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# **2/2 COMMANDO COURIER**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **NORMA HASSON SOCIAL**

**Friday, July 2, 1993  
at Anzac Club**

Refreshments from 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12.30 p.m.

Don't miss this most enjoyable function.

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## **ALBANY COUNTRY CONVENTION**

**August 30 - September 3, 1993**

See April Courier for details

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## **SAFARI 1994 - BUSSELTON, WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**Thursday 7 — Thursday 14th April, 1994**

Proposed Itinerary inside

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## Vale Edward Hennessey Craghill

Eddie Craghill passed away on 8th April 1993, aged 75 years.

Eddie was an original member of 4 Section 'B' Platoon, and trained on Wilsons Promontory. He was an early casualty, being badly wounded through the sciatic nerve in his right shoulder in 'B' Platoon's first action. He was among those evacuated by Catalina Flying Boat early in May, 1942. This was to be the end of Eddie's army career.

Prior to enlistment Eddie was trained as a Plaster Fixer and was the Australian Gold Medal apprentice in his trade for his final year. However, his shoulder wound prevented him returning to his trade as he could not use his arm overhead.

He was accepted during the war years as a Welder Tradesman. He worked for many firms in this capacity, Tomlinsons, Tramways Department, Hume Steel, for most of his post war life, except for a short period as a bus driver for the old Scarborough Bus Service.

Due to extreme illness Eddie was a patient at Lemnos Repat. Hospital for all his last years. His wife pre-deceased him by quite a few years.

While he was able, Eddie took a great interest in Association affairs and regularly attended Annual Reunions.

The Association extends sincere sympathy to his family.

### Col Doig

The Association was represented by the following at Eddie's funeral — Ray Aitken, Colin Doig, Gerry Maley, George Bayliss, Keith Bayes, Harry Sproxton, Wilf March, George Fletcher, Mick Morgan, Don Turton, Ted Monk, John Fowler, Jack Carey and Jack Boardman (2/8th).

## Vale Gordon Allan Chatfield

Our friend, Allan Chatfield, passed away peacefully on 13th April at the age of 74.

Allan was brought up on his parents' farm at South Tammin, with four brothers and one sister. His early life was farming and sport, and in 1942 he joined the 37th Company Army Service Corps. During his army service he was granted seasonal leave to help on the farm.

His great loves were cricket and football and he was a Life Member of both Clubs in

Tammin. Allan's greatest 'A' Grade Country Week cricket score, of which he was very proud, was 196.

In 1953 Allan married Joy Tapper in the Ross Memorial Church in West Perth. They settled on Allan's farm at Tammin and raised a family of three daughters and one son. On retirement the family moved to Perth, then in 1985 Joy and Allan moved to Mandurah to be near their youngest daughter Sheryl and her family. Still a keen sportsman, he joined Dudley Park Bowling Club and became a successful and active club member, playing bowls until illness prevented his further participation. Allan was a loving husband and father, a true sportsman and a friend to all.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Joy and family.

### Len Bagley

The Association was represented at Allan's funeral by Roy Watson, Barbara Goddard, Tony and Gwen Bowers, John Fowler, Ron and Enid McAlpine, Jack and Delys Carey, Gerry Maley, Don Turton, Gordon and Chloe Barnes, Colin Doig, Wilf and Lorraine March, Joan Burns, Don Hudson, Nellie Mullins, Joe Poynton, Len Bagley.

## Vale Charles Pierce

It is with extreme regret that we have to inform of the death of Charles (affectionately known as Pidgin) Pierce on 5th May, 1993 at South Hedland. So passes one of the most courageous person one will ever know. Charlie suffered from diabetes which unfortunately was late in being diagnosed as it was not until he suffered an infected large toe that the complaint was noticed and from then on it galloped. He lost first one leg then the other, and at the end was also practically blind. Through all these problems he remained amazingly cheerful. Nobody ever heard Charlie grumble. A real man among men and a pattern for many to follow.

Charlie joined our Unit from Canungra, was a member of No. 2 Section 'A' Company through the New Guinea and New Britain campaigns, was highly regarded by his mates as a soldier to have in a tight situation.

After the Unit was disbanded Charlie joined B.C.O.F. and served in Japan with the Occupation Forces.

On demobilisation he returned to his home town of Denmark and worked on a farm for a time but eventually he went to Port Hedland in the Iron Country, became a metal tradesman and worked there throughout his career until his diabetes forced him into early retirement.

Charlie took a keen interest in Unit Association

affairs and while in the outer areas was a regular correspondent to the *Courier* and a good financial supporter. He attended many Safaris and was at the 1992 Safari at Port Macquarie with a nurse in attendance. All through that plane trip and coach ride he was cheerful and uncomplaining and really did enjoy the whole show.

He leaves quite a large family and we extend our sincere sympathy to them all in their sad loss.

A truly stoic and courageous chap has gone to a well deserved rest.

Goodbye dear 'Pidgin.'

**Col Doig**

of prospecting for the elusive metal, a profession following in his father's footsteps. Father Sam wrote the book on '*Loaming*,' for the finding of gold.

We extend to his wife Jean and family, our most sincere sympathy on the sudden and sad loss of husband Mervyn.

**Colin Doig.**

Merv's funeral took place in the peaceful surroundings of the Mundaring Cemetery on Thursday, 27th May. The Association was represented by Ted Monk (who recited '*The Ode*'), Wilf and Lorraine March, Colin Doig, Les Halse, George Bayliss, Keith Hayes and Jack Carey.

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## VALE MERVYN C. CASH

Once again it is a sad duty to record the death of another of our members in the person of Merv Cash, who died suddenly on the 21st May, 1993, at his home in Mundaring. He was within 10 days of his 74th birthday. Merv was employed by Dalgety's pre-war and was a member of one of the local Militia Battalions and became an N.C.O. When the call went out for the Cadre prior to the formation of the 2nd Independent Company, Merv responded.

After training on Wilson's Promontory and the unit was formed, Merv became a Corporal in Lt. David Dexter's No. 1 Section, 'A' Platoon. He was a most competent N.C.O. and served throughout the Timor Campaign with No. 1 Section. He was one of the unfortunates who contracted malaria very badly. When the unit reformed at Cunungra, Merv became Sgt. of "A" Troop and served for approximately half the New Guinea campaign and after much stress was invalided out.

After demobilisation Merv returned to Dalgety's and, when our Unit Association was formed, was the 1st Vice President to Jack Denman's Presidency.

Merv left the city to take up dairy farming in the Augusta area and later, he and his wife Jean, took over the well known guest house, Dingle Dell at Augusta. When this was sold and the family moved to the metropolitan area, Merv became Accountant to the firm, Everdure, manufacturers of electric hot water systems.

At this point the Association lost track of his whereabouts for a great length of time and his address was not obtained until just before the Jubilee Dinner in October, 1991 when Jack Carey managed to run it down via the Electoral Roll.

Merv was always somewhat of a "loner" and preferred his own company. It was given to understand that he did a considerable amount

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## ANZAC DAY 1993

The Dawn Service is covered hereunder by Len Bagley and Betty Illsley who have been attending this Service for many years, lending great support to our Presidents and/or wreath layers and their efforts are truly appreciated.

In the cool of the dawn the bugle called out, stirring memories of wars long past and faces long gone.

Thousands of people gathered at the Kings Park War Memorial and stood silently as the lights of Perth below faded slowly into the growing light of the day.

The Memorial was like a magnet, drawing people of all ages and occupations. It seemed to have truly achieved peace. There was no pushing or jostling and hardly a word was whispered. Everyone was united in contemplation of the sacrifices made by thousands of young men and women in war. Some came to remember family and friends, others just to be part of an event which is such a solemn, significant part of Australian life.

At the conclusion of the wreath laying the bugler closed the service with Reveille.

Don Turton laid a wreath on behalf of the Association.

Kind weather prevailed for the Anzac Day Parade and Commemoration Service on the Esplanade, giving the old brigade a new lease on life.

Our President, Bernie Langridge, led the men of the 2/2nd and Ernie Bingham carried our banner (Ernie previously carried the banner 46 years ago). They set the pattern for one of the best marches by the 2/2nd for a number of years, assisted by the Perth Army Band supplying great marching music, with the lad on the kettle drums excelling when the full band had a few respites on the long journey. The men marched magnificently, as they have

always been able to and it appeared that no one worried about a leg or knee problem. Our thanks to the Perth Army Band for their co-operation.

The crowd was large, with a preponderance of young children and teenagers, all giving the troops a great reception. They waved 'Our Flag' with pride and proved that they respect the flag the Australian troops fought under. All it needs is to have the word 'Australia' in bold letters across the bottom of each flag. It would then be truly our own, depicting the 'Land of the Southern Cross.'

At the Commemoration Service there were the familiar hymns and prayers and the address by the President of the R.S.L. in W.A., Mr Jim Hall, hitting a right note with 'The growing numbers of the young and of new Australians at Anzac Day Services is inspiring. While not all understand what arose from the landing, at Gallipoli of Australian troops 78 years ago, they understand the sacrifices involved in wars.'

The get-together at Airways Hotel has become part of our Anzac Day activities and with the excellent organisation of John Poynton the hotel turned on a super meal and adequate refreshments which kept a real 'talk fest' rolling. The coach took the Mandurah 2-2's home at 3.30 p.m. and the stayers continued to enjoy themselves.

One of our guests was Andrew Callinan, son of Bernie and Naomi. He and his wife attended the Dawn Service, and he marched with us and brought a tape recorder to the get-together so that we could send messages to Bernie who is not all that well, and Naomi whose ministrations are making it much easier for our old O.C. God bless you both, and our thanks to Andrew for attending. We hope you and your wife enjoy a great holiday on your round Australia trip.

Anzac Day 1993 was highly successful in every way. Well done the 2/2nd, you put in a great team effort.

#### The Editor

Below are the names of those who marched, those who were present but unable to march because of incapacity, our guests and apologies from those unable to attend.

Members present at the get-together — Ray Aitken, Len Bagley, Gordon Barnes, Tony Bowers, Joe Burridge, Archie Campbell, Jack Carey, \*Col Criddle, Dick Darrington, \*Col Doig, Ron Dook, Tom Foster, \*John Fowler, Les Halse, Reg Harrington, \*Jack Hasson, Don Hudson, Mark Jordan, Charlie King, Bernie Langridge, \*Gerry Maley, Jim McLaughlin, Ted Monk, Don Murray, Ray Parry, Stan Payne, Joe Poynton, John Poynton, Bob Smyth, \*Fred Sparkman, \*George Strickland, \*Dusty Studdy, Vince Swann, \*Lew Thompson, \*Eric Thornander, Don Turton, Roy Watson, Doc

Wheatley. (\* Did not march.)

Marched but did not attend the get-together — Ernie Bingham (flag bearer), Ralph Finkelstein, Jack Wicks, Keith Hayes, John Lillie (2/3rd).

Guests — Andrew Callinan, Laurie Harrington, A. Sparkman, Paddy King, T. Criddle, J. Barron, Jan Lines (2/5th) Terry Maley, Tony Maley, D. Darue, D. Wendt.

Apologies — George Bayliss, George Fletcher, Bill Howell, Mick Morgan, Harry Sproxtton.

## 230 Veterans Volunteer for Western Front

More than 230 World War I veterans have volunteered again, this time to join the Government-funded commemorative mission to some of the major 1914-18 battlefields in France and Belgium.

The mission will commemorate all Australians who fought on the Western Front and the 75th anniversary of the end of the war. Australian casualties in the Great War were more than 53,000 killed and 152,000 wounded.

It is estimated fewer than 1000 Australian World War I veterans, whose average age is about 95, are alive today. The mission party will be made up of 14 veterans, seven war widows and two Junior Legatees.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator John Faulkner, said most of the volunteers had undergone preliminary medical tests to see if they were fit enough to make the eight-day trip.

'We hope to be able to pick two veterans and one war widow from each state, but medical fitness is of paramount importance in making the selection,' Senator Faulkner said. 'Initially, we will select 28 veterans and 14 widows and will closely monitor their health in the months before departure date. On July 7, I will announce just who will be the ones to go. This decision will be based on medical advice.'

July will see the 75th anniversary of the battle of Hamel, where the Australians and the Americans, fighting together for the first time, won a significant victory.

The main focus of the commemoration ceremonies will be at the memorials at Villers-Bretonneux, Ypres and Peronne.

The ceremony at Peronne will be the major event of the mission, since it will commemorate a uniquely Australian victory which was said to have so weakened the German defences that it hastened the end of the war.

It is hoped the ceremony at the Historiale in Peronne will be broadcast live in Australia on September 3, the precise anniversary of the capture of the town in 1918.



The mission's itinerary will include visits to the memorials of the five divisions of the Australian Army Corps — the 1st Division at Pozieres, the 2nd at Mont St Quentin, the 3rd at Sailly-de-Sec, the 4th at Bellenglise and the 5th at Polygon Wood.

The veterans will attend an evening ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the re-kindling of the eternal flame.

For most of the time they will be based at Arras, which is central to the major battlefields of Belgium and France where Australian troops were engaged.

## Samurai Swordsmen

In ancient Japan a great tournament iqas held to find the best Samurai swordsman in the land. After exhausting, elimination heats throughout the length and breadth of the country, three finalists remained. The time had come to find who was indeed the best.

Each swordsman was given a small wooden box which contained a fly.

The first swordsman released his fly, paused then divided it neatly in two with his sword in mid flight.

The second swordsman was even more skilful, dividing his fly into quarters with two lightning flashes of his sword.

The third swordsman released his fly, flashed his sword past it and the fly simply flew away.

'Ah,' said the judge, 'your fly has escaped unharmed!'

'He still flies,' replied the proud warrior, 'but he will no longer reproduce.'

Thanks to Tony Adams for the above.

## Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 11, 1993

Twenty four members attended and apologies were received from Keith Ilayes, Ron Dook, Henry Sproxtton, George Fletcher, John Fowler, Mick Morgan, Tony Bowers.

**Life Membership:** Les Halse, Don Hudson and Roy Watson were the recipients for their long and valued contribution to the Association. President Bernie Langridge presented them with their badges and congratulated them on receiving this well deserved honour. And so say all of us.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

<b>President</b>	Ted Monk
<b>Vice President</b>	Bill Howell
<b>Treasurer</b>	George Bayliss
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Les Halse
<b>Editor</b>	Archie Campbell
<b>Warden (Kings Park)</b>	George Fletcher
<b>Auditor</b>	John Burridge
<b>Courier Committee:</b>	Len Bagley, Betty Illsley Gavin Bagley

**Committee:** All elected members plus Colin Doig Don Turton, Wilf March, Dick Darrington, John Fowler.

Any member wishing to attend is most welcome.

We do not hold a meeting in January.

**Country Vice Presidents:** Elected unopposed for another two years.

<b>Goldfields</b>	Peter Campbell
<b>Northern</b>	Peter Barden
<b>Midlands</b>	Reg Harrington
<b>South Coastal</b>	Bill Rowan-Robinson
<b>South West</b>	Clarrie Turner
<b>Mandurah</b>	Joe Poynton.

## Immediate Past President Bernie Langridge

It would be remiss of us if we did not say a heartfelt thank you to Bernie for his first class term of office as leader of the 2/2 Commando Association. He left no stone unturned in his efforts to keep the Association strong and vibrant, gave unstintingly of his time in every direction and his extra curricula duties were many and varied. Bernie had to travel long distances to achieve his aims and objectives, with excellent results which are now history. He was an outstanding President whose warmth, enthusiasm and loyalty rubbed off on all of us.

Bernie had wonderful support from his charming wife Babs, a lady to the enth degree. Friendly, understanding, quietly efficient, she endeared herself to us all.

Thank you from us all Bernie and Babs for an outstanding contribution to the Association we all love so well. You earned the admiration and respect of all members.

## The Editor

## President's Report

Gentlemen, I declare the 1993 A.G.M. of the 2/2 Australian Commando Association open.

I welcome you all and thank you for attending. It is again my pleasure and privilege to present to you my annual report.

As in previous years the events of the

Association, as well as the personal activities of many of our members have been fully reported in our grand little magazine, therefore my report will condense and deal in sequence with the major Association functions of the year.

**Your Committee** has met on 11 occasions with good attendances at all meetings. The spirit of co-operation at every meeting has been a pleasure to preside over. I must express my gratitude to all members for their compromising approach to matters brought up for discussion. I also appreciate the generous expressions of support from many members of the Committee during the year. Special thanks to the Committee workers, Jack, George, Archie and Len. These are the ones who work long after the meetings are over.

**Deceased Members.** It is with sadness I have to report the passing of the following 18 members during the year: Bruss Fagg, Alan Soper, Jim Foot, Colin Grebert, Charlie McCaffery, Bill Callard, Arnold Webb, Doug Fullarton, Tom Towers, Mal Nichols, Ron Orr, Tom O'Brien, Alf Coupland, Max Blomfield, Sandy Eggleton, Jack Rice, Eddy Craghill, Steve Stevenson (2/4th), Allan Chatfield (Associate Member). Association thanks are due to Col and others who so ably wrote the valedictories of these valued late members. Strong Unit representation at the laying to rest of these deceased members in all States was reported in various *Couriers*.

**Norma Hasson Social.** Once again this social, under its new name, was a great success and is a land mark on our yearly calendar of social events. The attendance of the Hasson family in strength will ensure the memory of Norma's work for the Association will live on.

**Dilli Massacre.** This event in the history of Timor continues to cause every member of the Association great distress. Under the guidance of Ray Aitken and Col Doig, the Association spokesmen on this matter, correspondence has been sent off to American President, Bill Clinton and Secretary General of the U.N., H.E. Mr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, which was fully reported in the April issue of the *Courier*.

**Commemoration Service.** As the numbers in attendance indicate, this is undoubtedly the most revered meeting of members and families of the year. The Memorial containing 50 names and the Lovekin Drive Memorial Avenue, also containing 50 names, revives in us the memories of the personalities these names belonged to and the feeling of deep respect in the area is all pervading. This is evidenced by the Double Diamond colour patch attached to each tree or post. Once again we had the assistance of the S.A.S. Regiment with the provision of a catafalque party adding dignity and solemnity to the service.

We were again invited, and accepted with pleasure, the Regiment's invitation to the Sergeants' Mess for drinks and nibbles'. The format of the day was discussed and agreed that a person be appointed to announce the formal proceedings to ensure the smooth running of the ceremony.

**Christmas Social** was held in Anzac Club with the attendance of 72 members and guests. It was not long before the throng was oozing happiness and good cheer with the chatter and laughter typical of people enjoying each other's company. Christmas wishes were exchanged all round and the party dispersed at about 3 p.m.

**Anzac Day March and Social.** Leading the march was another proud Association experience for me. After the march last year there were dismal forecasts that the format of this day may have to be changed. All that disappeared this year. The roll up was tremendous, approximately 42 marching, and from comments by on-lookers, they really marched, and approximately 9 attending the assembly point and coming to the social and drinks session afterwards. The food and venue were excellent, thanks to John Poynton's influence.

**Courier Committee.** This amazing little magazine continues to regularly bring joy to all Association members and their families, whether they be frail or in good health. To most of us this appears to happen automatically, but let me assure you it happens because of the dedication and skill of the Courier Committee. The efficiency of the information collection process, its typing, editing, printing and posting must be approaching perfection. To that grand little Committee, including Betty Illsley, I express the thanks of all Association members.

**Independent Trust.** Some Association members assisted the Independent Trust Committee on five occasions to sort, categorise and pack books in the hope that a way will be found to send them to Timor. Chairman Bob Smyth will be giving his own report on the Trust's aims and achievements.

**Mandurah 2-2s.** This little group of Association members has continued to increase in numbers and consolidate its position by meeting at the R.S.L. complex every 4th Thursday at 11 a.m. It has also organised fund raising so that all group trips to Perth functions are fully paid. At most meetings we have the pleasure of some visitors from the Perth area. A book exchange also operates with its instigator, Elvie Howell, as Chief Librarian. Thanks to Bill Howell's initiatives, a 2/2 flag, provided by the Association, appropriately adorns our meeting room.

**Wongan Hills Country Convention, September 1992.** Although the weather was unkind, the generosity of the Sadler families

ivas so overwhelming it almost obliterated from our minds, if not our bodies, the discomfort of the cold, wet weather.

A very interesting and educational programme was planned, including a visit to the Agricultural Research Station. The social functions were outstanding, particularly the meals enjoyed at the Sadler brothers' homes. The wind-up dinner was also something special, at which most of the Sadler families were present. I am sure we all left Wongan Hills happier and wiser, knowing our farming lands are in such good Australian families.

**Men's Mandurah Luncheon.** This most successful event took place because Helen and her band of helpers insisted on doing it. It was an outstanding meal enjoyed all the more because of the delightful waitresses (Helen's helpers). Toasts and speeches were short, appropriate and entertaining, guided by Don Murray's able chairmanship. Forty five members and guests attended, some coming from Perth.

**1994 Safari.** Planning has occupied the Committee in many ways. Two groups have visited Busselton on two occasions to meet with Eric and Twy Smyth, Clarrie and Grace Turner who have all been most helpful and active in checking out accommodation, places to visit and generally planning a programme for the seven day event.

**Country Convention — Albany.**

At the Wongan Hills meeting it was agreed to hold the 1993 Country Convention at Kalgoorlie. It being a celebration year in that City, accommodation problems necessitated a change of venue. Albany was chosen despite the fact the timing was considered too early for the season down there. For that reason some of our most ardent supporters will not be back from their northern trips. The Committee very much regrets this outcome.

In concluding my report I wish to thank all Committee members, particularly Jack Carey, Vice President Ted Monk and Past President Don Turton, all of whom have been great supporters and regular helpers on the book packing days. It would be remiss of me to let the year close without expressing the thanks of all members to that little Association stalwart Keith Hayes who has, almost single handed, collected thousands of books from various schools.

It is my intention necessary, to decline nomination for President. Thank you for two good years and my best wishes for many more to the new office bearers and the Association.

**INDEPENDENT TRUST FUND**

Our Hon. Treasurer Geo. Bayliss advises:

Funds on Deposit as at 30/4/93	\$10373.09
Current Account	\$2544.77
May Donation to date	600.00
	<u>3144.77</u>
	<u>\$13517.86</u>

Suggestions for application of Funds include:

Cash (for purchase of medicine locally)

Garden Seeds

Clothing and Footwear

Kudas (Timorese pony)

Waterwells

Agricultural College Training and Funding for individual enterprises — farmlot 2 cows or goats or grain etc.

Bursaries — University of East Timor. (Fees 200,00 RP per annum (\$140. p.a.) Subjects: Agriculture — farming, animals, fisheries.

Identity of Race: Ancestor study to record historical events even before Portugese occupation.

Sports Equipment for schools or sports organisations.

Dictionary Tetum/English English/Tetum required rural area Missions not Dili.

Trade Education Carpentry- electrical - Plumbing- Metal work," to enable students to become independent tradesmen.

We are endeavouring to resume contact with a dedicated teacher who has evidenced interest.

Since receiving the hint "don't send clothing and shoes" (even though needed) the security curtain appears to have dropped again.

Last week we tried numerous times to FAX the teacher at his previous address to advise details of 73 cartons of 1819 Maths books and 1926 of English, Computer and Accounting. The first of 8 pages is received, then transmission off. An alternative approach is being pursued.

The list is titled "School Text Books donated to the Children of East Timor from the Children of Western Australia". It includes names of donor schools.

**School Text Books for East Timor**

As reported elsewhere Jack Carey and team sorted, listed and packed into 73 cartons, 3745 Maths, English, Computer, Accounting books.

This initial trial shipment can be forwarded -

(a) When we have received communication from the donee authority assuring us that we

# 2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY, 1993

RECEIPTS	\$	\$	PAYMENTS	\$	\$
<b>BALANCE FORWARD 1.2.92</b>			<b>GOVERNMENT CHARGES</b>		40.23
Working Account	1219.03		<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Savings Investment Account	4912.49		Rent GPO Box	110.00	
Debentures Town & Country	<u>7190.88</u>	13322.40	Postage	197.20	
			Less Refund Stp/Dty	<u>4.80</u>	192.40
<b>INTEREST RECEIVED</b>			<b>SUNDRIES</b>		
Working Account	73.17		Subs — RSL Listening Post	15.00	
Savings Investment Account	74.38		— Aust CDO Association	<u>92.00</u>	
Debentures Town & Country	<u>593.65</u>	741.20	<b>WREATHS</b>		
<b>COURIER MAGAZINE</b>			ANZAC Day Memorial	70.00	
Donations for Year	4287.00		Canberra Memorial	<u>50.00</u>	120.00
Less Costs	<u>4704.57</u>	(417.57)	<b>MEMBERS MEMORIALS</b>		156.50
<b>C. D. DOIG BOOKS</b>			<b>PLAQUES</b> — Kings Park	150.00	
History of 2/2 Cdo. Unit	180.00		— Unit	234.25	
Pictorial — History	<u>71.00</u>	251.00	less Sales	<u>97.50</u>	286.75
<b>JIM SMAILES POEMS</b>			<b>UNIT FLAG</b> — Mandurah	<u>186.00</u>	856.25
Sales		356.50	<b>LOAN W.A. SAFARI</b>		1000.00
<b>OTHER SALES</b>			<b>TRANSFER INDEPENDENT TRUST</b>		3090.00
Badges	Cost	193.00	<b>BALANCE AT 31.1.93</b>		
Receipts	180.00	(13.00)	Working Account	1306.29	
Ear-Rings		<u>8.00</u>	Savings Investment Account	2181.30	
		(5.00)	Debentures Town & Country	<u>7784.06</u>	11271.65
<b>ASSOCIATION EVENTS</b>					
Net Expense		(193.20)			
<b>LOAN REPAYMENT NSW SAFARI</b>		2000.00			
<b>TAXATION REFUND</b>		<u>505.20</u>			
		<u>\$16560.53</u>			<u>\$16560.53</u>

could feel confident the goods would be received reasonably intact and subsequently communicated to us.

(b) Permission received from the Director General of Primary and Secondary Education in Jakarta for Censorship approval.

A news report from Jakarta quoted the previous Governor of East Timor claiming that corrupt officials in East Timor had syphoned off \$62.5m. from Overseas Aid funds since the Indonesian occupation.

**Bob Smyth**

## BUSSELTON SAFARI — APRIL 1994

Following a meeting of the organising committee held in March, the following itinerary was set out. It is by no means final and is subject to change. It will give members who intend coming to the Safari some idea of what to look forward to during their stay at Busselton.

**Thursday, 7th:** Members arrive during day, book in to respective hotel/motels.

Informal welcome RSL Hall, 5.30 - 8.30 pm.

**Friday, 8th:** Morning free.  
Afternoon, Civic Reception, Busselton Shire.

**Saturday, 9th:** Coach trip Margaret River and Augusta 10am - 4pm.

**Sunday, 10th:** Free day.

**Monday, 11th:** Our main day.  
Commemoration Service 11.30 am, followed by official luncheon, Vasse Hotel. Evening free.

**Tuesday, 12th:** Association meeting 10 am, RSL Hall.

A special ladies only outing is also planned for the day. Evening barn dance, local Yacht Club.

**Wednesday, 13th:** Scenic drive Dunsborough, Eagle Bay, Yallingup area, 10 am - 4 pm.

**Thursday, 14th:** Free day.

Farewell function RSL Hall, 6 pm - 9 pm.

**Friday, 15th:** Visitors depart.

As already stated, the above is subject to change and a lot of work needs to be done before it is finalised. With this end in mind the organising committee of Eric and Twy Smyth, Clarrie and Grace Turner, Mrs Billie Perry (Eric's sister), along with some members of the Executive Committee, will be working hard over the ensuing months to make sure the Safari is a success. Busselton is a popular holiday resort and members from the eastern states who make the trip can look forward to a happy and memorable 7 days.

Bookings made since the April issue of the Courier are -

**Ship Resort Motel** — Mick Morgan, Joy Chatfield, George Vandeleur, George Coulson, Col Andrew, Betty Craig, Jess Epps.

**Cale Street Resort** — Bill Coker, Roy Martin, Tony Bowers, Gerry Maley, Alan Luby, Don Hudson.

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**Caravan Park** — Charlie Sadler, Stan Sadler.

**Paradise Motel** — John Roberts, Max Miller.

**C. Turner**  
13 Hardy Tce  
Capel, 6271

A short note to let you all know that the organisation of the 1994 Safari is well in hand and everything seems to be progressing smoothly at this stage. Eric is in the east at the moment and will be catching up with some members while over there, I guess.

Eric's sister, Billie Perry is handling the bookings and is in touch with us occasionally to check up on small details. She is doing a wonderful job and has everything in hand.

We are very pleased with the results so far and we urge any who are considering making the trip to make the effort and meet old mates and their wives.

Best wishes to all. Cheers.

**Grace and Clarrie**

## VICTORIAN NEWS

We had beautiful weather for Anzac Day, a good march and reunion with the Combined Commando Units.

Present were Sam Fulbrook, Jack Fox, Bruce McLaren, George Veitch, Rolf Baldwin, Norm Tillet, Leith Cooper, Fred Broadhurst, Alf Harper, Ken Monk, Tom Nisbet, Harry Botterill, John Southwell, Alec Boast. It was good to see Sam again looking very well and enjoying his paintings and good health, and we were pleased with the good representation from the country. Tom Nisbet has been appointed President of the Combined Commandos Association and he presided at the reunion in his usual good style.

Don and Joan Freyer have moved to 11 Kenlon Street, East Bentleigh, 3165 and are in the middle of setting up in their new abode. Don is much the same after his stroke — cannot climb steps so is more or less home tied but is quite cheerful and hoping he will improve in the near future.

John Roberts had a bout in hospital recently — this seems to happen every so often. We were sorry he missed the Anzac Day march and we certainly missed him. Hope all goes well with you, John and Cath.

**Harry Botterill**

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## SICK PARADE

**Margaret Weller** is recovering after a major operation in Fremantle Hospital early in May. We wish Margaret a speedy recovery.

**Bob 'Spriggy' McDonald** was missed on Anzac Day and at our A.C.M. Bob has had to take things quietly because of a heart problem but assures us he is coming good. He enjoys his sport and, like most W.A. members, loves to see the Eagles handing out thrashings to the Victorian teams, especially Collingwood and Carlton.

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## N.S.W. NEWS

Another great Anzac Day has been celebrated and I hope we will all survive to see many more. The weather was a bit threatening, with some drizzle in the morning, but fined up later to give us all a most enjoyable reunion on the ferry. Numbers were down slightly but we still managed to rake up fourteen with some help from Queensland.

Fronting up were Alan Luby, Paddy Kenneally and son Gerald, Jack Hartley, John Went, Mick Mannix, Ron Trengove, Bill Coker, Ken Glover, Col Holley, Ray Cole, Ray Whitely, Ralph Conley, Fred Bryant, George Goodacre (Ron's brother) and Ron Andrews, better known as 'Speedy'. This was the first sighting of Ron since the war as far as I can recall but he looks well and it was easy to remember him. Ron sends warm regards to Joe Poynton. He would like to be put on the mailing list for the *Courier*.

Among the missing in action this year were Harry Handicott who is expecting to undergo a heart operation soon, Ron Hilliard who is recovering from a heart scare and Curly O'Neill who has leg problems.

I was pleased to read the letter from Bill Connell in the last *Courier* as I have been wanting to write to him for a long time but had no address. Now I will be able to answer a query he made in the *Courier* about four years ago.

Sorry this is so brief but I am already over the deadline and will have to put this in the express post. More later.

**Jack Hartley**

Bill Rowan-Robinson, who is not enjoying the best of health, advises that he was very pleased to have been re-elected Country Vice-President for his area for another three years. Bill has been a great supporter of the Association and in recognition of this was made a Life Member.

Bill, who is President of the Bridgetown R.S.L., said that Ted Loud laid a wreath in memory of the Fallen of the old Unit at their Anzac Day ceremony. Bill and Ted provided the wreath which was a very fine gesture. Ted, always a strong man, has his good and bad days and appreciates meeting and talking about the old army days with Bill.

Don Young, said he caught up with Ron Johnson, an old 'A' Platoon member, recently. Ron is retired and is living a quiet life at Koorda. He is in good health and sends his regards to his old mates.

**Jack Carey**

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## CORRESPONDENCE CORNER

**J.P. Kenneally**  
28 Wilkins Street  
Yagoona 2199

Hoping all the 2/2nd survived the shot and shell on Anzac Day. We had a cool day for the march in Sydney, and not a bad roll up seeing so many of our members have crossed the Styx, and many of the remainder spread far and wide.

Ron Hilliard had a heart attack, fortunately not in the massive category. He spent five days in hospital. The doctor was seriously thinking of keeping him there on the grounds that he livened the place up and brought humour and laughter into a place where moans and groans are a penny a dozen. However, Ron will either have a similar treatment to what Tom Foster had at St. Vincents Hospital in Sydney, or a by-pass. I visited him in Arncliffe and he is first class and sends his regards to all members. His wife Pat cut short her holiday in England and is far more at ease now that she knows the facts.

Curly O'Neill did not make the march, he doubted his legs would last the distance. Apart from that he is well. Won't write but does read extensively. I reckon he is pleased that other people write, a pity he doesn't try to imitate or emulate them.

The Immigration Department is being bombarded once more as we strive to get Australian residence for Alexander da Silva Tilman who joined 'Z' Force after coming to Australia after 1942. He served on Fairmiles as he had an intimate knowledge of the Timor

coast, did three missions to Timor, two of them to land 'Z' special groups, the third at the end of hostilities. Imprisoned by the Indonesians for some time when they moved into East Timor. Got to Portugal in 1990, now wishes to end his days among the members of his family in Australia. Good enough to serve Australia in war time, but not good enough in health to stay here in peace. He may be an expense on the medical system says Immigration Department. Holy Mother of God, politicians, public servants, foreign affairs personnel such as Embassy and Consular staff blow dollars sky high (e.g. Burke's \$100,000 telephone bill in 12 months when he was our Ambassador to Ireland) and the powers that be quibble at what a 72 year old may cost the country if he is allowed to live here. After all, it could be called a catch up in pay for the three years he spent serving in our armed forces at a quid a week. I'll be writing to Nick Bolkus, our current Immigration Minister, and I hope he is more flexible than previous Ministers in that Department.

Had a good holiday in Alice Springs, in fact life has been all holiday since the mini Safari in Young which was a grand affair, a big turn up and enjoyed by all.

Nora and I will be going to Canberra in May and I'll see Jim Fenwick who is a very active man since he had his by-pass operation. Lost stones in weight and dollars in cash as he had to buy a new wardrobe to fit the streamlined figure.

Warren Snowdon was re-elected for the Northern Territory in the recent federal election. I saw him in Alice, in fact his wife Elizabeth loaned me her car. The school holidays were on and it was a boon as we had transport to take Brydee and Liam on a couple of picnics, a good place for picnics, no places to spend money up in those gorges.

Alice was pretty quiet, the tourist season hadn't quite, kicked off. A fair few Nipponese about, all couples. Australia must be No. 1 choice for Nippon honeymoons. Their P.M. due in for trade talks, peace talks and other talks. Alf Garland wants an apology talk! Looking back on World War II, with the benefit of release of secret papers, I reckon the whole bunch on all sides should be apologising for what they did, and continue to do so to the ordinary people of this world.

Monday night N.S.W. plays Queensland in the first State of Origin. The cornstalks have a very good team, a huge pack of forwards and plenty of speed in the backs. There is plenty of speed in the Queensland team too. Their forwards may not be as big as ours but I reckon they are more mobile. Monday night will tell. I don't

believe the home crowd legend. When you get up to that standard of football home crowds mean nothing unless they frighten the referee. You're not playing the spectators, you are playing your opponents.

I watched a few games of Aussie Rules on the box. Collingwood and Essendon was a thriller, as for the Sydney Ducks, if the Good Lord coached them it would make no difference. They don't know how to win. The Eagles for '93?

Good luck, good health and happiness to all.

**Paddy**

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**A. Hodge**  
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Jack (Ollie) Overs died suddenly at the end of January or early February. I believe he was a member of the 2/40th in Timor, attached to the 2/2nd. He had a stroke about 12 months ago and appeared to recover but he died suddenly from a heart attack.

I believe he was only a lad of 16 when in Timor as a signalman in the 2/40th. In private life he worked for Telecom until his retirement recently.

Best wishes to all members. Am still going OK but slowly. Will hit the 80 mark in October.

**Alf and Joyce**

**Editor:** *Do any members remember Jack? We would be pleased to know.*

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**A. Thompson**  
PO Box 145  
Capel 6271

Just a note to let you know we are still in the land of the living. It seems ages since we sent a donation for the *Courier* or for anything else, so please find cheque enclosed.

Alex and I are very well, just had our flu needles so here's hoping they keep the flu at bay. Clarrie and Grace are also OK. Hope all our mates are feeling good and enjoying life. Had a full house for Easter and it was quiet when they went home. We are looking forward to Safari 1994 in Busselton.

Regards,

Alex and Wyn



**A. Luby**  
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Dee Why 2099

As a result of the welcome appearance on Anzac Day of Alexandrino da Silva Tilman, accompanied by one of his daughters, Manuel Pires and Mialena, Pat de Luz and others, the Hinch programme gave his plight extensive coverage. Paddy Kenneally gave an excellent interview which we hope will also aid his cause and that of the Timorese people. During the following week I had numerous phone calls from friends, relatives, country and interstate members of the Commando Association, enquiring as to what can be done to help Alexandrino to remain with his family in Australia. I advised them to write to their local Members of Parliament and to the Minister for Immigration asking for special consideration of his case.

#### SICK PARADE:

**Tod Roods.** Operated on at Strathfield Hospital 14th May. Doing well.

**Noel Nuckman.** Had a spell in Macksville Hospital, now home and as good as possible.

**Ron Hilliard.** Recently had a scare with a heart flutter. After a few days in St. George Hospital he is O.K. but will probably require some by-pass surgery.

**Harry Handicott** is also awaiting by-pass surgery about 20th May at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle.

**Coral Coker** had double knee replacements at the Mater Hospital on 10th May. Coming along as well as can be expected.

**Denny Dennis** is having a break from chemotherapy and is battling on. June continues to have her share of problems too.

Had a phone call recently from Ken 'Blue' Jones whom I last saw at Yamba in 'Snow' Weir's cafe about 1960. He was seeking information regarding pensions and as he was going to Inverell I put him in touch with our good friend Don Latimer who is a 'full bottle' on pensions. 'Blue' and wife Edith have moved from Dorrigo to 'Gibrigil,' McIntyre Rd, Barraba, 2347. Phone (067) 83 3163.

Edith and I send our love and best wishes to everyone and hope that those on the sick list have a speedy recovery.

**Alan**

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**M. Wheatley,**  
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A few lines to let you know that the wife and I are still around. Olive has had another operation on her eye and can see a little better.

The March didn't kill me and I'm keeping fairly fit but more or less housebound as Olive has arthritis as well as poor eyesight, but we'll manage.

Am enclosing cheque for Unit dues.

A big 'hello' to all and best of regards.

'Doc'

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## THE LOSS OF HMAS VOYAGER

by Roy Crooke, Parkerville, W.A.

(Leading Seaman No. F3513)

I was given a copy of the *2/2nd Commando Courier* by my friend, Len Bagley, because it contained a story about HMAS Voyager of which I was a seaman crew member.

The events leading to her loss at Betano Bay, Portuguese (now East) Timor on September 23, 1942, have never been adequately explained. The 'Salt' magazine and Naval Historical Society's versions were incorrect. In the interests of historical accuracy I would like to present the facts as I saw them. Now, more than 50 years on, it may be said 'who gives a hoot? I believe surviving Timor veterans are still puzzled about what went wrong, particularly those awaiting repatriation to Darwin on Voyager's return trip. A journey that never took place, I would like to clear up the mystery.

We entered the bay about 6.15 p.m. On board, apart from the crew, were some 240 men of the 2/4th Independent Company under the command of Capt. K. B. Garvey. They were to relieve the 2/2nd Independent Company who had been waging guerilla warfare on the island since the Japanese occupation.

The logistics were not good for the landing of these men before dark in the small collapsible paddle barges provided for the operation. The time factor was very important.

Two signal fires could be seen on the beach to guide us in, but we stopped too far out. We did not anchor. Four or five assembled barges were put over the side, about 8 men to a barge. They had a long paddle to the shore which seemed about half a mile away. After a short time in the water the barges were recalled to the ship. Lines secured them to the stern guard rail and they were taken in tow, the men remaining in them.

It was not long before the shore looked alarmingly close. Rumour had it that the Captain, Lieut.-Commander R. C. Robison, had been told by a naval officer familiar with the area that you could anchor the 'Queen Mary' 50 yards off shore! Perhaps Robison had this in mind for we continued our approach. I heard the leadsmen who had been taking soundings yell out the 3-fathom mark and saw him stare inquiringly at the bridge. About this time I formed the opinion we were going to make a beach landing. There was plenty of precedent for this action by destroyers in other theatres of war. I stress this was entirely my own personal feeling, based on the closeness of the shore. The ship would have to be stopped in order to gently nudge the beach.

There were shouted orders from the bridge to cast free the still secured barges as the ship had to go astern. These orders were not carried out. There was intense activity down aft, with everyone working on the remaining barges still on deck, accompanied by a lot of high spirited skylarking. For whatever reasons, the orders were not heard or understood and the ship did not go astern.

There was no time left. The bows grounded on the beach and the vessel came to a halt. The momentum of the rather sudden stop started the stern swinging towards the beach on the port side. Normally there would still be no cause for alarm as the destroyer's powerful engines could easily drag her clear, but in doing so there undoubtedly would have been casualties from the propellers to the men in the barges still clustered around the stern.

The Captain rightly decided against this manoeuvre. The movement of the stern was quite rapid. It could have been assisted by a strong current, for there was little wind. Eventually everything was clear down aft and the propellers started, but it was too late. The port propeller threw up huge quantities of muddy sand and caused the ship to shudder violently. I believe its action drew us in closer. The engines were stopped to assess the situation, but by now we were broadside on and the position looked hopeless.

The commandos disembarked and went on their way. They were soon to engage a Japanese force. By now it was dusk. We worked through the night to lighten the ship, trying every trick in the book. The torpedoes were fired off to sea, the magazines emptied of H.E. shells and dumped over the side. They are probably still there. The charges remained on board, later to contribute to the destruction of the ship. Our desperate efforts to drag the stern off the beach by kedg anchor and capstan were in vain. By morning she was there forever, a victim of sand suction and a receding tide.

The towing of the barges was the prime reason for the loss of the ship, a fact never before mentioned. The only logical reason for the failure to jettison them much earlier must be that they simply were forgotten. Completing the mission before dark could have been the overriding reason for towing them in the first place, and coming in so close. The large number of men on board, about 400, made communication somewhat difficult, another contributing factor.

The job we should have done in bringing the commandos back to Darwin was completed successfully a few weeks later by Voyager's former skipper, Commander 'Ginger' Morrow, in the new Tribal class destroyer 'Arunta'.

The foregoing is my recollection of events, which I believe to be correct. For space reasons a lot of detail has been omitted.

Finally, a belated thanks on behalf of Voyager's ship's company to those gallant commandos who held back our would-be Japanese captors until we had cleared the island on the corvettes 'Kalgoorlie' and 'Warrnambool' in the early hours of Saturday, September 26.

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## THE BUSHELL CASE

In October last year in the case of Bushell versus the Repatriation Commission, the High Court of Australia ruled against the Repatriation Commission and in effect told the Department to apply its rules.

The High Court said that a veteran could raise a reasonable hypothesis linking war service with disability on only some of the evidence, without an analysis of all of it, and such a hypothesis could be supported by the expert opinion of just one eminent practitioner even if it were in conflict with other medical opinions.

The federal government reacted quickly against this decision by putting through an amendment to the Veterans' Entitlement Act which states that if more practitioners say it is not a reasonable hypothesis this overrules those who say it is reasonable. This amendment has as yet not become law as it has yet to be passed by the Senate. It is understood the Liberals, Nationals and Democrats have joined to stop its passage through the Senate.

As the October ruling still holds, the advice from Alan Luby, who takes a keen interest in Veteran Affairs activities, is for those members who are considering appealing against their present disability assessment to **'DO IT NOW!'**

Members who are not on a disability pension but feel they may be entitled to one due to a health problem caused through war service

should also heed the advice and do something about it now!

Jack Carey

## YOUR LIFE EXPECTANCY

Based on your present age, what is your life expectancy?

Present Age Expectation of further life in years

	Male	Female
Birth	72.7	79.2
20	54.1	60.2
30	44.8	50.5
40	35.4	40.8
45	30.8	36.0
50	26.3	31.4
55	22.0	27.0
60	18.1	22.7
65	14.6	18.6
70	11.5	14.8
75	8.8	11.4
80	6.6	8.4

Source: Australian Life Tables

*Editor: Here is a little bit of history, nostalgic and emotional, from the early days of the Timor campaign. from mother to mother.*

## A Letter from the Past

Byford, W.A.  
20 June 1942

Dear Mrs King,

My son Eddy, who was in the 2nd Independent Company and is now back in Australia wounded, has asked me to write and let you know that Charlie was safe and well when he left the Island Timor a month ago. Eight wounded were landed at Darwin where all letters were taken from them and they were not allowed to write or talk to anyone. They were kept there a fortnight and then flown to Adelaide when my son got a letter through to us without being censored. They have had a rough time roaming the Island for hundreds of miles dodging the Japs, of which there were thousands. The natives are helping them and they still have Dr. Dunkley with them.

They had received no mail since before Christmas. All their Christmas parcels were blown up and they lost all their kits which were taken by the Japs. They are short of clothing. My son only had a pair of shorts, boots, watch and wallet.

He was wounded in the ear and shoulder. Deaf in that ear and his shoulder was knocked about but he was lucky to get away with his whole body. His cobber thought he was out but went back to look for him and so saved his life. He doesn't know whether they will fix him in Adelaide or send him west. We are hoping they will send him over here.

I hope these few lines will help you and cheer you. Eddy has sent me 12 addresses to write to for the boys and says he is sending more.

I hope that Charlie (I suppose he is your son) will return to you safe and sound.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. M. Craghill

**NB: Eddy Craghill passed away on 6th April 1993. Charlie King is still going strong.**

## Editor: News of Steve Rogers

We all wondered what happened to Steve after he left Sorrento. He sold his home and we could not track him down. He rang me to say he had been through a tough spin in which he had a double by-pass operation and has been living with his daughter at 1144 Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo, 6055. He has made a good recovery except for a leg problem which he is handling well.

Good to hear from you Steve, and glad you saw the Anzac Day march on TV, prompting you to get in touch. Welcome back to the fold. Kind regards from us all and best wishes for a complete recovery. Would like to see you at one of our functions.

## The Story of Life in the 2/5th Commando Squadron

The 2/5th Commando Squadron, or as it was earlier known, the 2/5th Australian Independent Company, will be publishing a first class book — **'COMMANDO — DOUBLE BLACK'** this year. It is the complete story from formation and training at Wilson's Promontory in early 1942 through to its disbandment in late 1945.

Compiled by Andy Pirie, one of its wellknown members, from first hand recollections and experiences of many who served in the Unit — some humorous in retrospect but probably not so funny at the time — as well as from official sources.

It will be a top quality production of over 500

pages, as well as more than 200 black and white photographs and maps, all bound in a hard gloss colour cover with a dust jacket.

The book will be available as soon as editing and printing constraints permit but certainly **this year** at the pre-publication price including postage, \$50.

Please send orders to:

**Mr A. A. Pirie,**  
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**P.O. Box 105,**  
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With your name and address and cheque made payable to 2/5th Commando Trust.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN FLAG

*Our Flag bears the stars that blaze at night in our southern skies of blue  
 And that little old Flag in the corner that's part of our Heritage too.*

*It's for the English, Welsh, Scots and Irish who were sent to the ends of the earth.*

*The rogues and the schemers, the doers and dreamers who gave modern Australia birth.*

*And you who are seeking to change it you don't see in to understand.*

*It's the Flag of our law and our language not the flag of a faraway land.*

*There are plenty of people who'll tell you that when Europe was plunged into night,*

*That little old Flag in the corner was their symbol of Freedom and Light.*

*It doesn't mean we owe allegiance to a forgotten Imperial dream.*

*We've the stars to show where we're going and the old Flag to show where We've been.*

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Swampy & Joan March	\$50	(3rd payment)
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Amount received to date is \$13,005 plus pledges for a further \$2,500. The Trust Fund Committee comprising Messrs Bob Smyth, John Burriddle and Ross Shenn wish to thank those members, widows and friends of the Association for their generous response to this worthy cause.

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## STOP PRESS

To members of 2/2nd Commando  
Association of Australia:

Thank you very much for your kind-  
ness and understanding of our loss  
of Allan, also attending his funeral.

It has all been very much appreciat-  
ed as well as a great help for myself  
and family during such a sad time.

God Bless you all.

**Joy Chatfield and family**

## VALE STAN SADLER

All members will be saddened to hear of the sudden passing of one of our most esteemed members, Stan Sadler, on Monday, 31st May, from a heart attack.

Deepest sympathy to Blanche and all the Sadler family.

Deserved tributes will appear in the August *Courier*.

**The Editor.**