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COMING EVENTS

MEN'S ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1995

at Airways City Motel, 195 Adelaide Terrace, Perth

Refreshments from 11am. Luncheon 12.30 pm.

This will be a good day not to be missed.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Lovekin Drive, Kings Park

Sunday, November 19th at 3 pm

LEST WE FORGET

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Friday, December 15th at 11 am

at Anzac Club, Perth. Please wear name tags

MAROOCHYDORE 1996 SAFARI

20th - 30th APRIL

Update and Itinerary inside

VALE Charles Frederick Gerald (Gerry) McKENZIE

It is with the very deepest regret that we have to record the passing of Gerry McKenzie on 19th August 1995 after a long and debilitating illness. Mary said he was just worn out.

Gerry was born at Geraldton on 17th May, 1915 so he had attained his 80th birthday which in itself is something of an achievement.

Gerry joined the 2nd Independent Coy on its formation on 11th July 1941 after attending the Officers Training School at Bonegilla (Gerry was one of the many officers joining the Unit after training at Bonegilla, including Don Turton, Clarrie Turner, Ken Mackintosh, George Boyland, Arch Campbell and John Burrridge). He was to be the officer in charge of No. 2 Section in 'A' Platoon.

After training he was moved to Katherine in the Northern Territory and then on to Portuguese Timor where he served with great distinction from the earliest contact with the Japanese enemy on the Dili Drome engagement. He was to receive the Military Cross and Dutch Bronze Cross for his efforts in that epic encounter.

Later in the Timor Campaign Gerry was promoted to the rank of Captain and took charge of 'C' Platoon. Like all others who took part in the Timor Campaign he could be considered to have served his country with distinction.

Gerry also served with the now named 2/2nd Commando Squadron in New Guinea, again in command of 'C' Platoon. It was during this campaign that Gerry was recalled to Australia to be an instructor at the Officers Training Unit at Woodside in South Australia. After a very short stint at this establishment he was seconded to do liaison duties with the British Army in Burma. Later he was promoted to Major and took command of the 2/12th Commando Squadron for the final campaign in Borneo. Gerry then joined the British Occupation Forces in Japan after the surrender of that Country.

Gerry came back to civilian life briefly and took up a butchering business at Margaret River but found the call of the army too much and rejoined with the rank of Major. He was to serve out the remainder of his army career at Watsonia in Victoria.

Gerry was a very staunch and vigorous worker for the 2/2nd Commando Association both in W.A. and Victoria. He was President firstly for a year in 1952 until transferred in the army to Victoria. He was President again on his return to W.A. in 1980 and 1981. While in Victoria he did a tremendous amount of work for the initial Safari held during the Commonwealth Games in 1956. He was made a Life Member in 1987.

Later, along with wife Mary, Gerry will be remembered for his efforts on the 'Commando Courier' editorial committee which continued until his health problems in 1990.

Gerry McKenzie was a very respected soldier, a great supporter of our 2/2nd Commando Association, a really top grade citizen and loving husband and father. What more can be expected of any person.

Gerry leaves behind his loving wife Mary (also an honorary Life Member) son Ross, daughter Sandra and six grandchildren.

The Association has lost a good and faithful servant and member and his many friends will sincerely mourn his passing. Our most sincere sympathy to Mary and family.

A top citizen has gone to a well earned rest. Goodbye old soldier and many thanks for past assistance.

Col Doig.

Gerry McKenzie was laid to rest in Karrakatta Cemetery with a cremation service conducted by the Reverend Peter Harrison with 68 people in attendance to pay their last respects to a dear friend and fine soldier

The pall bearers were Roy Watson, Jack Hasson, Joe Poynton, Tony Bowers, Len Bagley, Bill Howell.

Gerry's son Ross, daughter Sandra and grandson Jason came from Melbourne. Ross delivered a fine eulogy to Gerry and Jason, son of Ian (deceased) handled a reading with sincere feeling for his grandfather.

The 2/2 Association was represented by Len Bagley, Ernie Bingham, Tony Bowers, John Burrridge, Archie Campbell, Jack Carey, Jess Epps, Jack Hasson, Bill and Elvie Howell, Betty Illsley, Gerry Maley, Wilf and Lorraine March, Sid McKinley, Ted Monk, Joe and Helen Poynton, Eric Smyth, Clarrie and Grace Turner, Don Turton, Roy Watson, Jack Wicks.

Thank you Gerry for your years of friendship. We offer our love to dear Mary and the family.

Rest in peace old timer, after a job well done.

Lest we Forget

Mary and her family wish to thank members for their expressions of sympathy, phone calls and cards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

A TRIBUTE TO BERNIE CALLINAN

"The grey-hued years, the thinning ranks." The words were written in other times, in another country but they are very apt for us now in the old 2/2. In the passage from which the words are taken it was left to one man to "play a grateful comrade's part and place the record (of a friend who had died) on a country's scroll." Now it is my sad part to put my recollections of the man we all knew with respectful affection as 'Bernie' on the scroll of the Unit in the formation and subsequent shaping of which he played such a major part.

Bishop Pell, in the homily at Sir Bernard's funeral mass, paid gracefully eloquent and thorough tribute to the many facets of the life and character of the departed, his distinguished military career and then his post-war flood of success and honours both as an engineer and as a remarkably versatile public figure. The knighthood speaks for itself and many another honour came his way as well, all set in such order in Bishop Pell's address that it would be tedious to repeat them. My part is rather to set down for you the qualities of the Bernie who was a fellow instructor of mine at the Prom and whom we all subsequently knew so well in the training of the Unit, then in Adelaide and Katherine and finally in that memorable year on Timor. "He was my friend, faithful and just to me," and I can well go on and say with in him that Nature might stand was a man!"

Anthony: "the elements so mixed up and say to all the world 'This was a man!'"

Here, then, are some snapshots of the man as he was in those very first days of No. 7 Infantry Training Centre, before there was even a No. 1 Cadre. Only a few instructors were there then, busy familiarising themselves with the Prom and settling in in Darby River while the camp at Tidal River was still under construction. One of the pictures is of a Sapper Lieutenant with strikingly bright and lively dark eyes, prominent, well shaped nose, black hair always neatly brushed down and always scrupulously neat in whatever uniform he was wearing. That goes with another picture of the same officer sitting, evening after evening, in the Darby mess yarning with that remarkable camp commandant, Major Stewart Love. Major Love had been a Sapper Officer in the first war and in engineering circles had known Bernie in civil life. They were great cronies for, apart from engineering, they were both widely read in a variety of subjects, particularly military history. Moreover, apart from his war career which was brilliant, the older man had a wide experience in primitive countries. The younger man realised this very clearly, was an attentive listener and in those long yarns learned much

that was to serve us well in the, as yet, undreamed of wild country of Timor.

It was interesting, too, to watch and listen to Bernie when he was with his Chief Instructor, Michael Calvert. In that case he was measuring strength with a first rate professional soldier of his own age and the interaction was a delight to watch. At one level were two keen, practical minds at work perhaps on a tactical problem or perhaps on a technical matter of how much explosive to use for a particular task. Often it would be some such business as the planning of the famous 'Akbar Stunt' but, whatever the matter in hand, it was easy to see the versatility of their minds and the quality of imagination in all their discussions. Yes, and there was a roguish sense of humour too, in which they were both richly endowed. Often in training this quality stood Bernie in good stead and time after time in most difficult situations in Adelaide, at Katherine and on Timor he showed a gift for finding occasion for laughter that would break the tension.

Intellect and a sense of humour are two firm foundations; link them with versatility and knowledge and you have the makings of a splendid officer. So it was with Bernie and he possessed many another gift as well. As in civilian life, so in our army world, he had a natural affability that made him liked and respected by all, coupled with a humility that, throughout his long life and despite all the honours and praise which came his way, saved him from the slightest sign of putting on airs. This might have led to over-familiarity from some but in fact it never did. The diverse Australians of the first cadre, the New Zealanders of the first two cadres and the Westralians of our own 2/2 formed a fine cross section of the soldiery and he had the respect of them all and the affection of most. Probably they all seemed, as we in Timor came to recognise by experience, that behind the affable exterior lay an inflexible will and an innate dignity that would brook no liberties.

The arrival of the enemy in Dili tempered this steel into the brave and resourceful officer whom we trusted and followed, first as our 2 i/c and then as our C.O., in the desperate months that then began. And now is the time for some more snapshots. One is of the adventurous escape of Bernie and Doyle from Dili in the first confusion of the Japanese attack; another is of the journey into Dutch Timor to find out for sure what was happening in those parts. The restless energy of the man seemed inexhaustible. Another glimpse, just a little later, is of a conference of officers in which he was strongly urging a demolition night-raid on enemy aircraft on the Dili airstrip. It was a feasible scheme, too, but our resources were

badly strained at the time and more cautious counsels prevailed. Yet another picture will be well remembered by Archie Campbell. With Bernie now our C.O., the 'August Push' had succeeded in producing our nightmare situation where we were concentrated and cornered and had to face a pitched battle against vastly superior numbers. Yet there was no talk of surrender. As calmly as though it had just been an exercise and with no trace of bravado or heroics Bernie told us it was 'the last man and the last cartridge!'. Then came the green rocket which we thought was curtains for us – and in the morning the enemy had vanished.

From then on, despite the temporary respite and the arrival of the 2/2 Company, the clouds began to gather ever more threateningly. Yet throughout Bernie, now C.O. of the Force maintained his air of calm cheerfulness and was as incisive and capable as ever in the management of his command. With all his old breadth of vision and clarity of thought he organised the withdrawal of the 2/2 from the island, thus losing the Unit for which he had done so much and which had been so dear to him. Nor was it only that, for now he had to face the task of keeping the enemy ignorant of what had happened and thinking that he was still faced by the same force. Then, to fill the cup, Bernie had to play the same trick over again with the 2/4 and it is perhaps the finest measure of the man that he accomplished even this with complete success.

It is hard, now, to imagine that half a century has passed since those days. So it is, though, and the last words of this tribute are that through all those fifty years of distinction and increasing honours Bernie's modesty never left him, he always found time for reunions when it was possible and was always the same good comrade to all as he had been on the Promontory and in the desperate year on Timor.

May this also be a tribute to his cherished wife Lady Naomi who, in the dedication to 'Independent Company' 'knew all and said nothing.' As a signals officer in the AWAS she read all the messages from Timor and had to bear the burden of the dark days with only prayer and hope to sustain her. Her fiancé at least had action to keep him occupied.

Their wedding was in 1943 and she blessed him with half a century of devotedly happy marriage and five very worthy sons.

Our sympathy and gratitude go out to her.

Rolf Baldwin

Our appreciation to Rolf Baldwin for also submitting the following tributes from Bishop George Pell, Auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of Melbourne, and Dr. Brian Lloyd, National President of the Institution of Engineers in 1993.

FUNERAL OF SIR BERNARD CALLINAN

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 26/7/95

We are gathered here this morning in the cathedral he knew so well for the funeral of Bernard James Callinan, Companion of the Order of Australia, Knight Bachelor and Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, who died last Thursday, July 20th at St. Joseph's Towers after several years of debilitating illness.

We come to acknowledge publicly his outstanding achievements, to thank God for his contributions to our city of Melbourne, to Australia and beyond, and to commend his Christian soul to our loving God.

The beautiful first reading, taken from the Old Testament "hymn in honour of our ancestors," was probably written early in the second century before Christ, when Judaism was coming under pressure from pagan Hellenism. Sirach the author wanted to outline the religious and cultural superiority of his people which he believed was rooted in their monotheism, their loyalty to the one true God; "to the godly the Lord has given wisdom."

Bernard was extraordinarily versatile with an unusual range of interests and achievements. Family man and engineer, soldier and educator, builder and committee man, his enthusiasms ranged from football to literature, from the Atomic Energy Commission to the Church. He fits easily into many of the twelve categories by which Sirach divided his men of renown, but central to his personality and his varied accomplishments were the facts that he was a patriot, a leader and a fine Catholic; a truly Christian gentleman.

He was born on February 2nd, 1913 in Moonee Ponds, the second son of Michael Joseph (Joe) Callinan and Mary Prendergast and educated with the Sisters of Charity at St. Columba's and then with the Christian Brothers at St. Bernard's, Parade and St. Kevin's.

He remembered the four brothers at St. Kevin's as excellent teachers, especially Br. "Jummy" Kenny the science master, who also alternated week-about with Br. Rahill for religious education. Blessed by his birth into a family of faith, even as a young man Bernard was active

in parish life, especially with the St. Monica's Tennis Club, where he first began his committee work, "an introduction to responsibility and decision making on such matters" as he later described it.

However, it was the Brothers in senior school at the old St. Kevin's who laid the intellectual foundations for the integrity we so admired. These brothers gave him a knowledge of the essential doctrines of faith and morals, of the problems associated with religious belief. They taught with certainty that these problems could be solved and that, in their solution, lay the answers to the riddles of life.

By the time I first came to know Sir Bernard more than twenty years ago he was not just shrewd and experienced. He was a wise man, strong and uncomplicated because his values were certain and consistent. As a Christian he knew the relative merit of things; he was a clear thinker, not distracted by emotions, far-seeing, regularly able to assess all aspects of a situation. His many different friends knew what he stood for. The Brothers made a big contribution to all this.

According to Sir Bernard it was his brother Jack who pointed him towards engineering at Melbourne University, where he enrolled at the age of seventeen in 1929, and who then suggested that he apply for a job with Mr A. Gordon Gutteridge in 1935. It was the time of the Great Depression when unemployment reached thirty per cent (excluding wives and those under twenty-one). A couple of years earlier not one engineering graduate had found employment.

Bernard's application was successful and the rest of his life was shaped in an engineering direction.

Before the decade was out the Great Depression was followed by the Second world War.

After fifty years of the "Pax Americana" in the Pacific we find it hard to imagine today the mortal peril of Australia after the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour. The mighty British base at Singapore, which ordinary Australians had been led to believe was impregnable, fell quickly in February 1942. The conquering Japanese army advanced 5000 kilometres in a few months, confident and apparently invincible, with nearly all of South East Asia in their grasp. The enemy was at our very shores.

Volunteering at the start of the War, he quickly transferred to the newly formed Independent Companies, the Commandos, who became part of the ill-fated Sparrow Force landed on Timor.

After the Japanese capture of the Island the

300 Australian Commandos withdrew to the hills to fight on successfully against odds which saw them outnumbered eventually by 100 to one. For months no one in Australia knew they had survived.

We all know there was no Japanese invasion of Australia and one significant cause was the efforts, the courage and fighting skills, of these two companies of Commandos who helped to immobilise 30,000 Japanese troops, at Australia's darkest hour. As Nevil Shute wrote of them "Few soldiers in history can claim to have done more than that."

Originally second in command of the 2/2 Australian Independent Company, Bernard later commanded all our forces in Timor, before they withdrew safely and in good order.

In that campaign he was awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in dispatches. He later received the Distinguished Service Order for his work as Commanding Officer of the 26th Australian Infantry Battalion in Bougainville and Rabaul and from 1973-8 he was honorary Colonel of the 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Regiment.

Bernard Callinan led a small band of heroes, whose exploits will pass into Australian legend as the only Allied troops in 1942 between India and Eastern Papua who had not surrendered to the Japanese. We should always remember this.

Bernard drew great strength from his wife and family. He and Lady Naomi were a distinguished couple, as she was always an unfailing source of support and advice. His book on the campaign in East Timor "*Independent Company*" was dedicated "To my wife who knew and did not speak."

He was proud that they had five sons; a result that he claimed was achieved with the planning and skill of an engineer! He was a model of the self-discipline he encouraged for his sons, unpretentious with them, a good sounding board in difficult times. He delighted in their achievements and especially those of his grandchildren. He set high goals but did not prescribe directions for individuals. His family always knew that he loved them and he lived and died knowing that they loved him too.

As a churchman I cannot conclude this tribute without a public expression of gratitude for the immense contribution Sir Bernard made to Catholic life. He was undoubtedly one of the most outstanding Catholic laymen in Australia in the last fifty years.

He was the only chairman in the seventeen year history of the Institute of Catholic Education, a position offered to him by Cardinal Knox with the promise that it only involved a few meetings a year. He was

chairman of the National Catholic Education Commission, a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, one of the small group of planners who set up the Australian Catholic University.

While his Catholic faith helped shape his personality and guide his public life, there is no doubt that he brought the cast of mind of both engineer and soldier to his faith, to his patterns of believing.

He studied life's problems, religious or otherwise, drew firm conclusions in his typically concise fashion and then worked resolutely to implement them.

He understood the personality of the centurion in today's gospel story. He too was accustomed to giving directions as well as taking orders. He was a determined and resolute man and, I was told, a pugnacious soldier regularly looking to attack. But there was another side to him, more easily understood because of his religious convictions. His record demonstrated a commanding personality. This was not always immediately apparent behind a somewhat reserved, almost shy exterior; and his friends remarked too on his genuine humility.

He recognised and accepted the clear lines of religious authority. He had no difficulty in bowing in worship before the one great God and would have had no problem in announcing that he was unworthy that Christ should enter his house. While he was under no illusions about the personal strengths of priests and bishops, he always treated us with scrupulous courtesy and respect and accepted, without hesitation, the proper religious authority of pope and archbishop. He was devoted to the Mass, the sacraments and the daily rosary.

His Catholicism, among the best of its type and generation, was the informing principle of his life which so enriched this nation by its presence and now leaves us so much poorer by his absence.

Sir Bernard served Australia with distinction in six years of war; he served it with equal distinction in peace for almost sixty years. Many aspects of his service have not been mentioned in this sermon; his work in the post-War reconstruction with Gutteridge, Haskins and Davey, his leadership roles in the construction of the new Parliament House and Latrobe University, his long-term involvement with the Institution of Engineers. My catalogue is far from complete.

He was a man for many seasons, who cared for the spiritual fabric of our country as much as he worked to extend and improve its physical infrastructure. He was loyal to a fault; to his principles, to his family and to his comrades in-arms, his friends in every rank of

society. We were privileged to know him.

In faith and with confidence we commend his valiant soul into the hands of the one true God whom he served so well.

Bishop George Pell.

Life of leadership touches many Obituary

Sir Bernard James Callinan

Soldier, engineer and former chairman of the MCC Born: 2 February, 1913. Died 20 July, 1995, aged 82.

SIR BERNARD JAMES CALLINAN, distinguished soldier and engineer, was a great contributor to the public good. Sir Bernard, who died last Thursday in Melbourne, was born in Melbourne, educated at St Kevin's College and graduated in engineering from Melbourne University in 1935. He began his career with consulting engineer A. Gordon Gutteridge before joining the AIF in 1939. As a soldier, Sir Bernard was commander of Sparrow Force in Timor, and later published his adventures in the book *'Independent Company'*, a matter of fact account of the bravery of our soldiers and the Timorese people behind Japanese lines. Later he commanded 26th Battalion. His war record earned him a DSO, MC and Mention in Dispatches. During 1948-51 he commanded 58/32 Infantry Battalion of the CMF.

After the war he returned to his engineering firm, now Gutteridge, Haskins and Davey. When he retired as chairman in 1978, GHD was one of Australia's leading consulting engineering firms. Sir Bernard was generous with his talents to many activities within and outside his profession, and in his church. My recollections of him span 40 years. As a young engineer, I looked up to him as a leader of my profession and as a Catholic layman. He was chairman of the Victorian division of the Institution of Engineers in 1960. When he became national president in 1971, his leadership helped to cement the unity of the national engineering profession. Sir Bernard's public contribution was prodigious. In the church, he became chairman of the Institute of Catholic Education in 1974 and guided that body towards formation of the interstate Australian Catholic University in 1991. At times his academic colleagues complained of a somewhat autocratic style, but everyone admired his political prowess in bringing about a fruitful accommodation between church and state. During 1977-84 he was a member of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace in Rome. His engineering insights were sought in service to governments, as a member of the

royal commission in 1973-74 that split the Postal Office into Telecom and Australia Post, and as chairman of the Parliament House Construction Authority in Canberra in 1979-93. He served as a commissioner of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, on the West Gate Bridge Authority and the Water Resources Foundation. He also served on the boards of BP, CSR, the ABC and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission. His love of people led him to the Royal Humane Society, the Albert Reserve Committee and the Overseas Services Bureau. At La Trobe University he was a foundation councillor and deputy chancellor 1967-69. At Melbourne University he was on the council and the faculty of engineering. He served on the committee of the MCC for 16 years and was president during 1980-85. Sir Bernard's honors were many: Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) in 1946, Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 1972, Knight Bachelor in 1977 for services to his profession, and Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1986. For a quiet, unassuming man, Sir Bernard was an extraordinarily effective leader. His charm and occasional firmness enriched many lives. He is survived by his wife, Naomi, and his five sons.

- **Dr Brian Lloyd, national president of the Institution of Engineers in 1993**

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Once again I am the supplier of sobering news.

Bert Bache noticed in the Obit column that Ron Mackey had passed away on the 3rd September, 1995, circa 72 years. Bert, Betty and I went to the service. Bert sorted out the facts so we could pass them on to the *Courier*.

Ron married Pat Barnes and they raised a family of three boys and one girl and subsequently three grand children.

For many years Ron worked as a technician for the PMG and found time to be involved with the peace time army.

Some years ago Ron was involved in a car accident and suffered serious physical injury. Upon retirement he became a keen fisherman and scuba diver with his son-in-law.

During the last few years Ron had a by-pass and several minor strokes and died in a nursing home at Kadina in S.A. Copper Triangle.

A fitting service and tribute was conducted by the Reverend George Potter at the Centennial Park Crematorium, followed by The Last Post

and Reveille. Ron's family members thanked us for remembering him.

Who his was Ron Mackey? He was in 6 Section, Reg. Harrington was corporal. Ron served in New Guinea and New Britain.

Keith Dignum

Our thanks to Bert Bache for submitting a newspaper item about the late Sir Bernard Callinan.

Ed.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

Our regular barbecue was held on 31st July at Bribie Island. Happily we had the company of Jack Fox and Alan and Edith Luby who were holidaying at Maroochydhore and Caloundra. Also welcomed were Grace Davies her brother Peter McCracken sister Gladys Butterworth and cousin Ethel McCracken. Our own Queenslanders were Col and Jeanette Andrew, Neil and Margaret Hooper, George and Bettye Coulson, George and Edna Vandeleur, Ralph and Sheila Conley, Butch and Pat Barnier, Gordon and Joan Stanley.

All in all we had a great day with our southern visitors. Apologies were received from Tony and Iris Adams, Theo Adams, Mervyn Murphy and Wyn MacLachlan.

Best wishes to all – looking forward to seeing you all at Maroochydhore in '96.

Ralph Conley

SAFARI 1996 UPDATE

As at 22nd August 110 members have indicated they are coming. Of these 83 have paid deposits and are booked in accommodation, 14 Queensland members will be finalising arrangements and 13 Queensland members will be staying privately. Some N.S.W. members will additionally make arrangements for bookings at the Caravan Park.

Neil Hooper would like outstanding deposits finalised as soon as possible.

The itinerary is shown below and we believe it allows for free days to do those things fishing bowls etc. which can be arranged at short notice.

Costs for functions tours entrance fees lunches and dinners etc. have been finalised at \$160 per head and we are sure everyone will have an enjoyable time. Hopefully our numbers will increase to 120 or so.

Itinerary Maroochydhore Safari

Saturday 20/4/96: Arrive at Maroochydhore and book into accommodation.

Sunday 21/4/96: Settlement Day. From 9 am to 12 noon.

Evening – 6.30 pm. Welcome to all at 'Sonnie's' Maroochydhore Hotel (next door to Northcliffe). Dress Informal.

Monday 22/4/96: Depart accommodation for coach trip to The Ginger Factory at Yandina. Tour of complex including morning tea. Depart 11.30 am and proceed to Big Pineapple for smorgasbord lunch and visiting all places of interest at this tourist attraction.

Tuesday 23/4/96: A free day until 6 pm. This evening will be our Official Dinner at 'Sonnie's' Maroochydhore Hotel. Dress Jacket and Tie.

Wednesday 24/4/96: Free Day or a charter fishing trip to reef (Weather permitting) or a trip to Brisbane by coach one hour each way.

These are optional extras A 53-seat coach will be \$9 return per head A 19-seat coach will be \$16 return per head.

Thursday 25/5/96: Anzac Day Arrangements to be confirmed with Maroochydhore R.S.L.

Friday 26/4/96: 9 30 am. Association Meeting R.S.L.

12.30 pm. Coaches will pick up at units for lunch and trip to Underwater World Mooloolabah will depart after 3.30 pm seal show.

Saturday 27/4/96: 8.30 am. Depart units for coach trip of Blackall Range via Maleny and Montville. We will arrive at Nambour R.S.L. at 1 pm for lunch.

Depart 2.30 pm for a visit to the Moonshine Valley Winery.

Depart 3.30 pm for a short trip to your home base.

Sunday 28/4/96: Free Day.

Monday 29/4/96: Free Day until 6 pm. Farewell Buffet – Casual Dress.

Tuesday 30/4/96: Depart for home.

N.B. This Itinerary is subject to alteration.

As at 10th September the following members have now paid their deposits making a total of 88 deposits paid Betty Craig, Marj Goodacre and sister Pat Sullivan, Paddy and Nora Kenneally, Betty Devlin, Ralph Finkelstein, Jack and Maria Hartley and brother Frank Park, George and Margo Shiels, Jack Fox, Jean Palm.

GERALDTON NEWS

First of all I'll tell you about happenings at Sun City Geraldton. Our RSL Sub-Branch has had a particularly busy time in association with Australia Remembers 1945-1995 and the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Our news coverage embraced items featuring the exploits of members during World War II, a wide range of Anzac Day features including a Gallipoli flag display and memorabilia of the two deceased Diggers responsible for the return of the flag to the Geraldton area and the acceptance of a piece of metal from the first German plane shot down over Crete in 1941. We also had excellent VE Day, VP Day and Vietnam Veterans' Day commemorations, and were proud of the fact that our Sub-Branch received the Collett Cup for the 24th time for outstanding country Sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary the Country Cup for the 27th time as the outstanding country Auxiliary.

2/2nd members met at Mullewa on September 3 for the Centenary celebrations in association with the proclamation of Mullewa as a Municipality 100 years ago. It was an emotional time for Tom Foster when he met a young lady from Moora, Kylie Maley, grand niece of Cpl. Jack Maley who paid the supreme sacrifice in New Guinea in 1943. Tom helped to bury Jack at Wesa near the Ramu River when Bernie Giles of Mullewa was in the same Section. Capt. Dave Dexter was very upset at the result of his decision to take a patrol over the other side of the river where there was an enormous ambush, because they all thought so much of JM, the big bearded man who was affectionately known as Boong. Tom was also able to tell Kylie about their exploits in Timor where they were Lance Corporals together in No. 1 Section under Dave Dexter. Tom said Jack Maley did a terrific job in Timor when Tom as a Tommy gunner and Jack as a Bren gunner encountered a big column of Japanese. Operating from 8 am until dark, Tom as a spotter with his telescope and Jack with his Bren gun, resulted in 20 to 30 victims for the day in 1942, including a Japanese officer at 1,000 yards.

Although Tom lived at Geraldton where he attended CBC at the same time as Jack Maley's brothers Bill and Larry, he fondly remembers his association with Mullewa in 1938 when as an 18 year old after receiving his Diploma from Muresk he helped to take off a crop at Mullewa on the property of Government Surveyor Max Minchin.

It was wonderful for me to be able to renew many old acquaintances from various parts of the State but am sorry I was unable to spend more time inspecting the comprehensive array of memorabilia because I had just returned from another medical visit to Perth and will next

be increasing the visits to monthly one-week visits for three treatments each week. The wonderful chelation therapy I receive from Dr. Scrimgeour in Bedford is outlined in the book *'Update Second Edition Bypassing Bypass The New Technique of Chelation Therapy a non-surgical treatment for improving circulation and slowing the aging process, Elmer Cranton MD,'* available from Dymocks. It was my delight to be able to provide a lot of information about men and women who joined up from Mullewa and to recite the Ode at a ceremony in which Convent School pupils paid tribute to the 12 local men who paid the supreme sacrifice in World War II by placing remembrance poppies on their named white crosses at the Memorial in the presence of such distinguished people as Lady Doris Brand whose late husband and former Premier Sir David Brand, joined up from Mullewa and received the Military Medal for gallantry in Crete with the 2/11 Battalion.

There was also a display about Don Ramshaw who joined up from Mullewa where he worked on a farm but Tom Foster says some details about Jack Denman and others are incorrect. Don was killed in New Guinea in 1943.

My sister Betty of Bentley, widow of the late John 'Irish' Hopkins, was delighted to meet Tom Foster and have a chat about 2/2 Association activities, and also to catch up with an old acquaintance, Bernie 'Boomer' Giles.

I have sold my home at 2 Dampier Street and bought a brand new unit at the War Veterans' Homes Village. My address now is 1/101 Francis Street, Geraldton 6530, phone (099) 21 1593.

Best wishes to all and please find attached a contribution to our wonderful *Courier*.

Peter Barden

VICTORIAN VOCAL VENTURINGS

The funeral service for Sir Bernard Callinan was held on July 26th and on leaving the Cathedral there was a guard of honour of members of the Combined Commando Squadrons of 2/2 and 2/4 and members of the 26th Battalion and Corps of Commissioners. A graveside service was held at the Springvale Crematorium and also a service by Mr Bruce Ruxton, President of the Victorian RSL.

The following members were present – Tom Nisbet, Leith Cooper, Fred and Mavis Broadhurst, Rolf Baldwin, Alf Harper, Ed. Bourke, Paul Costelloe, Harry and Olive Botterill, Ken and Margaret Monk, Bill and Pat Petersen, George Veitch, John Southwell, Alex and Beryl Boast. Bruce and Lorraine McLaren went to the Rosary Service at Kew the day before the funeral.

Bill Sharp passed away on August 11 and the funeral was held on August 14 at Grovedale near Geelong. Members present were Alf Harper, Rolf Baldwin, George Veitch. Unfortunately, owing to the early hour of the service quite a few members were unable to attend.

We pass on our condolences to families of Sir Bernard and Bill.

EDITOR: A Vale for Bill Sharp will appear in the December *Courier*.

I have visited Don Freyer a few times and although he has difficulty speaking he always recognises me and manages my name. He is always pleased to see anyone and his eyes light up and the last time I saw him he was feeding himself with his left hand. He is a real battler and Joan and family must be proud of him and his fighting spirit.

That's all the news for now. Regards to all.

Harry Botterill

THE ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL EFFORT FOR 50th YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Association, having found itself with a considerable number of Jim Smailes Narrative Poems *'The Independents'* beyond any form of requirement, decided to donate these remarkable little books to schools to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific.

Keith Hayes, who had collected a vast quantity of second hand school books which were sent to East Timor, volunteered to distribute a small quantity of the Smailes Poems in each of the schools which had so generously donated their second-hand books to the children of East Timor. Keith's effort was over 40 schools in the metropolitan area and one school at the remote Fitzroy Crossing and even a couple of copies to a chap at Alice Springs who claimed he was the person to receive that first signal from Timor when wireless contact was made in 1940. (Probably the 3000th person to have made a similar claim).

The following letter was provided to each school advising of the Association's gift.

Keith has had a remarkable response from each of the schools that he visited and there have even been requests for further copies if available. Over 1000 copies have been distributed by Keith.

Bill Howell has also distributed about 100 copies to schools in the Mandurah area.

The Association can be very proud of their effort in **giving something and not receiving something** as a result of the 50th Remembrance year.

Col Doig

"The 2/2 Commando Association of Australia, to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific, would like to donate to school children, copies of a unique narrative poetic story of the campaign in Portuguese Timor (now East Timor) written by Mr Jim Smiles during service in 1942.

This is the story of one of the most epic campaigns fought during the period of the war in the Pacific.

Probably less has been written about Australia's war effort than any other battles in the whole area.

It is also an outstanding souvenir of the original cartoons by the prince of cartoonists, Paul Rigby, when he first arrived in Perth in 1950.

Col Doig

There is a number of books left and it is our intention to sell these via the new museum in Fremantle where we have a display.

Books are still available to members at the special price of \$2 each plus postage. The book is a good buy and a great gift for the grandchildren.

V.P. DAY MARCH

The Association was proud to take part in the V.P. Day march which was held in Perth on Sunday morning, 13th August last. The length of the march, about 1.5 kilometres, put off a lot of our members and we finished up with 10 starters plus two members of other units.

It turned out to be a top march. We were fortunate to be close to the head of the parade and with the City of Perth Band which led the parade, beefing out 'Sussex by the Sea' and other well known marching tunes, it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

A good crowd turned out to support those taking part in the parade which included war veterans, youth groups, school children, sporting groups and others. The march took about 25 minutes and we didn't change step the whole time. Members who marched were John (Tich) Chalwell who had the honour of

carrying our flag, Ernie Bingham, John Burridge, Ralph Finkelstein, Keith Hayes, Don May, Ted Monk, Bob Smyth, Jim McLaughlin and Jack Carey. Ben Hart of 2/5 Squadron and Gordon Robinson of 3rd Field Artillery made up the 12.

Gordon who is a great mate of George Fletcher has joined us a good many times for our Anzac Day Parade.

Don May who has two artificial knee joints and an angina problem reckoned the occasion was too good to miss and those of us who took part would have to agree with him.

Jack Carey

The Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs has advised that following the recent Budget decision to allow Veterans and War Widows access to chiropractic and osteopathic treatment from 1 September, 1995, the Department is proceeding with the implementation.

Don Young reports that on a recent country trip he called in on Ron and Norma Johnson who live at Koorda, a sheep and wheat farming area 236 kms north east of Perth. Don was pleased to report that Ron, who is 82 years of age, is enjoying life as is Norma. He appreciates receiving the *Courier* and sends his best wishes to members, especially his old mates in 'A' Platoon. Ron is a member we have seen very little of over the years but it is good to know he is still soldiering on.

The following was received from Dick Darrington during his recent overseas holiday:- 'I am happy to write what a wonderful one month holiday I have just had - great Canadian countryside, generous people are helpful in every way. I spent quite a lot of lovely time camping out in Prince Albert Sashatchewan National Heritage Parks. Freshwater lakes fishing and canoeing.

Dick is now back home, no doubt planning his next adventure.

CORRESPONDECE CORNER

Mrs J. Sharp
11 Stonehaven Ave
Dubbo 2830.

I am writing to thank everyone of the 2/2 for their cards and thoughtfulness on the passing

of my dear husband Frank. He was a very special man and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

I was very pleased to see Alan Luby, three other mates, also Keith and Nola Wilson at his funeral, I thank them very much for coming.

I would like to keep getting the *Courier* if possible. Will send subs soon, as I love reading this great little paper.

Once again thanking everyone for their thoughts and kindness at this very very sad time for our family and I will keep in touch as I do hope the friends I made since marrying Frank will keep in touch with me. At this time we really need friends.

Yours sincerely

Judy

Mrs V. Hancock
46B Mount View Tce
Mt Pleasant 6153

I appreciate receiving the *Courier* and enclose a donation towards the publication.

It was with interest I read of the proposed 2/2 Commando display in the Army Museum at Fremantle. Enclosed is a donation towards this project.

Best wishes to all members

Yours faithfully

Val

Mrs P. Brown
26 Scadden St
Wembley 6014

Enclosed is a donation for the *Courier* which I look forward to receiving. Thank you very much.

Best wishes to all members,

Phyl

R. Snowdon
4 Nilmar Ave
Wodonga 3690

A short note to enclose a cheque towards the cost of the *Courier*. It is a great little publication. It helps to keep us all aware of what the ex 2/2nd boys are doing these days.

I hope life is treating you all well. I live a pretty quiet life in retirement here in Wodonga. Fortunately I keep pretty good health. Regards to all.

Bob

F. C. Broadhurst
140 Christmas St
Fairfield 3078

The 2/2nd Family,

It is sad to report the passing of Frank Sharp, a thorough gentleman and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. To me he was a great mate for over 50 years and I will miss his happy smiling face about the place.

To Judy, thank you for bringing so much happiness into his life.

The best of everything to all.

Fred and Mavis

Mrs B. Sadler
Box 24 PO
Wongan Hills 6603

It is high time I did some letter writing and caught up on some outstanding accounts – one is to the 2/2 Commando *Courier*. Peter always reads the *Courier* and, as you have opened an account for the setting up of the War Museum, he has asked me to forward a cheque as a donation from the family. Cheque also enclosed for the *Courier*.

Reg Harrington dropped in for dinner one evening before he headed for Exmouth and has called on Mavis and Chas several times at the Caravan Park at Exmouth.

Earlier in the year I did a very enjoyable fly/coach tour of the Eastern States, mainly to see the autumn leaves in Bright and Canberra – I was not disappointed. The tour was organised by a local travel group and it was very well done.

Last week I spent a few days touring around Mullewa, Yalgoo, Paynes Find, checking out the wild flowers, staying a couple of nights at Talling Station. It is certainly a good year for wild flowers – enjoyed the break.

No shortage of rain this year, most of the crops are looking very nice, the lupins flowering well.

Have you recognised anyone in the Channel 7 'Australia Remembers' flash backs – the one on Timor? I wrote to the Station and they very kindly sent me a copy.

Cheers for now – regards to all.

Blanche

S. McKinley
49 Nairn Rd
Coodanup 6210

Enclosed is my cheque towards the Fremantle Museum Appeal.

Regards.

Syd

Mrs O. J. Thornton
PO Box 81
Denmark 6333

Please find enclosed a donation towards the *Courier*.

Yours faithfully

Olive

N. F. Demmery
52 Lakkari St
Coutts Crossing 2460

Please be advised of a change to my address as above.

Sorry, no news of any importance in my little neck of the woods.

Yours sincerely,

Norman

Mrs G. Kirkwood
11/31 Gardner St
Como 6152

Enclosed herewith two cheques – one for Museum Appeal and one for *Courier* expenses.

Kind regards to all.

Gwenda

Mr R. S. Wilson
27 Nicol St
Highett 3190

Writing these few lines to say 'hello' and trust that you are all keeping well.

I was not able to go to MAM Smith's or Bernie Callinan's funerals as I have emphysema badly now and have oxygen at home a lot.

Have just had an eye operation (lens implant) and it is coming on well. It's only a fortnight since I was in St. Vincents.

Monica would like her name put with mine in the address book. She says after 50 years it is about time.

Enclosed is a donation towards the *Courier* which we enjoy receiving.

Kind regards from us both.

Sep

Mrs D. Laing
29 Harris St
Hackett ACT 2602

Please find enclosed a donation towards the good work done by the Association. While there are many names mentioned in the *Courier* whom I never knew, there are still many familiar ones as well, familiar because they were so frequently mentioned by my brother Mervyn Ryan. The *Courier* is a great way for people to keep in touch for so many years. Good luck in all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn

J. C. Burridge
4 Adams Road
Dalkeith 6009

Some of the boys will be interested to hear of a wedding that I attended recently with my daughter Terry.

We were invited to the marriage of Maria Martires to Timothy Klinger at John 23rd College Chapel in Mt. Claremont. The reception was at the South Perth Civic Centre. The Klinger family were originally from Germany.

It was quite a night! There were more than 300 there, including a vast number of kids. (It is rather nice the way the Timorese always bring their children whereas we, generally, leave them at home!)

The food was absolutely fabulous and was a co-operative affair prepared by all the Timorese ladies. I cannot remember any repast so sumptuous. The speeches were good and there was much music and jollification. We met up with many friendly Timorese and there was much nostalgic toasting to Maubisse, Ermera, Aileu, Bobonaro etc. etc.

Costa, who worked with Ray Aitken at Wildflower Nurseries for many years, was there with his Australian wife and two children. Old friend, Domingos Oliveira was there together with many members of the families of Martires, Madeira, Encarnacao, Azevedo and others.

John Martires is very crippled with arthritis these days but he and his charming wife were justly proud of their very pretty daughter - bride.

It was a wonderful night and I felt privileged to have been a guest.

All the best.

John (Joe)

W. Coker
11 Kameruka Rd
Northbridge 2063

DON'T FAINT!

On Tuesday morning July 23rd Coral and I were finishing our after breakfast cup of tea, listening to the 8 o'clock news on the national radio when the announcer said 'we will be crossing to Darwin as we have a commando who was in East Timor to speak to us.' We wondered who this could be. The lady said 'I would like to introduce Mr Paddy Kenneally.' I said to Coral 'this could be interesting as we all know Paddy doesn't pull any punches.' It was Paddy all right. One couldn't mistake his voice. He spoke for about five minutes on the East Timorese naming several villages where the Timorese had really helped the Australians. Touched on the Canberra mob not being any help except to the Indonesians. As we know they are like a red rag to a bull to Paddy. He was on his best behaviour 'damn' was his worst word.

Lo and behold, we were watching 'Four Corners' on TV and along a road came the master himself. A truck with about six Timorese stopped and hauled Paddy aboard and away they went. Ended up

having an interview in someone's kitchen. So it ended for our radio and TV star.

It looks as if we have lost another one in N.S.W. Received the Reveille (R.S.L.) yesterday and in the Last Post was a name most of us know - A. B. Weir, 2/2 Commando. We haven't seen Snow since he moved out of Sydney approximately 20 miles upstream on the Hawkesbury River. Just below his name was Bluey Westerweller. I wonder if they went over the Divide together.

On the 11th August Coral lost her mother at the age of 99 after a painful illness.

We are looking forward to the fast approaching Safari to meet all again.

Regards to everyone.

Bill and Coral

R. Archer
36 Soudan St
Toowong 4066

I've been visiting my son who lives in Manchester, U.K. for over six weeks including a stop-over of eight days in Singapore.

Was very sorry to see that Frank Sharp had passed away - another good soldier and a great mate. In April 1985 Frank and Phyllis joined our annual bowls tour to Ballina where

all participants had a very enjoyable holiday.

Looking forward to our Safari next and a big roll up of as many of our mates who will still be able to make it.

Best wishes to all members.

Ron

J. Penglase
7 Stubbs St
Esperance 6450

Elsie and I have been in Esperance for three months, the reason being Elsie needs to have choice of doctors. We have a comfortable house in a quiet street near the hospital. Esperance is a pleasure to live in and we will live here for the rest of our lives. We are both getting old and I am feeling older as time goes on.

I manage to catch a few fish as time goes on and Friday is my afternoon for indoor bowls.

Sincerely,

John

COL DOIG REQUESTS

To all those ex-Timor Veterans who received requests to tell their story of the Timor Campaign, would you please give some early attention to your reply.

To date at least 15 people have made a contribution and a further 35 have signified that they will contribute. A pretty good effort to date but we can do better, so please (I'm on bended knees) hop in and do your best so that there will be a very large amount of data to compile a marvellous book.

There are still about 20 of the Association History '*A Great Fraternity*' available at \$20 plus postage \$7. These would make a great Christmas gift for someone interested in Association affairs and there definitely will not be a reprint.

A few of the Unit History books have become available at \$25 plus postage \$10. It is stressed that there are very few books on hand.

Mavis Broadhurst is trying to obtain a copy of the video documentary '2/2 Independent Company' made for the SBS series the 'Warriors' which was shown at the Phillip Island Safari.

If anyone has the video and could send Mavis a copy she would be very pleased to receive it at 140 Christmas Street, Fairfield, Vic. 3078. Mavis will gladly cover all expenses involved.

Ceremony to mark Veteran's NORQEB work

Long serving NORQEB employee and World War II veteran Allan Soper was honoured and remembered when his wife Jewel, NORQEB Chairman Russell Laird and Mayor Alterman Tony Mooney officially switched on the NORQEB victory lights at the VP50 opening ceremony in Flinders Mall on August 11.

The lights, consisting of three banks of searchlights and another two larger banks, lit up Townsville from five strategic locations around the city.

Allan Soper worked for NORQEB and its predecessor organisation, Regional Electricity Board, from 1949 until his Townsville retirement in 1982. He died in 1992.

'Many staff remembered Allan for his warmth to other people and the community but they also remember him for his commitment, dedication and loyalty to NORQEB and, importantly, to our customers, so it's fitting that he be remembered and honoured in this fashion,' Mr Laird said.

Something not widely known to many of his workmates was his extensive and distinguished war service. Mr. Soper joined the 2nd AIF in August 1942 at Charters Towers and trained as a commando for the 2/2 Commando Squadron, a combat force for which men were picked for their endurance, courage and resourcefulness. The men were trained to infiltrate enemy-held territory, conduct military operations and gather intelligence on Japanese troop movements. As a member of the Unit, Mr. Soper was involved in military operations behind enemy lines in Papua New Guinea. He served three years on active duty. But while he was fighting in the war, Townsville had its own battle.

Unprecedented demands on essential services such as electricity exacerbated the problems of the local war economy in an isolated and increasingly militarised Townsville, Mr. Laird said.

Electricity played a vital role in Townsville's defence during the war. In those days,

Townsville Council was responsible for the generation and supply of electricity from Hubert's Well power station at Aitkenvale.

With Japan's entry into World War II in late 1941, Townsville became a strategic post for the Pacific War. In addition to the Australian forces, large numbers of American servicemen poured into the town and congregated in sprawling encampments on the outskirts.

The population soared to 90,000 in mid 1943 and the demand for electricity rose.

G. C. Hart
16 Colwell St
Kingsgrove 2208
Phone (02) 507 301.

The Secretary
2/2nd Commando Association

Dear Jack,

I am endeavouring to arrange a visit of a small group of ex. 2/2 and 2/4 members to East Timor possibly mid-September 1995.

Rest assured that the sole purpose is for a commemorative 're visit' of some of the familiar places of WWII origin, plus a service with your Association's permission, at your memorial just south of Dili, for those of our respective members who didn't survive the campaigns there. The contentious issue of East Timor/Indonesia will be side-stepped completely.

I believe you have a friendly relationship with a Bro. Ephram who I understand is located in Dili. We would like to extend an invitation to him to officially participate in a spiritual/religious manner at an appropriate wreath laying ceremony at your memorial there.

If your Association is agreeable to this suggestion I would appreciate you advising me of his contact address and a phone number or, if you concur, would you prefer to contact him directly?

Details of approximate costs etc. for the trip are briefly detailed in the August issue of the 'NSW Commando News.'

With kind regards,

Gordon

16 August, 1995

Dear Bob,

Greetings from East Timor!

I hope this message finds you and Margaret in good health.

The whole shipment had arrived several days ago and it is only this morning that I was able to take them out of the warehouse.

All of the box numbers are complete. There was only one small box that was opened and I do not know what is missing. **Almost all pallets were intact.** The pallet containing the knitting machines must have broken because of the weight; they released this pallet as 17 small carton boxes. In one or two pallets I saw some tear in the plastic wrapping but then it is dry season here, consequently no problems about the water damage. I have not yet opened the boxes of books but I guess that they are in good condition.

You really sent a lot of things and books. On behalf of the Timorese, many thanks! The books will be distributed to the different schools. For some I will wait till the group of Gordon and Tom arrives so that they themselves could present it to some schools.

This will be all for now. I have assumed the expenses on this side as my appreciation for the tremendous amount of time, money and effort you have generously given for this project. I am sending also through a friend several bags of ground "Ermera" coffee. I would have wanted to send you the roasted coffee beans but then I did not have time to have it picked. When you have your meetings or get-togethers, you can serve some Timor Coffee!

Once again, thank you!

Greetings to Col Doig, Keith and Val, Jack and Delys, John Burridge, Don Turton, Archie Campbell and the rest of the mates.

Signed

Ephrem

Don Bosco Dili.

INDEPENDENT TRUST

No. 2 Shipment to Dili

Ephrem's FAX confirms this large shipment was received practically intact.

CONTINGENCY factor – Dili

This item which Ephrem has already covered, was for such volume, negligible.

CARPENTER RETIRED INSTRUCTOR

A disappointing response from the Darwin organisation we approached. Alternative areas are being pursued.

TOOLS

Conveyance Channels being investigated. We wish to avoid having to send these new items via the conventional routes.

TOOLS SCHEDULE

Ralph Finkelstein's expertise is being applied.

SOCCER and BASKET BALLS

We have paid for 40 of each via K Mart Darwin and trust these, suitably deflated and in lots of 15 can be included in passengers luggage when next visiting Dili. Excess costs will be reimbursed.

Regards to all

Bob Smyth.

Dear Mr Smyth,

Greetings and peace!

Thank you for your letter of 27/7/95 regarding the shipment of books to Dili and also for the copy of the fax from Br Ephrem confirming the arrival of the shipment. That's good news!

We are most grateful for the information about the shipping company in Singapore, for details of procedure and packaging, and for copies of shipping documents. Be assured these will remain confidential.

We are now in a position to send 400-500 copies of six basic texts in Tetum for use in the schools in East Timor. We also have numbers of English books and readers for primary schools.

We shall now proceed with shipping arrangements with Yufam Pty Ltd. My only fear is that because the books are in Tetum, there will be problems with delivery in East Timor. However, we can only hope for the best. We'll let you know the results of our efforts.

Mr Alan Luby kindly offered to take a small number of books with him to East Timor so we took the opportunity to send a sample of completed books to Br Ephrem.

Thank you again for your invaluable assistance. Congratulations on your own persevering efforts.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely

Sr Josephine Mitchell RSJ

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