Alf Hodge. During our talk I found out he had joined my old Unit, the 2/2 Commando Coy in Timor. Of course he told me about the Safari you are holding in Canberra in March.

I first belonged to the 2/40th Battalion based in Dutch Timor but got away and joined "D" Platoon in charge of Capt. Don Turton. I was Cpl. in charge of a section and my officer was Lieut. Cam Rodd.

Alf Hodge told me some news, some good and some rather sad. He gave me an old 1983 Courier and in it is the Vale of Lt-Col. Alan Spence my old Commander. I met him when I first went up to join the 2/2nd. Also Brigadier Veale was there - he got me a new pair of boots! Not bad for a Brig. Alf also told me of the death of Major Laidlaw, Lieut Rodd and I thought he said Kev. Curran.

I would like to be put on the mailing list for the Commando Courier. Also I would like some information about the Safari in Canberra which is only about four hours drive from Leeton. At 78 I don't travel too well but I might be able to make it and see some of my old mates. I will be looking forward to seeing some of the boys again as I have lost touch but you never forget an experience like Timor. I didn't rejoin them after we got back to Australia.

Hoping to hear from you. Yours faithfully,
R.C. Griffiths

Editor - So glad you caught up with Alf - you are now on the mailing list. Welcome.

Maroochydore, 4558
20/8/85

We have just had a successful mini safari with Bob and Joyce Smith, Alan and Edith Luby, Fred and Phyllis Bryant, Ron and Dorothy Trengrove and Dorothy's sister and brother-in-law, Denny and June Dennis, Col Grebert, Alan Mitchell, Angus and Alistair MacLachlan, George and Edna Vandeleur and George and Mel Mathieson. It was nearly a disaster as George Mathieson had a massive heart attack on the day they arrived and spent four days in intensive care at the Nambour Hospital. He is now in Greenslopes Hospital in Brisbane and is expected to go home tomorrow. Thank goodness he is okay again.

Regards,
George and Bettye Coulson

Ward T
Toorak House Hospital
Toorak Road
Toorak 3142
27/9/85

I have been in hospital for some months now and do not know when I will be able to leave although I am taken home for a few hours on Sundays for afternoon tea and to see family and friends. I am prone to falling on the ground which has its difficult moments. Here I am comfortable and well looked after with five other rom mates.

I have read the September Courier and deeply regret I will be unable to attend the various functions listed therein but will be with you in spirit and thoughts. On behalf of Joan and myself I tender sincere apologies and wish all who attend all the best for a very enjoyable time.

Joan joins me in sending warmest regards and best wishes to all friends.

Dincerely,
G.B. (Peter) Piper

Glenorchy, 7010
22/8/85

Have received the last two Couriers and find them very interesting. Pick up a few names here and there. Am enclosing a few dollars towards cost.

Sorry to tell you that Mark Conroy passed away last week. Mark had a lot of sickness over the years but never lost his sense of humour which everyone who knew him was aware he possessed.

Dern Anning would like to be put on the Courier list. Many would know Dern who was on H.Q. His address is 12 Barratt Street, Glenorchy, 7010.

Regards to all,
Lance Bomford

Portarlington
Victoria 3223

I am writing this short note on behalf of Pancho to let you know our new address. We left the great city on the 26th July and have gone down to the "Bellarine Peninsular".

Heard from Cath and John Roberts on Friday and they have left on a trip to China. Will be seeing them when they return.

Have enclosed the phone number (052) 59 3561 if anyone is coming this way. Hope to catch up with the going at the March 86' Safari.

Regards to all unit boys and girls.
Wen & George Humphreys

Latrobe
Tasmania
18/9/85

It is many moons since I put pen to paper. At long last I am in the land of retirement, since that day in February my health has not been all that good. But the old saying goes "You win em' you wear em'", so I have called on that spirit which we the 2/2nd was blessed with from that day in Feb '42' and am coping O.K. We can't make the Safari as my dear wife and I could be going to Ireland in 1986. To all who are going make it an equal if not better, than the others of the past.

There was a middle page write up in the Melbourne Sun a few weeks ago about the Timorese and their club in Laylor, a little out of Melbourne. I think they want help to build up their club, they have a team in that round ball game!

One of the Timor lassies gave birth to a son, I quote she wanted to give it a 'fair dinkum' Aussie surname so she picked out Richards!! Stange enough there were two Richards in the 2/2nd, a sig, he died in

Australia on his way home from Timor, and myself. That poor lass has picked a name with a big blend of Irish in it. Am trying to get in touch with her to say it is a very proud day for me to have my surname picked for our new Australian mate!!

I haven't replied to that Airman's letter yet but will do so, places and their names seem to have gone from my head, seems to be empty these days only full of aches and pains. Am having trouble with my spine, also big trouble with the Veterans Affairs - boy, do they know how to drag their feet.

My son Warren has reprinted that write up of Col Doig's about that "Big Mate" of ours Kevin Curran - am sending a few over so could you please see that Col and Gerry get one. I will send Joe one myself. Please excuse the writing sometimes my hands go the wrong way.

It is now 3a.m. Tuesday 18th, can't sleep all that much generally go walking over that hill at the back of my place at 5a.m. I think I woke up Latrobe getting up that bloody thing, have to do deep breathing every 50 yards. When I get to the top all is well for the downhill run, through the town, pick up the sun at the paper shop, then home by 6.30a.m. - slowing up these days.

Timor days I could do it with ease but these days every part of me cries out for help, none coming, so this frame of mine has to keep going as my irish love tells me, if I became a wheel chair job in Kings Creek, I go first outing, so its no seizing up with this guy!

We could make the West sooner than we think - Paddy would like that statement. I tell ou a person goes that way but no matter what I still love my irish love.

It's cheers now, you can give this to the Courier if you like. Trust this note finds all in good health, wealth and happiness. God bless.

Tex and Bridget Richards

Editor — Thanks Jess Epps for letting us share this letter from Tex.

Greenmount 6056
Sept. 25th 1985

Dear Arch,

I wish to thank the members, their wives and family, who attended the open day at my home to view the 'Museum'.

The weather was kind to us and I think all who attended enjoyed them selves and appreciated all the hours of work Peter put into it.

I've always had a great love and respect for the unit and its members, but often wonder what it takes to get people interested in attend functions.

I know there's a lot of flu etc. around this time of the year and we had phone apologies from Jack Carey and Percy Hancock and a letter from Len Bagley and Betty.

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Australia on his way home from Timor, and myself. That poor lass has picked a name with a big blend of Irish in it. Am trying to get in touch with her to say it is a very proud day for me to have my surname picked for our new Australian mate!!

I haven't replied to that Airman's letter yet but will do so, places and their names seem to have gone from my head, seems to be empty these days only full of aches and pains. Am having trouble with my spine, also big trouble with the Veterans Affairs - boy, do they know how to drag their feet.

My son Warren has reprinted that write up of Col Doig's about that "Big Mate" of ours Kevin Curran - am sending a few over so could you please see that Col and Gerry get one. I will send Joe one myself. Please excuse the writing sometimes my hands go the wrong way.

It is now 3a.m. Tuesday 18th, can't sleep all that much generally go walking over that hill at the back of my place at 5a.m. I think I woke up Latrobe getting up that bloody thing, have to do deep breathing every 50 yards. When I get to the top all is well for the downhill run, through the town, pick up the sun at the paper shop, then home by 6.30a.m. - slowing up these days.

Timor days I could do it with ease but these days every part of me cries out for help, none coming, so this frame of mine has to keep going as my Irish love tells me, if I became a wheel chair job in Kings Creek, I go first outing, so its no seizing up with this guy!

We could make the West sooner than we think - Paddy would like that statement. I tell ou a person goes that way but no matter what I still love my Irish love.

It's cheers now, you can give this to the Courier if you like. Trust this note finds all in good health, wealth and happiness. God bless.

Tex and Bridget Richards

Editor — Thanks Jess Epps for letting us share this letter from Tex.

Greenmount 6056
Sept. 25th 1985

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Hazel, Allan Hollow's son Rob, is getting married Oct. 12th and arriving in Perth on the 13th for a weeks honeymoon at Town Lodge, South Perth. Be nice seeing him and Lucy again.

Phoned Bob Smith, Newcastle. He and Joyce are both feeling much better and Bob has another clearance, health wise.

Called on the Ryans and had a cuppa. Dear Dulcie as usual cheerful self and Merv was going to the doctor to have a checkup on the ulcer, that put him back into hospital. The ulcer developed on his stomach operation and is clearing up slowly. He was enjoying one of his grand daughters, a sweet little thing.

I guess I've rambled on enough and hope to catch up with a lot of folks at Bosselton and Canberra next March.

All the best to everyone and love.
Jess

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Thanks for the Courier, I hope my small donation helps.

I enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with Tony Bowers, his wife and daughter recently at our local races, I think they all won.

Cyril Chaplain

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