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COMING EVENTS

W.A. MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

COUNTRY CONVENTION AT MERREDIN

15th - 18th September 1987

Proposed Itinerary as arranged by Stan Payne

Tuesday 15th September	Arrive & settle in.
Wednesday 16th September	
Morning	Inspect Watsonia Gold Mine Barbecue lunch at Talgamine Rock
Afternoon	Visit Intensive Piggery
Evening	Free
Thursday 17th September	
Morning	Visit Payne Family Farm Visit old Nungarin Hotel Picnic lunch Mangowine Homestead
Afternoon	Visit Gypsum Lakes Inspect local industries
Evening	Convention Dinner
Friday 18th September	Visitors depart

Re Accommodation

Stan has booked 15 doubles at the Olympic Motel. Cost \$26 per head includes full breakfast. Members wishing to attend are asked to notify Stan (phone 090-41 1202), 7 Todd Street, Merredin. Accommodation is also available at other motels if required.

Note: Repeat from June Courier. **Please act immediately** we want a good attendance!

Coming Events Cont. over -

COMING EVENTS

**ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON
ANZAC CLUB**

FRIDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 1987

REFRESHMENTS FROM 11.30 A.M. - MEN ONLY

**ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE
SUNDAY, 15th NOVEMBER - 3 P.M.
LOVEKIN DRIVE, KING'S PARK**

PLEASE DIARISE THIS

***1988 SAFARI PHILLIP ISLAND
COUNT DOWN TO COWES***

MARCH 18th - 27th

**MAKE YOUR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS
BE THERE WHATEVER HAPPENS
HAVE FUN GALORE
AT THE SAFARI OF A LIFETIME!**

VICTORIAN NEWS

On Anzac Day we had brilliant sunshine and very pleasant conditions, a good roll up and very enjoyable reunion after the March at the President Motel. Those present at either the March or the Reunion were Harry Botterill, Sep. Wilson, Johnny Roberts, John Southwell, Alf Harper, Norm Tillet, Ray Splatt, Tom Nisbet, George Kennedy, George Veitch, Bill Tucker, Fred Broadhurst, Mick Wellings, Jack Renehan, Alex Boast, Jack Fox, Paul Costello, Bill Sharp, Don Freyer.

It was good to see Ray Splatt again - he has been coming to the March each year for quite a while now. He spends most of his time in Hawaii and sends his regards to all. Don Freyer from Wangaratta is looking very well. Good to see Sep Wilson among us again, also Mick Wellings and Jack Renehan both looking very fit, Alf Harper from Geelong and Bill Sharp from Port Arlington. Ken Monk was missing this year as he and Margaret are overseas. We wish them a very pleasant holiday. June and Denny Dennis were down from Albury for Anzac Day. Denny was marching with his mates from 2/40th Battalion. Tony (Basher) Adams came along to say hello to everyone - he was down from Brisbane to march with his old mates from the Gunnery Unit with which he

served before he joined the 2/2nd. He is looking very well.

Bernie Callinan and Rolf Baldwin were in Perth for the Anzac Day events.

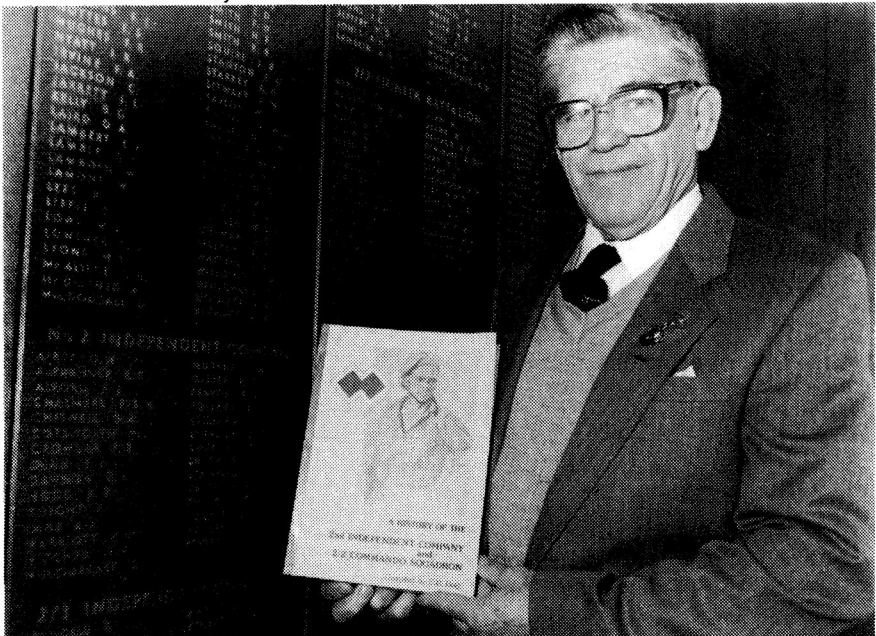
Olive and I went to Port Arlington to see George Humphreys who is battling along with Win doing a good job of looking after him. He is in good spirits and sends his regards to all. We also called on Bill and Eileen Sharp.

On one of our visits to Jock & Faye's at Pearcedale, Alex Boast took a lovely photograph of part of their property and it was decided in Committee to have this enlarged and framed and presented to Jock and Faye for their generosity in allowing us to use their property for barbecues. Tom Nesbit, Jack Fox, Harry Botterill, Fred Broadhurst, Norm Tillet and Alex Boast went down to Pearcedale and Tom presented the photo to Jock and Faye. They accepted it with great pleasure and thanked us for a very nice gesture.

Well folks, that's all for now,

Regards,

Harry Botterill.



A HISTORY OF THE 2ND INDEPENDENT COMPANY & 2/2ND COMMANDO SQUADRON compiled by C.D. Doig goes into posterity.

This photograph depicts Danny Thomas of Canberra presenting the book to the Australian War Memorial in June 1987, on behalf of the Association.

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 1987

Balances forward as at 1 February 1986			
Working Account	826.54		
Savings Investment Account	2388.40		
Reserve A/c. - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	119.22		
Debentures - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	7243.25	10577.41	
Interest Received			
Working Account	20.55		
Savings Investment Account	173.00		
Reserve A/c. - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	10.94		
Debentures - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	1288.91	1493.40	
Courier			
Donations	3435.00		
Less Costs printing, postage etc.	2809.42	625.58	
Sales			
Badges	172.50		
Ties	558.00	730.50	
C.D. Doig Book			
Advance Sales	629.00		
Sundry Costs	32.50	596.50	
East Timor Association Appeal			
Received since 20/1/87	150.00		
Less Postal Charges	144.00	6.00	
		14029.39	

The Statement shown above, based upon the information supplied, reflects the correct position of the affairs of the Association.

J.C. Burridge, Auditor

Government Charges

F.I.D. & F.D.T. 10.43

Association Events

Losses incurred 211.85

Administration Expenses

Charge for GPO Box T1646	66.00	
Yearly Sub. To Aust. Comm. Assoc.	20.00	
Part Secretary's expenses	30.00	116.00

Sundries

Sweep receipts for Canberra	800.00	
To Victorian Branch for 1988 Safari	1000.00	
Funeral Notices (5)	74.26	
Donations - for typing \$100 to Legacy \$50	150.00	
Sundry Items	56.90	2081.16

Balances at as 31 January 1987

Working Account	1786.23	
Savings Investment Account	1161.40	
Reserve A/c. - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	277.80	
Debentures - T & CWA Bldg. Soc.	8384.52	11609.95
		\$14029.39

The appeal for the East Timorese Association, initiated in November 1986, reached \$7190 as at 20 January 1987 and has been invested in Perpetual Trustee Co. Debenture No. 12896 at approx. 15%.

**VALE —
RONALD STUART KIRKWOOD**

It is with extreme regret that we have to advise of the death of Ronald S. Kirkwood on 25th June, 1987 at the age of 70 years, after a long and painful illness which he bore with the utmost courage and fortitude with hardly a single complaint.

When writing of the life of Ron Kirkwood one cannot use the usual words because he really was, in his own way, larger than life. Three words come to mind - Greatness, Humility and Anonymity.

Whatever this man undertook, whether it be in his everyday working life, his sport, his home life, his soldiering or his work for the Unit Association, it was done with that degree of Greatness, Humility and Anonymity. Ron did not seek to have his name or deeds blazoned forth; he was a doer not an advertiser and therefore much of his great work was inclined to go unnoticed.

Ron was an original member of the 2nd Independent Coy and also in its new guise as 2/2nd Commando Squadron, and served with the Unit right to the bitter end. He was the Unit's Intelligence Specialist right through the three campaigns and was outstanding at his job, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

The whole of Ron's working life was spent as an officer of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation and he rose to the height of a Branch Manager and was most highly regarded by his superiors and his lesser officers.

In later years Ron was a keen lawn bowler with the Cottlesloe-Peppermint Grove Club and for many years was Treasurer of that Club. It was mainly through his efforts that the Club's finances were placed in a strong position envied by many other bowling clubs. He was one of those people who immersed himself completely to help in every possible way to keep the Club afloat, sometimes undertaking duties when his health was such that he should not have made the effort.

Ron's true greatness was to be shown in his work for our Unit Association. Apart from a period when his work took him to Kalgoorlie he was an executive member of the State Branch for a period in excess of 40 years. He held the various offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Auditor and Trea-

surer. In the latter office his true brilliance shone through and the manner in which he guided our finances from the early days of small returns to the later times of affluence is reflected in our current ultra sound financial position. Ron was mainly responsible for the gathering of the \$14,000 required for the Timor Memorial Fund. Life membership was conferred on him quite early in the existence of our Association.

A facet of Ron's character is not well known to many people. He was a most generous giver of our time, advice and monetary assistance to many people and he did this with true anonymity.

Added to everything Ron was a loving husband, adoring father and a great home keeper and gardener. His sense of humour and fun shone through wherever he happened to be. It was always a pleasure to be in his company.

If there is such a place in the after world as Valhalla then Ronald Stuart Kirkwood must have a most honoured place in that abode of immortals.

A sincere Goodbye to a Great Friend, Great Soldier, Great Husband and Father and Great Citizen.

I personally have lost a part of myself with the departure of Ron Kirkwood.

Our Association extends to wife Gwenda and children Helen, Richard, Beverley and their families heartfelt sympathy in the loss of such a great person.

Farewell Ron.
Col Doig

Ron wanted a very private funeral and his only request, and Gwenda's wish, was for 2/2nd members to act as pall bearers. They were: Colin Doig, Jack Carey, John Burrridge, Ray Aitken, Doug Fullarton, Don Turton, George Fletcher and Archie Campbell.

It was a very impressive funeral conducted by a young Army Padre, Tony Lang. He made it so easy for Ron's family, and for all the others, with his genuine approach to what life and the hereafter is all about. All in keeping with what Ron would have wanted, having his family, dear and close friends, plus eight of the boys representing his Army and Association mates. Below is the Death Notice inserted on behalf of all members of our Association:

DEATHS

KIRDWOOD (Ronald): passed to the vale beyond June 25 after a long illness which he fought with courage. This typified the man who served faithfully and well with the 2/2nd Commando Squadron in Timor, New Guinea and New Britain. Dedicated his post war years to the 2/2nd Command Association and its welfare. A tremendous contributor. Farewell Ron. From all members Australia wide. Go in peace with our deep affection and respect. Total sympathy and our love to brave Gwenda and family. From we of the 2/2nd Commando Association.

EAST TIMORESE FUND

The East Timorese are sending a delegation to U.N.O. in mid or late August to put their case.

They will be using part of the above fund subscribed by the 2/2nd Commando Association Australia Wide. Things in Timor are still very touchy and Australian personnel are unable to gain access to the Island. That is a pity for we have quite a stake in finding out just what has happened to those whom we love so well.

We wish the East Timorese delegation good luck and may they in some form achieve their objectives.

RANDOM HARVEST

Seen at the Craig's Mini Safari in Young:

THE OLDS AND BOLDS

Top: J. Peattie, J. Fenwick, E. Cholerton, W. Coker, K. Monk.

Background: Wilma Tobin, Nora Kenneally.

Centre: Snow Went, Keith Craig, Alan Luby, Ron Goodacre, Ron Trengrove.

Front: Arch Claney, Harry Botterill, Paddy Kenneally.



THE FAIRER SEX PLUS ONE

L to R: Dianne Cholerton, Olive Botterill, Wilma Tobin, Nora Kenneally, Joan Darge and friend John.



Tremendous photos everyone.
The Ladies: Silver Threads among the gold.
The Men: A bit of snow on top but plenty of fire below!

The Craig's Mini Safari is certainly a highlight event of the year. Betty and Keith, we love you for such a great innovation.

SASR LADIES AUXILIARY APPRECIATION LETTER

Campbell Barracks
Swanborne
16 July 1987

President
2/2nd Commando Association
4A Frobisher Avenue
Sorrento W.A. 6020

Dear Arch,

Thank you very much for your support in helping us to publicise our Art show this year. We hope that some of your members were able to attend at some time over that weekend.

It was a great financial success as we sold over \$26,000 worth of paintings and pottery this year. We did try to reach more artists and potters and we were pleased when 50 who had never exhibited with us before were represented,

taking the total who had work in for sale to 200. Ticket sales on opening night were higher than we had ever had before.

There were civilians stopping at the Guard Room wanting information. We got a frantic call asking us if we could possibly give them some hand-out material. We had not anticipated this kind of interest and so your brochures were immediately put to use. We thank you most gratefully for them.

So, this project on our Auxiliary calendar this year is our only fund raising venture, it gives us a reason to get together for the benefit of many. Thank you again for your interest and support.

Yours Sincerely,

Jeannine Nolan,
President

70 Hope Avenue
Manning
10/6/87

To the 2/2nd Commando Association

A sincere thankyou from the family of Bill Willis for the remembrance and farewell at his funeral service.

Our dear husband and dad was always proud of being a member of the 2/2nd Commando Unit and we are certain he would have appreciated the final tributes you paid to him.

Thank you.

Flo Willis & Family.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAM HAROLD ROWN-ROBINSON O.A.M.

Robbie has been presented with this award for "Service to the Community" which has been prolific and constant. No doubt more especially relating to the Bridgetown area where he has been a stalwart over a long number of years. He has been involved in the R.S.L., the Council and every other activity that is a part of Bridgetown, and areas beyond.

His support of the 2/2nd Commando Association has been second to none, his organising of the Bridgetown Country Convention last year was a real highlight. It was voted by all present one of the best ever and pointed out the attention to detail that Robbie gives to all tasks he undertakes. He has been a Country Vice-President of the Association since the year dot!

Of course, behind every successful man is an equally outstanding woman and Iris has been a tower of strength to Robbie in every direction. She will rightly share all the accolades with her husband, William Harold. Robbie would be the first to acknowledge this. They have made a fine team in all respects of their life together.

Hearty congratulations Robbie from all members Australia wide. It was thoroughly and faithfully earned. Our love to you both and may you live long to enjoy the honour.

W.W.C.P.

Bob Burns has suffered a real set back after having looked so well when the last Courier went out. He is in Hollywood Hospital putting up, as one would expect, a real fight. Good luck Bob, and God bless from us all.

Harry Sproxton continues with courage to fight against his problems and always has a smile for everyone. Thelma is a great ministrator so Harry is in good hands. Hullo from us all and bless you both.

Doc Wheatley had a fall from a tree he was lopping in the Mandurah Caravan Park. No, he was *not* up there shooting roos! Trust all is O.K. Doc and all the members send greetings and a get well message.

Allan Chatfield has had a scare with the old "ticker" but now back home after being hospitalised for a while. Not allowed to drive for a few weeks so Joy will have to be the Chauffeur. Heed the message Allan and take care. Best of luck from all members and their love to you both.

Roy Watson Another subject of a heart attack and spent time in Fremantle and Hollywood Hospitals but is now back home. "Wattie" loves life and lives it to its full, but the time comes when we all have to access a lifestyle compatible with our age. A warning helps tremendously Roy, to do just that. Vera will make sure, being the wife and mother that she is, that you stay in the guide lines. God bless you both from us all, and our love.

Freddie Griffiths still continues a daily battle with his health and is doing pretty well. Mick Morgan called to see him and reports that Freddie is putting up a brave show in every direction. Good luck old timer, may you get back on the road to good health soon - you deserve it. God bless from us all. Thanks Mick for your kind visit and report.

Eddie Craghill Anzac Day gave us all the surprise of a lifetime as Eddie appeared at the parade accompanied by a helper. He is extremely frail, can converse but a little, yet is full of fight. It was wonderful to see him after so long. You deserve a big break Ed - may good health be the reward. God bless and a message of mateship from all members.

Colin Doig has been discharged after a long but this time successful spell in St. John of God Hospital. They struck a new formula and Colin's ankle wound looks the best it has in a long time, and no skin graft was necessary! He is certainly a stoical character and as rugged as they come. Well done, "Doigie", likewise Joy who has tended him with great care over the weeks he was unable to put foot to ground. Our best love to you both, may life be a little more comfortable Col.

Bill Cooper was visited by Don Turton and Gerry Haine and looks reasonably well. Is not able to converse with his visitors, but really enjoyed them talking to each other and acknowledges it with a laugh or a knowing look. Bill's in Mt. Herial Hospital, Stitfold Wing, Ward 2. So boys if you visit Bill go in pairs. Good luck Bill you are a real fighter. Thanks Don and Gerry for the report.

STOP PRESS

Cyril Chaplin Queensland is very ill in hospital with a fluid on the brain problem. Our prayers are for you to beat it old timer. Good luck and God bless from us all.

Gordon Holmes W.A. Not at all well and has been hospitalised. More news in the next Courier. Best of luck Gordon from all the members.

Gerry McKenzie has been admitted to Hollywood Repat. Hospital for tests on a number of problems. The old "Bomber" has been pretty poorly of late but Mary's professional ministrations have kept him going. Mary decided it was time to seek medical help and she is so right; our love to you for that. Good luck Gerry and best wishes from all for a quick recovery to good health.

VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS MONITORING COMMITTEE

The Federal Government established the Monitoring Committee on the 18th May 1987.

The committee will review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Veterans' Entitlements Act and report back to the Government within a year.

To enable it to operate successfully the committee is seeking the assistance of ex service organisations by way of written submissions. The Australian Commando Association of which our Association is a member will be presenting a consolidated submission on behalf of the commando associations. The submission is required to be lodged by 31st August 1987.

Individual members who may have a problem or consider they may have something to contribute can write directly to the monitoring committee at **P.O. Box C129 Clarence St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000**. In the case of individual members the closing date for submissions of the 30th November, 1987.

CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

Albury 2640
24 July 1987

Dear All

June and I are having our usual winter North of Albury, and yesterday we got into Qld. without a pass port.

On the way up we had a couple of weeks at Yanka on the Clarence River, had a few minutes with Mrs Laidlaw, she is fine and well organised.

Ballina was next stop, we had a week here saw Babe and Nancy Teague. Babe under instructions had to lose weight and has done a good job and looks a picture of good living.

The day before leaving we received mail from home which was the June print of the Courier and was surprised to see Sid Jones had moved to Ballina.

We tried to find him at the address shown in the Courier, at 78 Fox St, but on the front of the building was *Ballina Special School*, anyway I went in and got to the Secretary's office and admitted I was in the wrong place, the young fellow was very co-operative as he said his dad was a Commando in England.

Anyway a phone call to Ballina R.S.L. Nursing Home found Sid, he had been to Lismore Hospital, had a kidney removed and then convalesced at the R.S.L. house.

So for your next Courier please -

S.J.H. Jones (Sid)
c/- (Son) R. Jones
98 Fox Street (Opp. K-Mart)
Ballina

By the way, Sid's mail had been returned to the P.O., so would you please send a June Courier to the amended address.

Hope all sick members are on the improve, see you all at the Phillip Island Camp.

Yours sincerely,

Denny Dennis

CALLING 'A' PLATOON IN TIMOR

Below is a letter from David Dexter seeking information from any member of the above who can remember a Creado called "KEIBERE". The letter and attachment will explain the situation. If you can throw any light on this contact David direct:

48 Froggatt Street,
Turner, A.C.T. 2601

Dear Archie,

Time sure gallops at this stage of life. It seems only yesterday that we received your delightful letter after your visit to "Johland", but it was really over a year ago, now you have done the right thing by adding the Presidency to the Editorship.

It is in your hydro capacity that I send the attached copy of a letter from TONY COSTA PACHEO about the wish of his father, KEIBERE to immigrate. My problem is that I can't place KEIBERE! As the 'A' Pl. boys will recall, my two creados were the little immortals, MAULURI and MOTOR CAR (MALITALA), neither of whom could I trace later through my foreign affairs colleagues of old during stints as Consul in Didi.

During the last tumultuous months on Timor several Timorese did join the platoon and among them may have been KEIBERE. Would you kindly try to find out whether any of the old platoon can place him. I do not want to go off half-cocked before making an approach to Immigration.

That was a fine effort by Col and I look forward to him doing a "FACEY". I trust you and all my other chums are in the pink. I'm writing this from our South Coast cottage at DURRAS where I'm picking up after the spell in hospital for "ticker tinkering"; it's much warmer than Canberra at this time of year.

Freda joins me in wishing you all the best.

David Dexter.

P.S. The cheque is for the Courier, which I concluded after some research at the War Memorial a little while ago, rivals anything else of its kind in Australia. D.D.

Tony Costa Pacheco
177 Priam Street
Chester Hill,
N.S.W.

Carnarvon W.A.
24/6/87

Dear Mr Dexter

First of all I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is TONY COASTA PACHECO, son of MR KEIBERE, if you can remember one of your Creardo during Second World War in EAST TIMOR.

My father has contacted me by telephone in order to contact you to request your assistance with the Immigration Department for (him) or MR KEIBERE and his family to come to Australia as a family reunion.

Well Mr Dexter this is all for now I look forward to see you or hear from you and I hope you can help my father

Yours Sincerely

Tony Costa Pacheco.

My father present name: BRAULIO PACHECO MORONHA

My mother present name: CLARA CONCEICAO MORONHA.

My father's name during Second World War is:- KEIBERE.

I hope you remember.

Sydney, N.S.W.
3/7/87

I just have to tell someone some good news and who better than my long standing mates in the 2/2nd. I have not been able to make a firm commitment regarding the March 86 Safari because there was a distinct possibility that about that time I would have to be hooked up to a kidney machine three times a week. However, my last test a few days ago revealed that my kidney disease had stabilized and I am pretty sure the good results are due to alternative medicine.

I will wait and see the results of my next two tests over the next four or five months and this will determine my travel arrangements for the next few years.

Enclosed is a donation for Courier.

Regards,

Merv. Jones.

Just a few lines (as usual). I really am remiss when it comes to putting pen to paper but have finally got there.

Am sending a cheque for Col Doig's History of the 2nd Independent Company. There is \$20 to cover the book plus postage and the rest can be used for whatever the Committee thinks fit.

I had a very pleasant surprise recently when I answered the phone and it was Allan Hollow calling. I couldn't remember when I had a talk to him last and it was great to hear from him. We had quite a lot to say to each other.

Am keeping in fairly good health and spirits. As a matter of fact I haven't had the time to be anything else since I retired over three years ago. Have had the job of Secretary of the Bowling Club and that keeps me busy. We have just finished our annual carnival where we have 312 bowlers every day for eight days bowling.

Regards,

Albie Friend.

Pascoe Vale Vic
5/7/87

A few lines to let you know I was in Perth a couple of weeks ago.

I went down to Mandurah and spent a few pleasant hours with Len Bagley and Betty.

Also I took Scotty's Discharge Book, Leave Book and a couple of other things up to Jess Epps who looked after me well. Jess took me to see Gerry McKenzie and Mary and we spent a couple of pleasant hours together. Thanks to all.

I was pleased to catch up with Jim Smailes to thank him for the kind words he wrote about Scotty in the Courier.

Am enclosing a donation.
All the best to all members.

Jock Taylor.

Mona Vale, N.S.W.

Dear People of the 2/2nd,

Every time I receive the Courier I get the urge to talk to as many as I can - the same feeling we all get when we must see a certain or all members of our family. Receiving the Courier brings all the feelings you ever felt about one another, all the Safaris you did and didn't attend, all the times you saw each and every special mate and the times you wish you had dropped everything and made that special effort to go and see that old so and so!

Sometimes, of course, you call or go to a Mini Safari and a bloke named Keith Craig tries to choke you with a decent yarn just as you have a mouthful of glorious food and then blames the visitor.

What a great feeling to call on people like Reg and Dot who make me feel as if I am coming home to my family. Of course Reg doesn't know I can read his lips when he says in an aside to Dot "Oh not again, why me?", but he still makes it look good.

Who could forget one night during Safari 83 when a group of us went to Mal Herbert's place and Fred Broadhurst enlightened us about Mal and the esteem in which he held him and didn't

hold anything against him after all this time. After all, he was not very experienced with leaders as he had not had very many. It's strange what gives me migraine, but heavy laughing does.

My feelings nearly always get the best of me when I see Harry Sproston. In the short time we were together in Timor Harry and I shared so much that as far as I am concerned I consider him as I guess a brother would.

Vince Swann and I always feel comfortable together and I suppose we all have this feeling in some form or other and in different degrees. This can often be seen in a letter mentioning certain ones we wish to know about, or a phone call telling us about a certain fellow because someone remembers we were great mates.

In short, what I am saying is that we must be the only Unit Association to feel the way we do about each other, officers and men of the 2/2nd Independent Coy and Commando Squadron. There are many more and I enjoy seeing them all but I guess time waits for no man.

Yours always,

Ron Trengrove.

Mandurah, 6210
July, 1987

In May Betty and I packed up our trusty Falcon and drove overland, in convoy with another couple, to South Australia. The weather was perfect for travelling and we enjoyed the trip very much. We met up with our friends in Albany where we stayed overnight, proceeded to Esperance for another overnight and then we were really on our way. It took 2½ days, with overnight stops at Mundrabilla and Wudina, to reach Murray Bridge where brother Fred from Canberra joined us and we boarded the houseboat 'Flipper 2', a luxurious 60' x 20' craft beautifully fitted and furnished, with absolutely everything necessary for our comfort and enjoyment. After very sketchy instructions on the handling of this magnificent vessel we were on our way up the Murray River for a really relaxing holiday. We all took our turn on the wheel and covered about 40 miles a day at the leisurely pace of 6 m.p.h., allowing everyone to enjoy the magnificent scenery and peace of this mighty river. If anyone is looking for a holiday with a difference we can thoroughly recommend a cruise on 'Flipper 2'. **Everything** is provided - you simply bring your own food and refreshments.

After ten lazy days on the Murray we followed brother Fred to Canberra to spend another happy holiday with him. The warmth of his welcome compensated for the low, low temperatures that we experienced. Although the mornings were very cold and foggy, the days were sunny and there was no wind which was a

treat for us, being so accustomed to strong breezes every day in Perth. We were kept busy enjoying sights of our National Capital. Although unable to see over the new Parliament House we did visit the old one where we sat in the visitors' gallery for question time in the House of Representatives. Quite an experience!! One of the highlights was a two hour Lake Burley Griffin scenic cruise which allowed us to view the buildings etc while enjoying a very interesting and informative commentary.

From Canberra we had a pleasant and easy drive to Griffith where we were fortunate to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of Roy and Joyce Martin for a couple of days. They made us so welcome and of course we had lots of laughs and really enjoyed our time with them Roy and I visited Alf and Joy Hodge and spent a couple of happy hours yarning.

From Griffith another pleasant drive down the Murray Valley Highway through Echuca, with an overnight at Swan Hill where we had a good look around and met some very nice people - a really happy town.

On to Adelaide to spend the weekend with an old friend of mine and then off on the homeward run. The weather continued to be kind and we made good with overnight stops at Ceduna and Balladonia with a long drive the next day to Mandurah. Thanks to very caring neighbours everything at home was in good order and condition and of course we were happy to be home safe and sound.

We are now eagerly looking forward to our Country Convention at Merredin in September.

Best wishes to all,

Len Bagley.

DONATIONS

Annie Douglas	Merv Jones
I.T. & J.T. Parkin	Ralph Conley
R.H. & N.M. Harvey	N. Mullins
Tom Bateman	George Taylor
Alby Friend	Doug Fullarton.

EX PADDY KENNEALLY'S LIST

Babe Teague	Max Bowden
Vince Walsh	Jim Cullen
Sid Dubber	Norm Demmery
Merv Coles	Keith Waters
Ron Orr	Snow Weir
Col. Knight	Slim Thorpe
Rus Blanch	Mrs N. Fredericks
Bill Holstein	Keith Wilson
Mrs. J. Garland	Des Isenhood
Mrs L. Laidlaw	Frank Sharp
Bill Walsh	Blue Westerweller
	A. Jamieson's sisters

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

Phone number correction:

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