



# **2/2 COMMANDO COURIER**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **ATTENTION W.A. MEMBERS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL**

**AT**

**ANZAC HOUSE 11AM**

**FOLLOWED BY LIGHT SNACK AND REFRESHMENTS**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

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### **1988 SAFARI—PHILLIP ISLAND**

**FRIDAY 18TH MARCH TO MONDAY 28TH MARCH**

**RETURN YOUR GREEN APPLICATION FORM FOR  
BOOKING OF ACCOMMODATION IMMEDIATELY.**

**VICTORIA NEED TO KNOW 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE**

**DO NOT BE DISAPPOINTED—DO IT NOW!!**

# 1988 SAFARI NEWS

Under the leadership of Tom Nisbet small committees are attending to various aspects such as entertainment, transport, costing, accommodation, etc.

So far, two meetings of the whole committee have been held with sub-committees reporting on their ideas and progress. These will continue with the need for monthly meetings becoming apparent.

The Safari has aroused a general enthusiasm among Victorian members, some, who have not been seen for several years, attending our recent pre-Christmas barbecue at Jock Campbell's lovely property at Pearceedale. One enthusiastic member donated \$750 towards Safari funds as well as paying his \$50 deposit for his accommodation!

**Accommodation:** Units and flats with cooking facilities are filling rapidly so any persons wanting this form of accommodation should apply early. It is most important that an order of preference (1, 2, 3, 4) be shown on the application form so that suitable alternative placement can be made if the first or second choice is no longer available.

The on-site caravans at the KALOHA Caravan Park are strongly recommended, accommodating from 2-8 persons. The larger vans, complete with aluminium annexe normally take from 6-8 people, and would be very comfortable and reasonable for 2 or 4 adults for a cost of \$25 per night at present.

The application form should have listed a space for those with their own vans. Those wishing to reserve a site for their own van so far have stated "Own Van" in the space at present occupied by "On-site Van". This appears to be a satisfactory compromise for this omission and should be continued.

Members attending the Safari as at 7/1/87:-

Ron & May Goodacre

Keith & Betty Craig

Jess Epps

Ted & Di Cholerton, Julie & Pat

Arch & Dawn Claney

John & Jean Fowler

Harry & Olive Botterill

Wilma Tobin

John & Cath Roberts

Fred & Mavis Broadhurst

John & Shirley Southwell

Keith & Betty Dignum

Fred & Phyllis Bryant

Roy & Joyce Martin

Len Bagley

Betty Illsley

Bill & Coral Coker

Betty Devlin

Colin & Olive Hodson

Ernie & Verna Bingham

Dulcie Ryan

Bill & Eileen Sharp

George & Dot Veitch

Ron & Nan Dook

Denny & June Dennis

Edna & Doug Fullarton

Several others have stated their intention to attend but have not yet paid their deposit. It must be emphasised that a booking can only be made on receipt of a deposit.

Leith Cooper

Hon. Secretary

## MINI SAFARI AT YOUNG

### A GRAND YEARLY EVENT AT THE CRAIG'S

**YOUNG. SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7th & 8th  
MARCH, 1987.**

**FRIDAY 6th.**

**Lunch & Dinner—Craig's. 43 Edward Street,  
for anyone who is arriving early.**

**SATURDAY 7th.**

**Bar-B-Q. 12.30 p.m. on!!**

**OFFICIAL DINNER 7.30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 8th.**

**Bar-B-Q. 12.30 p.m. on!!**

**Smorgasboard at Craig's 7 p.m.**

**MONDAY 9th.**

**Morning tea or lunch available for anyone who  
calls.**

### ACCOMMODATION

**CARAVAN PARK.** Van Sites. \$7.00 night for 2 people.

Overnight Vans. \$18.00 for 2 people.

(Own Blankets, sheets, pillows and towels.)  
(Something for breakfast.)

**MOTELS.** Cherry Blossom. \$39.00 double.

\$10.00 extra person. Zouch St. Young.

Colonial. B. & B. \$54.00 double. \$27.00 single.  
Zouch St.

Cherry Blossom will give reduction on 3 nights accommodation. (All accommodation is one (1) block from Craig's.) All in Zouch St. Young. 2594.

**NOTE:**

Because of the rise in accommodation, and as most of you travel by car, may we suggest you throw in a blanket, sheets, etc. and use the Caravan Park. You will only need something light for breakfast, and all items necessary, jugs, crockery, cutlery etc. are in the vans, and they are very clean. Will leave it to you to choose your accommodation.

Would you all please book your own accommodation. Mention you are at 2/2 Safari when booking. Please advise us if you are coming—for catering purposes. We will pay for food and dinner, and everyone can pay their share of the final cost. Please supply your own drinks at the Bar-B-Q. It would be appreciated if the ladies could bring a slice or biscuits etc. for the cuppa's and afters.

All sports are available at Young. Times for all church Services will be available from me, when you arrive.

If anyone is coming from Sydney by train, the XPT leaves Central about 12 noon, arrives Young, via Bus from Harden 5.15 p.m. approx. Runs each day, except Sunday. You will be met at Young Railway Station, if you let us know you are coming by train. Bus leaves Young for Harden about 10.45 a.m. Monday to Saturday.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT YOUNG IN MARCH, 1987, AND THAT YOU WILL ENJOY THE MINI SAFARI AS MUCH AS IN OTHER YEARS. BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL.

KEITH & BETTY CRAIG.

## "HISTORY OF 2 INDEPENDENT COMPANY AND 2/2nd COMMANDO SQUADRON"

Compiled by C.D. Doig

The above book should be available to members by the end of January 1987.

Distribution is somewhat of a difficult factor, therefore the following procedure has been adopted.

1. Cost of book, including distribution, is \$15.00 per copy.
2. Initially the book will be confined to one (1) copy per subscriber, due to the fact the first edition is limited to 500 copies.
3. Where possible, distribution will be by hand to minimise postal costs which are prohibitive.

4. Where it is not possible to distribute copies by hand they will be posted. In this way the by-hand distribution will be subsidising those which have to be posted.
5. Comments by readers would be appreciated by the Compiler at 77 Rosedale Street, Floreat Park, W.A. 6014
6. A loose leaf application form is in this issue of the Courier. Please utilise.

## REUNION LUNCHEON:

An attendance of 40 members at our annual luncheon held in October was most encouraging. Our guests were Lieut. Col. Terry Nolan (The C.O.), Major Andy Leahy, and R.S.M. W.O.I. Terry O'Farrell, all from the S.A.S. Regiment. Our good friend Costa represented the East Timorese Association. The old maestro Col Doig took over his customary role as toastmaster and set the mood for a relaxing luncheon with a few new stories and some of his oldies which are always worth hearing again. John Burridge ably proposed the toast to the unit and association and Jack Carey that of our guests. Terry Nolan responded on behalf of the Regiment as did Costa for the Timorese.

Country members who attended were Bill Rowan-Robinson, Stan Sadler, Ernie Bingham, Reg Harrington, Geoff Swann and Lou Thompson. All looked fit and well—there must be something in that country air. It was also Lou's 80th birthday and all present had much pleasure in drinking his health followed by a rousing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". It was good to see, as Lou has been a great supporter of our main functions over many years.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a delightful party it was, in every way. Our ladies, beautifully dressed and groomed, set the pattern. They were a joy to behold and determined to make this a memorable day. They certainly succeeded in that.

No one needed to wish the other "A Merry Christmas" for the spirit was there from the moment over 50 of our Association members entered the door at 11.30 a.m. until the last drink was served at 2.30 p.m. We had well over an hour before lunch to mingle with each other, discussing all sorts of subjects and what happiness and joy permeated the entertainment room at the Anzac Club in Perth.

The catering by the Anzac Club left not a thing to be desired and the smorgasboard that appeared left no doubt that our Christmas lunch for the ladies was going to be a highlight day. It was exactly that.

Our President, Doug Fullarton, welcomed the ladies, thanked them for their grand support and wished them all the very best of luck over the Festive Season. He hoped too that 1987 would be a bumper year for all. Doug, with his economy of words says it all so very well.

Len Bagley was Master of Ceremonies and he proved how good Doug is at the art of delegation by calling on Archie Campbell to propose the toast to our ladies.

Archie eulogised the ladies of the 2/2nd for their tremendous contribution over the years, their faith in us, their loyalty, their understanding and the love that accompanied their support in all our endeavours. We were not a passive group of men, we all loved life and lived it to its full. They waited for us from war-time years through to our peacetime activities, they were always there when we needed them most. That cemented a great affinity between each and everyone and it was so apparent over the whole Unit. Today, with time to spare, we can fete our ladies in many ways as a symbol of all they have meant to us over the years. We love them very much indeed.

Included in this, of course, all the widows of our old mates, who continue to support our Association and they in their sad losses, and no doubt loneliness, are a part of us all. We admire their spirit in the acceptance of adversity. The warmth of our welcome to them will never fade, they will remain an integral part of our Association.

Responding to the toast of our Ladies, which the boys drank to heartily then sang with gusto "For they are jolly good fellows", was Edna Fullarton, the wife of our President. Edna thanked the Association for putting on the Christmas Party and everyone for coming, wished everyone "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" and finished with an emotional few words "We ladies love you all."

What better way to bring to a close our 1986 Christmas Party—one of the best ever and we all enjoyed each other's company as we always do. Pray God that it will always be so.

"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year"—this is our wish to the 2/2 Association Australia wide.

## **MRS. MARY McKENZIE— ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER**

The prelude to our wonderful Christmas Party was the news that Mary McKenzie was to be the recipient of an Associate Life Membership. Our President, Doug Fullarton, made this announcement and called Mary forward to receive the Badge of recognition.

Doug praised Mary for the tremendous job of work she has done for the Association over the years, more particularly in her role as an important link in the Courier production team.

Mary's contribution to the 2/2nd Association has been one of high order and dedication to the enth degree. Without her meticulous recording the system would not function with the efficiency it does. She is one of the quiet achievers, goes along without any fanfare and from that quiet approach of real endeavour emerges a job of work well done. Gerry McKenzie is the leader of the team and he knows the time and effort Mary puts into the production of the Courier and he was so proud that the 2/2nd saw fit to honour Mary with a Life Membership so thoroughly deserved.

The response from Mary, encouraged by President Doug, was a shy emotional "thank you everyone". Well done Mary—with your staunch support we can all say:—

**"LONG LIVE THE COURIER"**

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## **AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR**

Our readers will be pleased to know that one of our local "Sandgroper" members, namely, Phillip Gerard (Gerry) Maley, Yokine (WA) was awarded the "Medal of the Order of Australia" (AOM) in Australia Day Honours, this year.

The citation says, for community services (particularly to ex-servicemen and women). Those of us and the large numbers of members of the T.P.I. Association who Gerry assisted in their battle for recognition of justice with Veterans Affairs Department are aware that this award has been well earned. Courier says congratulations and many thanks, Gerry.

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## APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE TIMORESE ASSOCIATION

There were no doubts in the minds of Doug Fullarton, Jack Carey, Ray Aitken and Gerry Maley when they told the members of the East Timorese Association on 25 October 1986 that they were confident that an appeal to 2/2 Commando Association members for financial aid in their continuing quest for self-determination must succeed. How right they were has been clearly evidenced by the magnificent and immediate response.

That they have not yet presented their case to the United Nations forum is not due to any lack of co-operation on our part, nor is it due to a lack of endeavour on the part of the East Timorese. The delay is due to protocol in the office of the U.N. Secretary-General and delays in reports that have been called for both on the questions of self-determination and of human rights in East Timor.

The local representative, Domingos De Oliveira, arranged a further meeting on 24 January, when Doug Fullarton, Jack Carey and Gerry Maley met three East Timor Association members to receive an up-dating of the situation. It is clear that the need for assistance will extend for some time as it is impossible for the East Timorese to handle it on their own. With most of their countrymen who are in Portugal being victims of unemployment and unable to help financially, the approximately 24 000 residing in Australia are doing their utmost but a considerable gap is left and it falls upon us who they regard as friends to do our utmost to bridge that gap.

We are convinced that they should be assisted to press for their goals of self-determination and human rights, and we are keeping the appeal open so that you may continue to show your support.

Gerry Maley  
Liaison Officer

## RESULT OF TIMORESE APPEAL A TONIC TO RAY AITKENS HEART

Ray's letter re the above says it all so read on:

Dear Arch,

May I take this opportunity of recording my great delight in my fellow members and my pride in being a member of our Association.

If a letter stating that a contribution is of little use but it is felt that it will please our friends the Timorese can result in the donation of thousands of dollars, it is a cause for pride.

I have been in hospital recently with a dickie heart but the appeal result was a tonic.

Regards—Ray Aitken

### Editor

Everyone will share your letter Ray via the Courier, plus the thoughts contained therein. They too will wish you a speedy recovery from your problem and a return to strength. We all admire your deep interest in the welfare of the Timorese over all the years. God bless and good luck from all members Australia wide.

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Herewith a report on our last quarterly and Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd November at the Arncliffe R.S.L. Club. This meeting had been postponed from September because Alan was away in Queensland and several others were indisposed and for the first time in our history we were unable to raise a quorum.

However, with Alan back and the other regulars sparking we had a very good roll up including a very welcome visitor in Pat da Luz who was able to give us his views on the Timorese appeal.

The appeal was discussed at length and although we cannot be confident that the proposed delegation would meet with any success we were all fully agreed that we should support them. To this end a motion was put and carried that members forward their contributions to Gerry Maley and also write to Bill Hayden or their local member urging for action to be taken.

The following officers were elected for 1987:—

President	Alan Luby
Vice Presidents	Bill Coker, Mick Mannix & John Went
Secretary/Treasurer	Jack Hartley
Assistant Secretary	Paddy Kenneally
Auditor	Bill Hoy
Committee	All present

I regret to report the passing, after a long illness, of Cyril Beavis who died at his home on the 28th October and was cremated at Woronora Cemetery on Friday, 31st October. Cyril was a foundation member of the Heathcote R.S.L. sub-branch and club and for many years was Club Secretary and also for a long period was President of the sub-branch. The President of the sub-branch, who gave

the eulogy and the many members who paid their last respects spoke very highly of the wonderful work Cyril had performed for the sub-branch and people of the Heathcote district. In his business life Cyril had been Secretary of the French Bank and spent much of his time overseas. He was also a director of the Festival Record Company, so his 72 years of life were lived to the full. The Unit was represented by Alan Luby, Jack Hartley, Snowy Went, Ron Hilliard and Mick Mannix.

To Cyril's widow Ivy, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Those members who can recall our early associations with the Arncliffe R.S.L. will be saddened to hear of the passing of "Ma" English, much loved mother of Jimmy who, with husband Peter, opened their home and hearts to us all for many an Anzac Day. There was always a bowl of soup and a fillet of bream for any of the 2/2 who accepted their hospitality after the march. To Jean, Pauline and Greg, our sympathy in their sad loss.

Our Christmas Party for this year will be held in conjunction with the Combined Commando Association at the Paddington R.S.L. on Tuesday, 16th December, commencing at 11.30 a.m. All are welcome to attend with wives or girl friends.

Jack Hartley

## OUR MICK MORGAN HITS THE HEADLINES

Who more than this grand member of the 2/2nd Commando Association deserves to have the accolade of being one of the outstanding "FREO PEOPLE" during and combined with, all the publicity surrounding the America's Cup Challenge, for his whole life has centred around the City of Fremantle.

Mick was a fine soldier in any man's language and his service to the 2/2nd in war and peace second to none. His bravery was rewarded with an M.I.D., but above everything he was held in the highest esteem by all his mates as a real man's man. That affection covered the full duration of his five years service, most of it spent in action with the 2/2nd and his beloved 'B' Platoon.

Mick married Jean Campbell, Archie's sister and they had two fine youngsters, Janet and John. They now have two grandsons who are the light of their lives and there to carry on the Morgan tradition.

Mick was the life of every party during and after the war and his contribution in keeping the 2/2nd Commando Association alive at all our functions is now history.

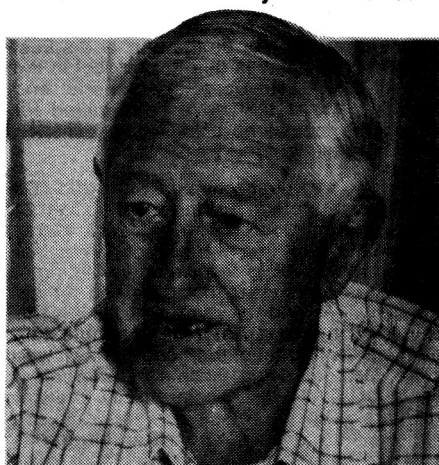
Read on as we dip our lids to one of nature's gentlemen, Harry John Morgan, affectionately known to us all as Mick. God bless him.

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By MIKE MULLANE



MICK MORGAN: "There was always something to do."

**Fremantle is the only place in the world Mick Morgan wants to live. And that's exactly what he has done for his entire life.**

Born in Northam 74 years ago, Mick came with his family to South Fremantle when he was a few months old and the port has been his home ever since.

"Except for five years during the war, Fremantle has been my base," he said. "I've seen changes galore but nothing like what has happened in the past 12 months."

"I think the Cup has been a wonderful thing for Fremantle. Although there's not much available for locals at the moment, I'm sure all that will change after February when the tourists fade away and Fremantle will settle down again."

Mick's first real port job came when he was employed by Pellews at the age of 14. He left there 22 years later, having risen through the ranks.

## War

His stay at Pellews was interrupted by the war, in which he saw action in Timor, New Guinea and New Britain with the 2/2 WA Commando Squadron.

"Timor was the worst," said Mick. "For 12 months we were trapped in the jungles and mountains, cut off from our main division and living it pretty rough."

"Eventually a Dutch destroyer saved the day and finally got us out of there."

During his five years with the 2/2 squadron Mick managed a couple of trips home and on the last of these he was married.

After the armistice Mick changed jobs and began working as a tally-clerk with the Fremantle Port Authority, a position in which he stayed until he retired in 1977.

"Immediately after the war the port was unbelievably busy," he said. "It was during that time that the phrase 'The Rottnest Queue' was coined as so many ships would be waiting outside the harbour to get in."

In 1954 Mick and his young family pioneered the settlement of Daly Street.

"We were the first to take advantage of living in Daly Street," he said.

It was just a limestone hill owned by Portland Cement, which didn't think it was worth excavating. So when the land became available we bought a block and built our house for 4500 pounds."

## Sought-after

Today Daly Street is one of Fremantle's most sought-after locations. Set high on a limestone ridge, Mick's home commands sweeping views of Fremantle and the Indian Ocean.

Before the war Mick was a keen sportsman who played football for the South Fremantle Ex-Scholars and the St Paul's Football Club.

"Fremantle was a great place to grow up in," he said. "There was always something to do."

"Dancing was everyone's main form of entertainment in Fremantle. Both the East and South Fremantle football clubs and the Claremont Football Club held dances."

"I learned to dance at a small dancing studio in Market Street. The studio was run by Vera Stewart and Dolly Ship."

"Classes were held on a Friday night. After you thought you knew the steps you built up a bit of courage and asked one of the girls if she would like to dance."

"There was no television in those days, so Fremantle was full of good dancers."

These days Mick tends to live his life at a relaxed pace.

"I just take it easy now," he said. "The streets are a little bit more dangerous than they used to be, so I don't make a point of doing any late-night window shopping."

## VALE—FREDERICK WILLIAM NAPIER

It is my humble duty to report, with deep regret, the death on 5th January 1987 of Fred Napier, at the age of 82 years, after a long and tiring illness.

Fred was an original member of our Unit, joining 8 Section on inception. He was a good reliable soldier and possibly the instigator of the 'Creado' system of having a Timorese boy to carry his pack etc and look after him in general. He contracted tropical ulcers on his shins and lived with these for the rest of his life. He was declared "B" Class after the Timor campaign and went elsewhere and was discharged fairly early in the piece.

Fred married Glad MacDonald, a war widow with three boys, soon after discharge and they had a daughter, Betty. They were among the original dwellers at City Beach and took a great interest in affairs of that area, especially the Surf Club.

Before joining the Army Fred worked in the mining business after migrating to Australia at an early age. Because of his disabilities he could not go back to mining after discharge and trained under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, firstly as a musical instrument and later as a bricklayer. His long back was not equal to this task and he was employed by the Public Works Department as a print maker in the Architectural Department, a job he held until his retirement some 17 years ago.

He was an early committee man in our Association and also held the office of Treasurer in 1957-58-59 and Secretary in 1964-65, and Vice President in 1972. He was a really long term Committee man, and was made a Life Member in 1964.

Fred was an excellent entertainer at all our early functions and will be remembered for his renditions of 'TINKA-TAR' and 'PUDDIN'. He also introduced to the Association Ted & Beryl Witell who entertained us on many occasions.

He was an original member of the Floreat Park Bowling Club and Glad was among the Lady Champions of that Club. They both

followed the Claremont Football Club in a big way.

Fred's health was never good and he spent a lot of time in Hollywood Repatriation Hospital. Apart from his ulcerated legs he had a minor stroke and eventually this incapacitated him to a large extent.

I remember tyhe numerous occasions we were guests at his home, especially on New Years Days, and the fun we had together.

I personally say a sad farewell to dear Fred who meant so much to me over many years and one deep regret is that he was not able to receive a copy of the History of the Unit, as he was avidly looking forward to its production.

The Unit wishes to extend very sincere sympathy to Fred's daughter Betty and his two step-sons.

The Unit was well represented at Fred's funeral by 45 members, wives and widows.

Vale Fred Napier one of the world's best blokes.

Col Doig

Members who attended Fred's funeral were: G. Maley, J. Carey, A. Campbell, M. Morgan, D. Fullarton, S. McKinley, J. Wicks, J. Smailes, J. Hason, J. Burnedge, R. Kirkwood, S. Rogers, D. Studdy, C. Gorton, G. McKenzie, A. Martin, J. Fowler, N. Scott, D. Turton, C. Sadler, M. Wheatley, W. March, G. Fletcher, C. Credde, J. Haire, A. Blundy, K. Hayes, P. Epps, Mesdames J. Loudon, N. Hasson, J. Fletcher, L. March, J. Epps, M. Smailes.

## VALE—WILLIAM (SCOTTY) TAYLOR

There are two factors which most writers of the history of the Second A.I.F. have overlooked, or at least have not emphasised; One was that it was a hard core of O.R.s and Junior Officers who gave it character, and carried the can when things were tough, to see a job through when often hope was gone. The second factor was, that nearly all, or most of these men were the product of two very hard decades of post-war and depression years. Many were from the out-back; miners, farmers, shooters and general battlers. Men who had grown up in hard times, on a diet of hard work, little or no pay, and had tasted the bitterness of failure and defeat in civilian life. Our Second Independent Company from its inception in 1941, had more than a sample of this breed of man, and Corporal William Taylor was typical of this solid hard core.

Born into the austere, thrifty and dour life of a Scottish crofter in 1914 he grew up in a very tough environment, and early learnt self

defence and survival in the hurly-burly of school-boy Soccer, a game in which he was to excel at all levels of play. Migrating with his grandparents at about the age of 15 to the Group Settlements at Margaret River in Western Australia, he soon experienced the rigours of hard work, long hours, poverty and isolation. Clearing land, milking cows, grubbing stumps and general farm work, seven days per week was not easy, and left little time for his beloved Soccer or further education. He did develop into a player of note, and in the late thirties had advanced to the stage of playing for not only country teams, but graduated to the city, where he was able to play for Victoria Park for several seasons. Thus he obtained employment in the Perth area, and able to follow his sport up to his enlistment in the Army in 1940.

Scotty applied for, and was accepted into the first contingent of men who were drafted to Wilsons Promontory for the second Cadre of June 1941. When the big intake of men came from the West in July, Scotty became a Corporal in charge of what was to be No. 8 Section in "C" Platoon. It was from here on that I became associated with him, sharing a tent with him and four others, climbing those mountains and forests of the Prom, and generally learning the rudiments of warfare, survival and human nature. I had had a similar background and up-bringing to Scotty, and understood his attitude to men and authority. He was a man in the middle, who could take orders and give orders. He commanded respect but did not demand it. He handled older and cunning men with tact, yet helped and encouraged the young and not so experienced men. He new when to exert pressure and when to ease off, and quickly picked the sheep from the goats. This of course led onto further training and eventually to Timor, where as we were all to know, there was little to share and many lesons to be learned in human nature, mateship and responsibility. We got to know each other in a very special way, and many souls were bared, and personalities revealed. This is also where Scotty always did more than his share of scrounging for food, guard duties, or going hungry when there was little to share. One night I recall during a violent thunderstorm, sheltering in a crude thatch hut and almost impossible to get any sleep, Scotty came in after his two hour duty at 2 a.m. and seeing his relief sound asleep, simply returned to his post and did the next two hours for this young lad. These gestures are of course never written into records, nor known to officialdom, but to me they showed the true man of compassion, and a giant for sharing the burden and carrying the can.

Scotty suffered greatly from Malaria and ulcers, and at times should have rested rather than push on with a patrol or duties to which

he had been assigned. He would never ask anyone to go into a place or situation where he would not venture first, and displayed extreme caution wherever needed. He did have his troubles with authority, but never shrank from doing the right thing when a duty indicated. He despised some men concerning incidents of neglect or oversight, and had little time for slackers and smart answers. He was terribly upset over the deaths of Smeaton and Thomas almost at the end of a year without loss in the Section. He wrote me a note together with some private papers of George Thomas, to deliver to his parents in Boulder if I should get home, and try to find somebody who knew Smeaton. He felt that the lives of the Section had been saved by the sacrifice of these two mates. I was able to do this in the first case, but Andy was a Fairbridge boy and from Dr. Barnadoes Homes in England.

Scotty was taken off Timor in the first batch by the "Tjerk Hedes", and after much medical treatment, eventually attended an Officers School and in due time graduated with a Commission. He was now being paid for what he had been doing for months. As a Lieutenant he saw further service in New Guinea with the 2nd/5th Independent Company, and was demobilised when peace came. Why he returned to the British Isles was never explained, but he and his brother did conduct a sporting goods store in Bristol for many years with reasonable success. Several members of our Association tried to contact him while on visits to the U.K. during the 1970's, but in most cases he had moved on without leaving an address. In recent years his brother gave Scotty's address to the Association, and at least two members wrote to him. These were acknowledged but never answered personally due to failing health. He died on December 12th 1986 at the age of 72.

Scotty was a rare type of man, a loner in many ways, said little but thought a lot, and was usually pretty near the truth in his opinions. He was of very clean and sober habits, and reflected his hard and relentless background and upbringing. His type were the salt of the earth and the backbone of our success as a fighting unit. Vale Scotty, your duty nobly done.

Jim Smailes

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## VALE— CYRIL HENRY BEAVIS

Cyril Henry Beavis passed away on 29th October 1986 after a long battle against Cancer, at the age of 72.

His body was cremated at the Woranora Crematorium on 30th following an inspiring service, attended by a great number of relatives and friends, many from his Heathcote R.S.L. Sub Branch and Club. 2/2

Commando Association was represented by Alan Lukey, Jack Hartley, Mick Mannil, Ron Hilliard and John Went.

Cyril joined the 2nd A.I.F in 1940 and was posted to 2/1 MEDIUM REGIMENT.

His troop spent about 9 months of 1941 on OCEAN IS. as part of HERON FORCE. They were withdrawn to Holdsworth, re-equipped and sailed to the Middle East.

They returned to Australia in 1942 and were sent to Canungra where he, along with several of his colleagues, joined the 2/2 Commandos Squadron.

Cyril was posted to 9 section with Four Branch and proceeded with the unit to New Guinea. In 1944 he transferred to the Papuan Infantry Brigade as a Sergeant for training indigent soldiers.

From early 1945 he suffered seriously from the effects of Malaria and spent months in and out of hospitals.

In 1947 he took up residence at HEATHCOTE, a southern suburb of Sydney. During 1948 with 7 other ex-servicemen he began the Committee which formed the Heathcote Sub Branch of the R.S.L., obtaining their Charter in 1951.

He held the office of Secretary, unopposed for a period of 29 years, followed by being President for a further 10 years. He held similar positions on the Board of the R.S.L. Club from its inception in 1963.

For his magnificent service the R.S.L. and Club awarded him Life Membership. He had also been presented with the League Certificate of appreciation.

For most of Cyril's working life he was employed by Festival Records and became a Director of the company some years before his retirement.

He is survived by his beloved Ivy, his partner for 41 years.

Lest we forget.

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## RANDOM HARVEST

Alex and Essie Veovodin from Queensland were visitors to W.A. in the latter part of 1986. They have a daughter working at the Burswood Casino.

Alex took the opportunity to renew friendships with his old mates from 6 Section. He met up with Mal Herbert and Reg Harrington. Reg and Dot did the honours and showed Alex and Essie parts of W.A. which Alex reckoned were nearly as good as Joh's country. A river trip to Fremantle was a highlight of the trip. Alex also

met up with Doug Fullarton, Jack Carey, Gerry McKenzie and others at a function at the R.S.L. Club.

Jim Cullen was glad to see the end of 1986. The Kyogle area where Jim lives recorded one of the worst droughts ever, which made the going tough. Better luck in the 1987 Jim.

Thelma and Harry Sproxtton had the privilege of a private audience with Pope John Paul during his brief stay in W.A. His Holiness gave a family blessing to Thelma, Harry and Father Don, and gifts to mark the occasion. It was a wonderful experience and one which they will never forget. Harry is still restricted in his activities and has been missed on the Committee.

Gordon Hart of the 2/4th Commando Association has been in Perth on an interstate jaunt covering a couple of months. He visited Gerry McKenzie and Ray Aitken during his stay here.

Jock Taylor, brother of our dear friend "Scotty" Taylor, wrote to say "Scotty" passed away very peacefully on the 11th December, 1986 in Bristol, England. Jock, God bless him, arranged for a wreath from the 2/2nd and 2/6th Commando Associations to be at the funeral on the 14th December, 1986. See Vale.

Alan and Edith Luby sent Christmas and New Year greetings to all members of the 2/2nd, as did Theo Adams from New Guinea.

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Norma Keenahan, wife of our member Jack, passed away in the early hours of Xmas morning, after a long and severe series of illnesses.

She was cremated at the Pine Gorge Memorial Park on 30th December following a very moving service, attended by friends and relatives, who packed the Park Chapel.

Norma is survived by husband Jack, two sons and a daughter and their families.

May she rest in peace.

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### W.W.C.P.

#### COLIN DOIG

Remains in St. John of God Hospital, his leg ulcer not responding quickly to treatment and had a setback with further infection. Colin is a real stoic and at least came home for Christmas Day. Our very best to you, may your recovery be complete very soon.

Col is now home from hospital.

#### RAY PARRY

Is not 100%, having been subject to a bout of hepatitis. Good luck Ray and our very best to you.

### HARRY SPROXTON

Continues to improve in health and that is great news. With Thelma's ministrations am sure that will continue. God bless, good luck.

### ERNIE BINGHAM

Guess we all thought "Bing" was indestructible. You know he has a broken leg! What bad luck old timer. Knowing your make-up and courage you will soon be back on deck, Verna will see to that with her attention. Best of luck from all the Association Australia wide.

### JERRY HAIRE

Had an operation recently but is now looking better than for quite a few months. "Gentleman" Jerry has a fund of reserve courage and will get back on top of it all. God bless and take care.

### COL HODSON

Was admitted to Hollywood Hospital on the 19th January for an operation to clear an offending melanoma on his leg. Sure you will be fine Col. God speed.

### BOB BURNS

Making a slow recovery from an operation, is in Ward 2A Hollywood. Bob is made of the right stuff and will come back fighting. Good luck from us all Bob.

### CLARRIE VARIAN

Is showing great determination to get on top of a heart problem and is still having periodical checks but, we are sure, slowly winning the battle. Best from all the 2/2nd crew.

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## CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

Como, W.A.

Dear Arch,

I would like to thank Colin Doig for inviting myself and family to the 2/2nd Service in Kings Park. Peter and I thought it rather special. Meeting up with Sigs who knew Jack is very dear to our hearts, as it is for the family to know their father was so well thought of. Next year Bev and Peter will accompany me. Enclosed is a donation to the Courier which we as a family are delighted to receive. A special thank you to you Arch and I trust you are well.

Best wishes from Isobel, Peter, Bev and families. Bye now.

Isobel Servante-McCaul

Singleton, W.A.

Enclosed is a cheque for the Timor Appeal. Sorry for the delay, but the appeal came at a time when we were in the middle of packing and unpacking.



We all sincerely hope that the Timorese can achieve some success in their endeavours for their independence. I wish we could be of more assistance to them as they certainly did their bit for our boys.

We wish them the best of luck.

Yours faithfully,  
Gordon Rowley.

Mandurah, W.A.

Thank you for mailing the Courier to us, we really look forward to receiving it. Please find enclosed donation for the Courier.

My two brothers, Laurie and Neville are at present visiting older brother Dudley in Adelaide. It's a very long time since they have been together so should be enjoying their stay—hope so anyway.

Wishing all members and friends good health and happiness for 1987.

Yours truly,  
Joy & Allan Chatfield.

## VICTORIAN NEWS

Our end of the year function was held at the lovely Pearcedale property of Jock and Faye Campbell on Sunday, 30th November, 1986. It was a beautiful day and we had a very good attendance indeed. Present were:—Harry & Olive Botterill, Ken & Margaret Monk, Bob Snowden (down from Wodonga and stayed with the Monk family), Alf & Gwen Harper, Bluey & Mary Bone, Don & Joan Fryer from Wangaratta, Norm & Fran Tillet, George & Pat Veitch, Alex & Beryl Boast, John & Cath Roberts, Athol Webb, Dulcie Ryan from the West, John & Shirley Southwell, Max & Grace Davies, Peter McCracken, Jack & Julie Fox, Peter Krause and son Kurt, Fred & Mavis Broadhurst, David & Thais Brown, Tom Nisbet, Leith & Marg. Cooper, Bill & Pat Petersen. We had apologies from Mick Wellings, Paul Costello, Wilma Tobin, Bruce McLaren and Bill Tucker.

Very nice to have Dulcie Ryan from the West over here and looking so very well, Bob Snowden from Wodonga looking in good health, likewise the Harpers from Geelong and the Fryers from Wangaratta. They all came a long way and it was great having them. Tom Nisbet, our President, thanked everyone for coming and making it a bumper day. Tom conveyed special thanks to Jock & Faye Campbell for opening up their beautiful property for our 2/2nd function—it was very much appreciated.

The property is in a lovely setting with spacious lawns and very nice gardens, two wild duck ponds, and the beautiful weather enhanced everything, making it a day to remember.

Bill Tucker has just had an operation on his knee which he says was injured in Brisbane during the War. Trust all goes well Bill.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Harry Botterill

## CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

Toowong, Qld.  
2-12-86

Dear Archie,

Guess you are back again ere this from the land where there is almost always "a wee bit of Scottish mist!" Guess you went through the Campbell Castle whilst there—Inverary Castle, Argyll. My wife, son and self went over it seven years ago. Our son has made U.K. his home now for 16 years and, in fact, we went over again in May this year for six weeks but only got to Lake Windermere this time. In fact, it has been Campbell time these last couple of days. Today attended the official opening of the new Queensland H.Q. of the Real Estate Institute of Queensland by the Queensland Governor, Sir Walter Campbell (incidentally, he is related to the Krait Campbell).

Yesterday we had our Christmas get-together at our Paddo Tavern. Hoop organised it and twenty sat down to dinner. It was a very fitting occasion as an end of year celebration and we all enjoyed it and one another's company very much. It was also great to give life member Freddie Bryant a break from the B.B.Q. duties which he seems to cop but as always dearly loves.

Your news of members is looked forward to each issue—you W.A. boys are still doing a wonderful job in soldiering on. Keep it up. With all of the very best Seasonal Greetings to all Courier readers.

Ron Archer

Sorrento, Qld

Our change of address is enclosed. We always spend the winter months in Queensland and, on recommendation by the medicos they feel I will improve in health by living on the Coast permanently.

Lorraine is quite happy with the move but we will both miss our family and friends and I will miss the boys of the 2/2nd in Victoria.

My best wishes to all in the West and keep flying the flag forever.

Bruce McLaren

Young, N.S.W.  
December, 1986

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all—we hope everyone is in good health, as we are pretty well here at present. Keith is not quite as well as he was early in the year, but he is bright, and we have had a busy and enjoyable

year most of the time, so we can't ask for much more. I am kept pretty busy as I now have more to do outside, but so far have been able to manage. Our one setback was that Veteran Affairs turned Keith down for a Disability Pension, but we have re-claimed, and go for a review in late February/early March, so pray for us that they accept this 'Spinocerebellar' as attributed to war service. We have received some wonderful help from some of the boys in the Unit, and we are both very grateful for all everyone has done in any way to try and help. Bill Wade in Sydney is taking the case for us when it comes up for review. It will be held in Canberra and he has asked us both to attend.

We are looking forward now to the 'Mini Safari' at Young on 7th & 8th March, and we hope all will have a wonderful time here.

Our thanks to all who have been so good to us over the year, and it was good to be able to call and see so many. We have had quite a few call here too, and Pady Kenneally has called often, along with Marj. & Ron Goodacre to name a few. We hope over the next week or so to call on Ted & Di Cholerton at Orange and Frank & Phyl Sharp, as we have to make a trip to Gilgandra next week.

Best wishes and love from us all here, and hope all are well, as we are.

Sincerely,

Keith & Betty Craig

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Dulcie Gay  
June Bennett  
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Daphne Wallis

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Carthew  
Krause  
Sadler (Stan)  
McKinley  
Peattie  
Martin  
Chalwell  
March  
Adams (Tony)  
Langridge  
Hartley  
Wilson  
Archer

Smailes  
Campbell (Arch)  
Hudson  
Fowler  
Hasson (Jack & Douglas)  
Andrew  
Tait  
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Carthew  
Cooper  
Bryant  
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Daphne Wallis

#### Messrs

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Rowan-Robinson  
Langridge  
Fowler  
Dignum  
Conley  
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Wellings

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Luby  
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McLaren  
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