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## EDITORIAL

The four and a half years shared together as a small Army Unit of 300 men laid the foundation of what has been, and still is, a magnificent Association. The independent spirit which stemmed from those years together has continued and 50 years on we still retain that spirit. The way we have stuck together is nothing short of remarkable. We are indeed a unique and true fraternity.

We can look back with pride on our past 50 years. We were fortunate to have had, in all states, capable people who were prepared to devote their time to setting up the affairs of a young Association. Regrettably, many of those who did so much are no longer with us. The sound administrative principles set out in those early days along with the enthusiasm and loyal support the Association has received from members and their families down through the years has produced a strong and caring Association. Long may it be so!

As an active body of 50 years we can lay claim to some fine achievements. Those coming readily to mind include that wonderful little paper of ours 'The Courier,' our Kings Park Honour Avenue

in Lovekin Drive, our Army Museum Section in the Fremantle Barracks, the Memorial to those gallant people of East Timor at Fatunaba above Dili, the Independent Trust Fund set up to help the indigenous youth of East Timor, and there are others.

The happy times spent together should not be forgotten. The Anzac Days, the early children's outings and Christmas parties, the Tuesday night meetings, the socials, interstate safaris, country conventions, and so it goes on.

May our past 50 years together give us strength to cope with life in our declining years. The passing of friends, especially close life long friends, hurts us all deep down.

Come what may, we can rest content that our years spent as members of this very fine Association have been a rewarding and gratifying experience for us all.

We of the No. 2 Australian Independent Company and later of the 2/2nd Commando Association of Australia can claim we were indeed the "**Lucky Company.**"

**Jack Carey**

## VALE – Alfred William BLUNDY

The cycle of death is still persisting, this time it happens to be Alf Blundy, judged by most standards as one of the younger brigade, having been born in 1921.

Alf died on Sunday, 18th August 1996 after a very long battle with the dreaded cancer. Quite a few years ago he contracted a cancerous growth in his throat and had to have his voice box removed but he battled on for many years despite his speech problem. Then a cancer of the lungs was detected and that got progressively worse and eventually accounted for his life.

Alf was a very quiet, anonymous type of chap who went along minding his own business and living his life very much in his own way. A real devotee of fishing that was his hobby for many years, along with a few drinks with his best mates when he was able to imbibe.

Alf was an original member of the Unit and was part of the formation on Wilsons Promontory in July 1941. He was drafted to No. 4 Section of 'B' Platoon and remained a member of that Section right through the Timor, New Guinea and New Britain campaigns. Alf was the true Mr. Reliable, always there to do his best and regarded by his mates as a top grade soldier and, being born and bred in the bush, truly at home in the terrain in which the Unit found itself, and being a good shot, a most valuable member of the team.

After demobilisation Alf returned firstly to his native Katanning district where he worked at all sorts of vocations but eventually was best known as a good shearer at which he mostly earned his daily bread. Later he was to shift to the Beverley/Brookton area where he again pursued his shearing career. Later, Alf was to move to the city and for many years he was employed at the Midland Abattoirs until that establishment closed. He eventually got a service pension and then a TPI Repat. pension because of his disabilities.

Alf was a strong RSL man and also, where possible, took an interest in 2/2nd Commando Association affairs.

Like so many members of the Unit and Association, Alf was a very good friend of mine and in his early days when he came to the city I was usually first port of call and later, when dwelling in town we had many good moments propping up a bar.

Alf was a social member of the Bassendean Bowling Club for years and latterly of the Yanchep/Two Rocks RSL which took over his personal affairs in his last days.

Once again I say farewell to a bloke I like to call MATE in its truest sense. Alf was a truly good Aussie and a person well worth knowing.

The Association extends its deep sympathy to Alf's relatives.

**Col Doig**

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The funeral of Alf Blundy was conducted on 19th August, 1996 at the Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park Cemetery.

If there is such a thing in the Vale of Tears as an enjoyable funeral service this certainly was such a remarkable situation. Pinnaroo Park Cemetery which is situated in the Padbury area is just a very large wooded area with extensive lawns for each of the denominations, each separated from the other by wooded strips. This particular ceremony was conducted in such a place where, as well as the mourners, there were 14 kangaroos and their joeys lying on the grass with not the slightest intention of allowing anything as common as a funeral to disturb their daylight siesta, and a full chorus of magpies added vocally to the whole remarkable ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by a Salvation Army Officer and the eulogy was given by the President of the Scarborough R.S.L. A replica of Jimmy Edwards, the famous comedian, complete with large walrus moustache, and the whole episode one of dignity.

Those present from the Association were Jack Carey, Keith Hayes, Harry Sproxtton, Ray Aitken, Ted Monk, Don Turton, Jim McLaughlin, Dick Darrington, Alby Friend, Col Doig and Jess Epps.

**Col Doig**

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## FAREWELL TO KEITH

The cremation service of Mr Keith Dignum was held in the Florey Chapel at Centennial Park on 9 May, 1996. The Rev. Peter Miller of the Anglican faith conducted the service. Peter Miller is the Repatriation Hospital Padre. His service was emotional as he was a friend of Keith. The eulogy to Keith was given by Cliff Thomas of the 2/5 Sqdn.

Members of the 2/2nd who attended were Bert and Sylvia Bache, Hazel Hollow, Bob Williamson and Aubrey, Lyle Litchfield, Kel and Ruby Carthew. On behalf of the Association, Lyle Litchfield placed a diamond shaped wreath covered with red flowers.

Keith's original unit, 2/3rd Fld Regt was well represented, also members of the Commando Assn and M & Z Forces. Friends of the family

were also present. The 2/2nd members lost a great friend in the passing of Keith; he and Betty always had an open house when visitors from other States passed through South Australia.

Keith was President of the Commando Assn for many years, popular with all members and a very able President. He and I used to have long talks on the phone about the Association in general, and the W.A. members in particular. I know Keith is facing his next big adventure the same steadfast way he did in life.

**Kel Carthew**

## WILLIAM DONALD HUDSON

1922 - 1996

The first time I tried to impress Don was in mid/late fifties when I told him I had joined the army. He was impressed, the best thing since the "Biscuit Bombers" – I was No. 1 on his accepted list.

Then I told him I was an officer and his response was "an officer, a bloody officer – you're not a bloody soldier." My popularity fell to 5.

There was more to come – I told him I was artillery – I can't repeat his response, but I had sunk to 10 on Don's scale!

I redeemed myself when I supposedly beat him in a fight in Scarborough, but I don't think he was trying.

Donald was born in Tambellup in November 1922 and raised in the Goldfields. He was one of six children and his father died when Don was aged about seven years. He was a likeable larrikin but also somewhat of a "knuckles man." Would never withdraw from a fight. It was this attitude that led to his enlistment in the Australian army and his selection for "Special Forces" training and his eventual acceptance to his beloved "Double Red Diamond" commando unit.

### Army History

Don enlisted in the Australian military forces in May 1941 at the age of 18 1/2 years : he had indicated on enlistment that he was aged 21 1/2 years to ensure recruitment : at the age of 19 years he was in action on the island of timor with the 2/2 Commando squadron against the Japanese – December 1941.

In February 1942 all communication between the force on Timor and the Australian military forces ceased and it was assumed that the squadron members were either dead or prisoners of war : the assumption was incorrect.

Of all the many campaigns which, in their total,

constituted the second world war the little campaign of the Australian commandos in Portuguese Timor is perhaps the least known and one of the most worthy of notice.

In brief, three hundred and twenty seven men of all ranks were in the colony when the Japanese landed a force of about a thousand men, later increased to six thousand. The Australians took to the hills and commenced guerrilla operations against the Japanese, incessantly ambushing their convoys and patrols and shooting them up, living off the country and conducting their operations as a coherent and disciplined force, and with great skill.

For months, until they built a wireless transmitter out of odd parts taken from broadcasting sets and motor cars and achieved communications with Darwin, nobody was aware that they had not surrendered – except the Japanese, who knew it only too well. In thirteen months, until they were evacuated by sea to Australia, the squadron killed about fifteen hundred Japanese in these guerrilla operations for the loss of only forty of their own men. The Japanese high command reinforced their Timor garrison with an experienced division of fifteen thousand troops at a time when they were needed in other areas to the north of Australia. the 2/2 commando squadron, including don, then saw further service in New Guinea and New Britain.

The experiences and traumas suffered by Don and his mates during the war years strongly affected their future life and in all probability 'ruined' what others consider a 'normal' life.

After the war years Don was a troubled man who attempted on a couple of occasions to settle down, but to no avail : he worked in the Collie mines and he worked in the north west with the PMG, but slowly isolated himself and became somewhat of a loner. Eventually he retired and even then he still had a zest for the rough and tumble of life – he rarely tumbled!

He loved the camaraderie of the 2/2 squadron association, folk with whom he could easily associate.

His attendance at the last unit reunion in Maroochydore as against seeking medical assistance, probably led to an early demise;

But he enjoyed most of his life and faced the prospect of death in his last days with true bravado and was not afraid. he was a stubborn man, but a true friend, and would surely ask you, his family, his mates and 'the girl' not to grieve but remember the good times, and thank you for your companionship. like a diamond – a double diamond – Don was a gentleman at heart with a rough exterior.

On your collective behalf, I thank him for his

contribution to our security and bid him 'goodbye.'

**"Lest We Forget"**

**Phillip M. Perrin**  
(Nephew)  
25th July, 1996

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**CORRESPONDENCE CORNER**

**Mr I. Ronald**  
**Beckenham**  
**Kent, U. K.**

Dear Courier Team, It was sad to read of the death of Keith Dignum. He was my old sub-section leader, and a good soldier, guide and friend.

Margaret and I have again been to Founders Day at the Royal Chelsea Hospital, the home of the Chelsea Pensioners. The old soldiers were resplendent in their red coats and tricorn hats and they bore themselves proudly for inspection. This was carried out by the Princess Royal (Princess Anne) on a very hot day.

Our elder son David, is an engineer on Hercules aircraft in the RAF and he flies all over the world and spent April in Australia. He marched with some of his comrades in the Anzac Parade in Sydney.

I am keeping fairly well, but for six weeks have had to visit daily St. Thomas Hospital which is across the river from the Houses of Parliament. This was for radio therapy for a prostate cancer which had become active again. It was operated on five years ago but has been painless and hopefully will be no further bother.

I very much appreciate the Courier and enclose a contribution.

Regards to all.

Ian

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**Mr H. Botterill**  
**2/1 Evans Ave**  
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Olive and I really enjoyed the Safari with its great accommodation and the Queensland boys did a mighty job. I missed out on the Busselton Safari so it was four years since I had seen some of the boys and I noticed that they are all starting to show their age.

Sep. Wilson had a fall recently and has a plaster on his leg. Nothing is broken but he has to wait eight weeks before the plaster comes off.

It was a very sad time for the S.A.S. boys. It is

expected in wartime but is hard to take in peace time.

The Eagles are going great guns now and are a real threat they have some good youngsters coming along. Our football is in real turmoil over the North Melbourne, Fitzroy merger. Makes you wonder about the mob running it. It's the almighty dollar now that counts.

Kindest regards

Harry

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**J. P. Kenneally**  
**28 Wilkins Street**  
**Yagoona 2199**  
**August 13, 1996**

Writing from Nora's ancestral home at 6 Kenneally Court, Cork Hill, Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland. The name belongs to a no relation namesake of mine who built the seven houses comprising this cul-de-sac. No. 6 was where Nora was born and all the Kelly clan raised. My side of the family lived in six different houses in the town. From this I presume we either didn't pay the rent or to keep the British Army puzzled when they would put on raids during the troubles 1916-1921. From what my mother told me it was easy to move, we were lightly encumbered as she had more family than worldly possessions.

Sir Walter Raleigh was mayor of this town, his residence is still occupied. 'Myrtle Grove,' the name of the house, survived many turbulent eras in the town's history. Spence wrote the 'Faery Queen' there during Raleigh's tenure. The poet also lived in the castle of the dispossessed Walshs about 200 metres from here, whilst opposite the castle are the alms houses built in the 1500s by the Earl of Cork 'for ye olde worn out soldiers.' The noble Earl also paid them five pounds per annum in recognition of their loyal service. Of course, the said Earl landed in Ireland dead broke, and on the run from his creditors. The Elizabethan wars in Ireland were his saviours. He picked the right side and was duly rewarded with broad acres confiscated from the rebel losers. Good Queen Bess rewarded her loyal supporters handsomely with some one else's goods - it cost her naught.

This town reeks of history, places of learning. When christianity first came here the Norsemen, followed by the Norman Barons in the 12th century, Strongbow, William de Gross, the knights Templar, the first Franciscan Monks in Ireland, and the ruins of three Abbeys. I played around them when I was a youngster and learned of their history from my grandfather, and later readings. When Cromwell sailed from Ireland he left from here.

Cromwell's Arch is still standing. The walkway has been blocked off because of a dangerous building. The western perimeter of the town's defensive wall still stands with towers and apertures for bowmen, and at a later date flint locks, all giving a grand stand view of the Bay, the ocean and back up the Black Water River, the Irish Rhine with the ruins of castles dotting the surrounding country.

The weather has not been good, fortunately little rain. I am far from mobile. That knee replacement has been of no benefit so far. Since Maroochydore I think it has deteriorated, I'll attend to it when we return home

Nora having a marvellous time with her relatives and friends from her youth. Nora was early twenties when she left here so she was well known. I've got relations spread from here to Donegal so transport was not a problem. Just as well - I couldn't hire a car, too old. The insurance companies would not cover me. The media did. The Irish East Timor support group intend to make full use of all the publicity they can muster to bring the plight of the East Timorese to the European community. The Germans, Dutch, Scandinavian, English and French very negative. Portugal, Italy, Ireland very pro. The Irish Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, walked xxxxxx out of a function for Indonesian Foreign Minister Alitas. Australia should remember Alitas, he and Gareth Evans, the then Australian foreign Minister, toasted each other, and the Timor Jap Treaty in 1990 as they flew over Timor Sea. I believe pink champagne was the brew. Pity it wasn't laced with the blood of 200,000 East Timorese who have perished, while our governments spent their time supporting and defending the executioners.

We have a change of government but no change in policy regarding the position of East Timor. The then Prime Minister Whitlam and Richard Woolcott, Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, laid the foundations of what was to happen to East Timor when Whitlam met President Suharto in Wonosabo, Java in September 1974. From that meeting onwards successive Australian governments have played a despicable role in the history of East Timor.

I wonder how Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring fared on his recent visit to Jakarta. The Indonesians do not overlook slights but they can do little harm to Ireland which has had more experience at handling trouble than any people on earth, apart from the Jews.

This is my final epistle of the day. I intend to have an early night. I have had a surfeit of successive one and two am nights. People wander down to the pub around about 9.00-9.30 pm. They are supposed to close at midnight and that's about the time the party

starts. The doors close, the taps stay open, with a song here, a song there bursting into a full time chorus. The fine for being on licensed premises after hours is \$50. There must be a million dollars worth of fines per week not collected. A can of Fosters light costs \$4 here. A pint of Guinness just on \$4, lager is dearer and you can almost drink any of the good German, Dutch and Danish beers here for about \$4.30 a pint. Whiskey comparatively cheap - about \$22 per bottle. Cost of living high. Wages on a par with Australian. Social system similarly so, unemployment high, currently about 300,000 in a population of 3.6 million people. Climate - well, as one most attractive mother of seven said to me "No one comes to Ireland for the weather." Taking note of her, I could only agree.

Wishing all good luck, health and happiness, I hope you survive the run up to the footy finals. I hope to see the All Ireland hurling final in Dublin on September 1st and be back in Sydney in time for the Rugby League grand final at the end of September and watch the Aussie rules on TV as well, so here's to the winners and commiseration for the losers.

**Paddy**

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**Mrs B. Boardman  
97 Manning St  
Scarborough 6019**

Dear President and members.

Thank you for your kind letter and condolences to us in our loss of Jack. I appreciate your tributes to him, especially with regard to the people of East Timor and their struggle for justice. Jack was strengthened by the initiatives taken by your Association on their behalf.

Yours sincerely,

**Beryl, Trevor, Warwick and Joan, Louise and Mathew, Ralph and Annie, Kate, Lottie and Liam.**

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**P. Barden  
1/101 Francis St  
Geraldton 6530**

Let me heartily congratulate Archie Campbell on providing such a warmly written book 'The Double Reds of Timor.' It was so beautifully written by a man of amazing character and true Christian beliefs and is a book which emphasises the immense support the Timorese gave to the Double Reds. A former neighbour, Mrs Jess Curley, a sister of the late 'Gunner' Brown of the Double Reds received the autographed copy from a daughter in Perth

and also passes on her congratulations to Archie and others who helped bring to print the book that emanated from Archie's diary.

Tom and Mary Foster have had the pleasure of a five day visit from Bernie and Babs Langridge of Mandurah at their Huntwell Farm in the nearby Irwin district and were looking forward to a visit from Charlie and Mavis Sadler of Wongan Hills on their war back from Exmouth. Mary says the crops are looking good and she and Tom are in good health as are 'Blue' and Edie Pendergrast of Dongara.

My wife Joan has been inundated with congratulations on her lovely front garden at the RSL Village which, with 22 villas, is part of the War Veterans' Homes complex which also includes a hostel and three Darby and Joan cottages.

As PRO for Geraldton City RSL Sub-Branch it gives me great pleasure to publicise items associated with the War Museum section at Birdwood House. The latest addition is an Honour Roll that includes the names of 126 Geraldton railway men who served their country in World War I. They include Capt. W. C. Robinson of the 10th Light Horse Regiment who, in 1917, became the first President of a Branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

God bless you all.

Peter

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**Mrs C. Strickland**  
4 Hume Rd  
High Wycombe 6057

A few lines of thanks to all of George's 2/2nd mates and their families for their attendance at his 'Celebration of Life,' plus all the expressions of sympathy in flowers, cards and phone calls we have received. We were touched by the way Bill presented the Eulogy and special thanks to the pall bearers and Ted for saying The Ode. George was a Sapper through and through and it was great to see the bond still there.

Thank you all and God bless.

**Colleen, Robert (dec.), Joanne, Noel, Dene, Christine and families.**

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**J. Fenwick**  
71 Morgan Crescent  
Curtin 2605

Just a few lines to express my gratitude for the caring phone calls, letters and cards I have received since the Safari. I especially thank all of those who are praying for my recovery.

As Alan Luby put it, I must have stuck my foot

into somebody's mouth to have these things laid on me

Since the Safari I have been in and out of hospital for tests, operation, etc. Thanks to the support I have received from my wonderful wife and family and my friends of the 2/2 and the Signals Units I served with in the Regular Army, I have been able to adopt a positive attitude and am, God willing, going to beat these inconveniences and settle down to making sure we have another Great Safari in 1998.

Once again I thank you all and please keep up your prayers and I will be able to welcome you all in 1998.

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**S. Marsh**  
17 McGough St  
Glenorchy 7010

Enclosing a donation for the Courier with my best wishes to all.

We had the coldest September day on record here yesterday, Friday 13th, 3°-6°. Snow down to 300 metres and many roads closed.

Recently my wife and I had a counter lunch with some of my old 2/40th Batt. mates – the number is getting less each year.

I look forward to receiving the Courier.

Sincerely yours,

**Swampy**

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**K. Hasson,**  
4 Bern Rd  
Ferndale 6148

On behalf of all the Hasson family I would like to convey our sincere thanks to you all for your kind support on the loss of Dad.

2/2nd members were a big part of Mum and Dad's lives and towards their end they both spoke so much about the Unit. Needless to say, we look forward to a continued association with you all.

Regards,

**Ken**

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**A. Luby**  
6/35 Richmond Ave  
Dee Why 2099

First and foremost, on behalf of all your friends and family from N.S.W., we wholeheartedly wish you Len and Betty, every happiness and joy in your marriage and we hope you enjoy a wonderful future together.

As our old friend Fanny Ponsonby of Fita Fiblets fame would have said – 'I've had an extraordinary period.' When I last wrote we were about to make a presentation to the winner of the No. 1 Commando Regiment Marksmanship Shield and Mug to the winner for 95/96, Cpl. Dick Gategood on 16th July. This turned out to be a lousy, cold and windy typical winters night with only Roy Warren, President N.S.W. Cdo Ass'n, myself as Vice President, Harry Levey 2/5 who was presenting a 2/5 pennant, and Bob Clarke 2/5. After all our trouble the recipient was not present as he was doing a course at some other venue, so the trophies were presented by Roy to his Platoon Sergeant.

The only redeeming feature of the night was the fact that Bruce Collins, son of our old mate Les (Twilight) was present and introduced himself. He served in Vietnam and has a son in No. 1 Cdo Coy. I have his address to keep in touch.

I also presented Ron Goodacre's F.S.D. Tunic, a 2/2 A.A.M.C., and Papakura Pennants to the Company.

Next on the agenda was the Australia-Timorese Photographic Exhibition at our State Parliament House from 5 - 16 August. Gordon Hart and I took part in the official opening ceremony in the afternoon of the 5th, which I believe was quite impressive although the media were conspicuous by their absence, except the Portuguese newspapers. We estimated more than 100 persons present, the Portuguese Ambassador and Consul, several politicians, many Timorese and other supporters, especially from the Australian East Timorese Association, who put the display together. From 2/2nd, my Edith and Maria, Allan and Mary Addison, Bill and Friedegarde Tomasetti and Ray Cole, June Bennett, Yvonne Walsh, Bonnie Newton and son Brian, and Ann Field were present. Many could not attend because of poor health.

Alexandra da Silva was there with son-in-law Lito and wife Francesco, both looking well. Alex probationary term expires on 17th September so I will be pleased and thankful to be able to return to Ray Aitken his \$6000 bond in full – plus interest. Many thanks Ray. We hope to welcome Alexandra as an Australian citizen in the near future.

Pat da Luz could not attend because of his failing health and need for 24 hour care, so he has been admitted to the Guildford Nursing Home where his beloved Linda has been a patient for the last few years.

Jack Hartley has not been very well over the last few weeks.

Sid Dubber's wife phoned for a copy of 'Double

Reds' and advised that Sid had a pretty severe stroke about three years ago.

We haven't seen or heard from him for years.

Vince Walsh has been another absentee who has had more than a fair share of poor health – has a good supporter in Yvonne. Also had a call from Gary Henstridge, a grandson of Syd Jones from 'Sparrow Force' – if anyone can supply any information on Syd I will pass it on.

Our N.S.W. Branch A.G.M. was held on 2nd September with eight members present. All Committee positions remain unchanged for the ensuing year. The most pleasing aspect of our year was the fact that we did not have to farewell anyone on their last patrol.

I am still coming to terms with the fact that on 23rd August, when returning from the funeral of one of my old 'ambo' mates, I stopped at a service station for petrol, went in to the office to pay for it and when I came out my car was gone. The reaction, of course, was one of shock, horror and disbelief, then on the Tuesday night of 27th, I had a call from the police to say my car had been found in a street about a mile from where it had been taken. When I picked it up the following day, apart from street dirt and cigarette ash, there was not a mark on it, and most of our personal things in the car were OK. It's another case of 'Lucky Luby.'

Our coming events as we approach the end of another good year are: N.S.W. Cdo Ass'n luncheon at Paddington-Woolahra R.S.L. Club, 12 noon, Thursday, 21 November. Members, wives, widows and families welcome and our own 2/2 Christmas Luncheon at the Dee Why R.S.L. Club at 12 noon, Saturday, 7th December, and once again, All Welcome.

Our greetings and best wishes to everyone.

Alan

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## CANBERRA SAFARI 1998

The organising committee comprising Dan Daniels, Jim Fenwick and Ron Morris are working on arrangements for the next Safari. At this stage the only thing definite is the date which will be from 10th to 17th March 1998. The Canberra Motor Village where we stayed in 1986 is likely to be the venue again, subject to confirmation.

Full details regarding the venue, accommodation costs etc. will appear in the December Courier.

Jack Carey

## REMEMBER WHEN??

Seeing a photo of Brooker's baby elephant in the W.A. Newspaper recently reminded me of the last few Christmas parties the Association put on for our children. Harold Brooker was the elephant trainer at Perth Zoo for many years. All the kids got a swaying ride on the old elephant under his direction. There were goat cart rides, train rides and the usual animal trek through the zoo. Afterwards there was the party and present giving which the Association put on every year. Country members brought their children down to the Zoo and helped make the fun.

One of the boys had made a 3-ply sleigh and the larger members were the horses. One – Gordon Rowley was picked on to be a horse on the sleigh and asked Brooker what he was doing with the elephant's saddle and Brooker answered 'it's for you, yours is bigger than my elephant'.

There were others such as Jerry Green, Don Young, Ray Parry, Len Bagley, and many others who were 'horses' and you can't forget the way they treated poor old Brooker, but he would still come up laughing.

Remember 'Dutchie' as Father Christmas, but the kids got to know 'Dutchie's voice and his trademark of paint on his nails, ring and watch. (In those days paint was made to stay on).

Gerry Green was always into anything to do with the kids and he organised the sports etc.

You will well remember that these parties started in the basement of Anzac House and as the number of children increased we went on to the 16th Bn. Drill Hall next W.A. Newspapers on Bazaar Terrace in those days.

One year the sleigh was loaded up with presents and Father Christmas and was in full throttle to 'Jingle Bells' and off came the back wheel. It was pandemonium for a while but then the kids got into the spirit of present giving to many cheers. The mothers brought 'plates' of food and there were donations of ice cream and ginger beer to help everything along. The Unit gave big bags of sweets and there was plenty of fun for all, including the parents.

There are other memories too. The Commonwealth Games in 1962 were memorable when the national reunion also took place in W.A. and most of the eastern states boys and families stayed at the old Imperial Hotel.

I remember the party at our place – approximately 100 children and 200 adults crowded into our house for a barbecue. Much fun was had by all and the children were taken to the oval at the back of the house and played games and had races under the watchful eyes of a couple of the boys, with ginger beer, ice

cream and sweets. Everyone was young and carefree. Sadly, a great many of the men and their wives have gone on to greater things.

In those days the boys south of the river met on Friday nights to have a few drinks, Gerry Green, Strickie, Brooker, Jackie Wicks, Sprockie, Spriggy, quite often accidentally meeting at different pubs.

Ah! We were young then.

'Dutchie' Holland

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## Prostrate Cancer: Options in Screen and Treatment

(By Dr. Graeme Killer)

Prostate cancer has become one of the important issues in men's health, the cause of much anxiety in the veteran population, and the subject of debate in medical journals and local national newspapers. While in principle debate is healthy, differing advice and messages from respected members of the medical profession can leave both doctors and their patients confused. This confusion occurs because there is incomplete understanding of prostatic cancer and advice given in good faith is often based on personal clinical experience that may or may not turn out to be correct.

Should I have tests for prostate cancer? One of the common questions posed to general practitioners by their veteran patients over the age of 50 is, should I have a blood test for the prostate cancer? In answer to this important question, the following explanation is given: Some of the common screening tests we now do in practice for conditions such as TB (a chest Xray), hepatitis (a blood test) are simple, reliable and will give you the correct diagnosis without too much discomfort or inconvenience and not lead to complications. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for currently available screen tests for prostate cancer.

The initial test for prostate cancer is a blood test. The so called Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). The problem with the test is in some cases:

- it is not specific for prostate cancer
- it can tell you that you have prostate cancer when you haven't
- it can tell you that you haven't when you have
- if you have a positive PSA blood test your doctor is virtually committed to further investigation

These follow up tests include an examination through the back passage, a test with an instrument through the back passage, and a biopsy where a piece of tissue is taken from



the prostate. In terms of an individual, however, you need to be guided by your general practitioner on your particular need for a prostate cancer test. In some cases, these tests may well be indicated particularly if there is a strong family history of prostate cancer.

The options for treatment in prostate cancer: The real problem is prostate cancer is not so much the testing for cancer but in deciding what to do if you are told you have prostate cancer. The problems in treatment relate to the fact that although prostate cancer affects many men, prostate cancers behave differently. Some progress slowly and others more rapidly. Most men die with prostate cancer not from it. We don't know for sure if the available treatment always works although we do know it can cause (in terms of surgery) problems of lack of control of the water and inability to get an erection. It is also not clear what is the best option: radical surgery of the prostate /radiotherapy/drug treatment/do nothing at all and carefully monitor progress/treatments in alternative medicine, combinations of these treatments.

If you have prostate cancer diagnosed you need to carefully examine the options for treatment on the advice of your specialist and your general practitioner. If necessary, you might seek the advice of another specialist. You should not rush your decision on treatment as it is an important one and

it should be based on having all relevant information available to you.

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### COL DOIG'S CORNER

Further to "Just a Thought" in the August issue, here are some very good follow-up articles regarding the OAN KIAK Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

The article by Emilie Peres is very much from the heart after a trip to East Timor to follow up progress of the OAN KIAK Scholarship at Malau (very close to Maubisse, well known to those who served in Timor) but shows just what is being achieved by this truly remarkable Fund.

The article by Patsy Thatcher regarding the second C.D. "Love from a Short Distance" sets out the objects of the Fund most succinctly. This C.D. has been made by bands on a world wide basis and is expected to produce even more funds than did the C.D. "All in the Family."

Once more I would like to bring to the attention of members the great good that this Education Fund is achieving and will achieve for the future, so perhaps a review of your Last Will and Testament to include this Fund might be in

order.

Also, at the foot of the Thatcher article is the announcement of a Writers' competition which may be of interest to any of our readers who fancy their ability as writers of historic events, fictions of value and those budding poets whose talents have lain dormant for so many years. Give it a go – it only costs you a lousy ten bucks to come to the notice of good critics and you never know, you might even win a valuable prize. For the hell of it I had a go, remember 'faint heart never won a fat turkey.'

**The C.D. "All in the Family" is now available and it would be a good idea to buy one for your grandchildren.**

Col Doig

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### THE OAN KIAK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORPHANS IN EAST TIMOR

*"Anything you can do to help the young generation to get scholarships for their studies would be welcome" – Bishop Belo, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee 1995*

The Australian Rock Music industry is to be congratulated for its quick and effective response to this call from Bishop Belo. The CD it produced – "All In The Family" sold successfully in Australia and overseas. The Oan Kiak Trust invested the money which sales generated, and each year forwards the interest accrued to East Timor, where it funds education scholarships for orphans. There are now twenty orphans in East Timor who have an annual educational scholarship.

Cooperation between the Australian rock music industry, the Timorese Association in Victoria, the Oan Kiak Trust, the Oan Kiak Advisory Committee in East Timor, and the East Timorese Catholic Church, has been vital in the creation of Oan Kiak scholarships; and facilitated the establishment of solid management and a strong infrastructure to secure and maintain them. It is estimated that sales of the second CD "Love From A Short Distance" will boost Trust Funds (presently \$Aus45,000.00) to a level capable of generating more than a hundred scholarships annually.

The Oan Kiak Scholarships are awarded to primary school children, both boys and girls, who would not otherwise receive an education. As the Trust Fund grows, secondary and tertiary scholarships will be offered as well. A substantial private donation enables a block scholarship for the Don Bosco Training Centre in Dili, to help equip orphan teenagers with skills which will allow them to earn a living. A

long term goal of the Oan Kiak Trust is to fund a library capable of servicing the needs of East Timorese scholars.

Oan Kiak, meaning 'poor child' or 'child alone' is a Tetum word which is becoming increasingly well known both in East Timor and Australia. A new writing award, the Oan Kiak Literary Awards for fiction, non-fiction and poetry, have been established to produce and publish a body of well written information about East Timorese culture, history, poetry, music and politics. Some of Australia's most recognised literary figures will allocate the awards for which substantial cash prizes have been donated.

### **Patsy Thatcher RN, RMN, MA (Anthrop)**

Donations to the Oan Kiak Trust can be made through Louise Byrne, 3/114 Wellington Street, St Kilda 3182, Victoria, Australia or deposited directly into the Trust Account Commonwealth Bank Savings Investment Account No. 3180 500 9845. Participants in the Oan Kiak Literary Awards can forward their entries, (including a \$Aus10.00 fee) to the Oak Kiak Literary Awards 56/343 Beaconsfield Parade, St Kilda 3182, Victoria, Australia. Closing date is November 16, 1996.

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### **The First Oan Kiak Scholarships**

I entered another world last September when I went to see our first scholarship students. Malau is a small village, which, like many in East Timor, sits on the side of a steep mountain. It is at the end of a rough dirt road which is navigable only during the dry season. Children play outside their thatched huts. Goats and pigs wander around casually. In the little school there are now ten new primary students – the first recipients of the Oan Kiak Education Scholarships for Orphans in East Timor.

No one from Malau knew I was coming. My numerous notes from Dili were still in the trouser pockets of various messengers. But my visit coincided with the monthly visit of a Catholic priest, and people from the area had gathered to attend Mass. The mood was festive, and I felt at ease.

Twenty one years ago I was evacuated from East Timor, and this is my first trip home. I experience pain, frustration, fear, and despair. To survive in East Timor you have to work hard, physically and emotionally. Getting up is hard – there is no food in the house and no water in the toilet. Getting about is hard – the public transport is poor and there is only one petrol station in the capital city. There are few shops, and the water tastes awful. But I couldn't complain – in case someone dobbed

me in for government thoughts.

But I did want to see how our scholarships were going. Malau is 7,000 feet above Dili, and twenty miles inland. The journey takes five hours in a jeep. On the way some of the views left me breathless: mountains in East Timor have their own special majesty. While Moses, a man with a huge reputation for his driving skills, wove his way through these impressive giants, I mused – thinking of the time in Melbourne when the scholarships were just an idea; of all the people who created *All In The Family*; of the CD's launch in Melbourne – Mr Mariano mounted on a Timor pony, Bishop Deakin in the helicopter ... the journalists, the photographers. Memories of Oan Kiak, that haunting dignified tune from which the scholarships took their name, made me weep. I was a vital link between sophisticated high-tech Australia and this tiny, tiny village where people collect their water in a bucket.

The children in Malau are committed to their new studies. They told me what they wanted to be – a priest, a nurse, doctor, a President! The priest and the Liurai (traditional king) were humble, and are following the children's progress with care and concern. It was difficult not to be overwhelmed by the value that the people from Malau place on these scholarships. In East Timor, government aid is difficult to accept, and non-government aid rarely reaches the mountainous interior. The East Timorese know Oan Kiak was made especially for them – no strings. They know the East Timorese administrators. Most importantly, they trust we will keep the scholarships happening.

### **Emilia Pires**

*Former President of the Timorese Association in Victoria*

*Coordinator Oan Kiak Education Scholarships for Orphans in East Timor*

*To be published in Booklet for the CD "Love From A Short Distance"*

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### **The CD: ALL IN THE FAMILY (1994)**

East Timor's Catholic Bishop Carlos Belo said during an interview in 1993: "Anything you can do to help the young generation to get scholarships for their studies would be welcome." Paul Stewart, a musician and critic for the Sunday Herald Sun newspaper, galvanised the Australian rock industry to produce a CD *All In The Family*. Sales in Australia and overseas (\$38,000) created Oan Kiak education scholarships for orphans in East Timor.

The manufacture and launch of *All In The*

Family was spectacular: "This is the story of an idea Paul Stewart, an Australian rock legend, got while drinking in a Melbourne pub. How a record company, some refugees, a hardware chain's helicopter, a Timor pony, a catholic bishop, and the best of the Australian rock industry got down and got it together. To produce a CD to change some childrens lives. To give them a fair go. It is a response by the Australian people to a neighbour's cry for help. It is a direct message from the Australian people to their political representatives who still refuse to support Self Determination for the East Timorese."

### **The CD: LOVE FROM A SHORT DISTANCE [1996]**

The heart of this new release from Shock Records is Bono's poignant letter poem to the people of East Timor, delivered on the anniversary of the Santa Cruz Massacre last November, which he signed "Love From A Short Distance." The other nineteen tracks are by rock musicians from around the world, including Natalie Merchant from USA, The Finns from New Zealand, Billy Bragg from England, Vika and Linda from Tonga, Yothu Yindi and Silverchair from Australia, and the Dolphins from Portugal. This plethora of international musicians parallels the increasing internationalisation of East Timor's struggle for self determination.

For the release Shock Records is proud to reproduce 'Lemorai' recorded by five young Timorese in a studio in Dili in 1984. The song became popular throughout the island but was subsequently banned by the Indonesian government. Timorese political refugees who arrived in Australia by boat last year still sing 'Lemorai' at community events.

Of particular interest on the CD is the first recording of a kakei – a mouth harp used in traditional East Timor. The recording, by Mau Soco (Mr Mariano Abrantes), is the lament of an orphan grieving the loss of his parents. The emergence of the kakei in East Timorese culture has been told time and time again by traditional storytellers through a legend which, for the first time, Mau Soco has written down, and which the Timorese Association in Victoria is proud to publish in the CD booklet.

Sales of Love From A Short Distance will boost the Oan Kiak Trust to a level capable of generating more than a hundred scholarships annually.

### **OAN KIAK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Dear Mr Col Doig,

At the outset I must thank you very much for the keen interest you are taking in the Timorese, especially those of our area in Fuloro. It has been 8 years that I had been asking and looking for some agricultural specialist that can help us put our school on its feet. So I was very happy when I heard from Br. Ephrem, Rita and Louise that you have taken up our case.

#### **Some background of the school**

This school was started in 1948 by the Salesians of Don Bosco. At that time it was the only school in the whole district. In fact the previous three Mayors and the present one and most of the government employees are past pupils of our school. Then in 1975 when the war broke out, all the students and teachers were either recruited or dropped out and for security reasons the school had to be closed. It remained closed until 1988.

In 1988 the then Governor Mr Mario Viegas Carrascalao requested the Salesians to re-open the school there. But the Salesians did not have any qualified personnel. As he was insisting, and promised to help, our superiors decided to reopen. At that time, I was already two years in Timor. I was posted in Baucau. I had arrived from India to work in Timor. As I could not bear to see the plight of the starving Timorese, I with great risk started taking the students to the fields and cultivating some vacant land just to alleviate the hunger of the students. When the first harvest was just yielding, my superior came and saw the plantation. There and then he decided that I was the man for the agricultural school and I was asked to go and reopen the school. All my qualification in agriculture is a degree in Electrical Engineering and a practical experience in planting 2 coconuts that my father gave each of his children to plant. So

there I was thrown into the jaws of the agricultural arena to be torn asunder by all the animals – wild and tame!

When I took over in 1988, all what was left of a beautiful school was a thick jungle and dilapidated buildings, with only big holes in the place of doors and windows, because the windows and doors had been used by the Timorese as firewood as they were brought from the jungles by the soldiers and forced to stay there, not allowed to go 50 metres from the building.

Anyway, 8 years have passed now and I am nearly finished! I really hope that your man will arrive before its all over.

### Existing situation

At the moment we have in Fuloro the agricultural school which is supposed to be senior high school level, a junior high school, and a primary school. All in all about 900 students. All the three schools are co-eds. The agricultural school caters for students from all over Timor and are about 200 in number over a period of three years. All of them are also boarders. The girls' boarding is taken care of by the Salesian Sisters. The girls are about 60. The medium of instruction is Bahasa Indonesia. Lospatos has its own dialect – Fataluku. The agricultural school specialises on animal husbandry – not that we cannot have other branches, but that was what was allowed us by the government. We have about 20 milking cows, 150 meat cows, about 18 buffaloes, about 200 pigs, about 60 goats, about 30 sheep, around 1200 layer chicken, broiler chicken, some geese, rabbits etc.

We have about 200 hectares of land. The main crops so far is only **maize, beans, tapioca**. We have two rainy seasons starting from the **second week of November through March** and then from **May through July**. August till November is the dry season. The soil is **lacking phosphorus** One of the major difficulties encountered in developing the land is the bad habit of the people letting their animals wander about freely. So, at times you get about 20 to 30 horses, cows or goats or buffaloes grazing in your newly planted maize. It can be terribly disappointing.

### Facilities

All the schools have their own buildings. There are three laboratories (Physics, Chemistry and Biology). The Biology lab has a microscope with Monitor. There are 20 ordinary microscopes, and four good ones. There is a community building for the Salesians, a hostel for the teachers, a carpentry workshop, a warehouse of about 200 tonne capacity, boarding for boys, boarding for girls, a community building for sisters, a goat shed, cow shed, piggyery, chicken house. Water

supply is ground water. There is a library for the agricultural school, though not yet filled with many books. Besides, there are video players, overhead projectors. TV, Video projector, 8mm, 16mm projectors, laser disc player, 48 inch TV, Parabola, opaque projector, five computers. There is a plan to buy CD Rom.

### Social Activities

We are also very much involved in developing villages. At the moment we have 8 tractors all at the service of the villagers. We plough the fields for nearly 1000 families and help them to plant. We have started 4 pilot villages which eventually we hope will become model villages. We have also a well drilling rig that can drill up to 50 metres. It is the augur type. So far we have drilled over 60 wells in the various villages and put up pumps. If there is some financial assistance, we would like to expand this program further to more villages. We now have a plan to build a **dispensary** for the villagers around the Mission.

### Management and Staff

The entire Mission is managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco, an International Congregation. For the three different schools we have a total of about 45 teachers. Most of the Agricultural teachers come from outside Timor and are resident at the school. They are neither very much committed nor much experienced. Their salary (about \$A6000/pm total) is an immediate concern to the school. There are 3 Salesian priests (2 from the Philippines and myself from India), and three newly professed Timorese Salesians.

### Priority Needs

1. Almost all of the students come from families that can hardly afford. Hence we have to look for financial support elsewhere.
2. The farm itself could be made productive to support the school. But it requires better planning and organisation. We don't yet have a good farm manager for that.
3. Most of the teachers of agriculture are from outside Timor. They are not very committed nor are they much experienced.
4. Any educational material by way of slides (for microscopes/slide projectors), Video Cassettes, CDs, Laser discs, Over head projection materials, CD Rom etc will all be very useful.
5. Text books and note books need to be supplied to students at subsidised rates. If there are some ideal text books for the primary, junior high school and agriculture, they could be reproduced here and distributed to students.
6. As we have two rainy seasons, vegetable

growing can only be done during the dry season. If there is some way of producing vegetables during rainy season, it would take care of the school needs as well as sell to the local markets. There is a good local market for vegetables. It will be highly desirable if your expert could come some time around 10th November, as the rains will come about the 15th November.

Hope this information will be useful to you in your efforts to help us here in Timor. Thanking you and wishing you all the best and praying for God's blessings on you and your good family.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Jose Vatta parambil sdb.

## INDEPENDENT TRUST

### FUILORO LOS PALOS AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL

In July Colin Doig received an excellent report from Fr. Jose Vatta Parambil. It summarised a need for some direction from a skilled agriculturalist. Colin immediately identified Les Cranfield, a person well known to him.

Les has volunteered to spend 6 months at Los Palos, following his retirement in February from the Agricultural Faculty of the University of W.A.

We made application for sponsorship from A.E.S.O.P. Canberra, a Government funded organisation via A.U.S.A.I.D., covering Australian volunteers assisting developing countries.

Approval has been received and it will include Les's wife Verna in the role of Instructing Seamstress in which she has had considerable expertise.

It is anticipated that our Fund will cover any necessary incidental costs not embraced by A.E.S.O.P.

Les will do a preliminary 2 week visit in November because of the opening of the growing season. Eight hundred dollars value of assorted vegetable seeds known to be suitable to the area has been purchased and will be forwarded to coincide with his visit.

### WELDING SPECIALIST INSTRUCTOR

Following discussion 12 months ago Bro. Ephrem Santos has now called for a volunteer. We appealed via ABC 6WF "Grapevine" last Friday 13th.

he visit would be for 8 weeks and similar to that done so well by Viv Paust last January/February.

### No. 5 SHIPMENT

A shipment for Dili via Singapore is currently being assembled in Colin Doig's garage for departure 2/10/1996.

It comprises to date, 43 cartons and bundles (tents) and includes the following items which were canvassed from various business firms by Keith Hayes (who took delivery and then packed them for shipment)

- 18 used Singer Sewing Machines
- 5 typewriters
- Sewing materials
- 9 single sewing machine motors
- 110 boxes stencils
- 4 scanner stencil machines and sundry sound equipment total value some \$11,000' but no charge to us.

### BOY SCOUT and GIRL GUIDES MOVEMENT - EAST TIMOR

Bro Ephrem advised this activity has been introduced to East Timor and he has been asked to get it moving.

Second hand tents are required. Last week Peter Holland's 'Grapevine' daily programme on ABC 6WF gave the 2/2nd and our tent appeal a most comprehensive cover. Various tents are now being collected from donors and will be shipped next vessel. We should have at least 6 army size tents, those being preferred. Selected Troop Master and Guide Leaders training books are being purchased. Meanwhile, Head Office is collecting surplus books and items from regional Troop Packs.

### 80 SOCCER and BASKET BALLS

These by courtesy of Wesfarmers Transport arrived from Darwin and this week have been permanently marked with a conspicuous 2/2nd in our double diamond on each ball. They will be shipped via Singapore.

Acknowledgements to Joe Fernandes of Darwin for his efforts on our behalf.

Also thanks to various work teams some of whom performed with exemplary skill in branding the Soccer and Basket Balls with our colour patch incorporating the 2/2.

Ralph Finkelstein, Dick Darrington, Jack and Delys Carey (also a dab hand at branding), Keith Hayes and Don Turton (who has volunteered to pick up Tents from sundry donors).

**BOB SYMTH**

## OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES

Dear Mr. Carey

We have accepted Mike Beauchamp's recommendations and have asked him to check on the memorial in six months. If any leakage is occurring then we will pay for a second coat of epoxy paint to the inside.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Thorp

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### SUMMARY REPORT: RESTORATION OF 2/2ND COMMANDO MEMORIAL – FATUNABA, EAST TIMOR

#### Background

A preliminary inspection of the Fatunaba memorial was conducted by staff of the East Timor Water Supply and Sanitation Project (ETWSS) in April, 1993. The inspection revealed extensive cracking in the floor of the pool, which was completely dry. The original 3" steel pipes which had delivered water to the pool were either damaged or missing. Valves and taps at the site had either been removed or appeared to be in poor condition and the glass cover of the memorial plaque had been broken. The capped spring, approximately 200 metres from the pool, which had been the source of water for the memorial, was still yielding ample quantities of water but both the capping and holding tank required considerable structural repair and some erosion protection works.

The pattern of cracking in the pool floor suggests movement of the slope on which it is constructed. This movement could partially be attributed to the extraction of moisture from the soil by the roots of large trees nearby, but seismic activity could equally likely have played a part. The nature of the cracking is inconsistent with actual tree root intrusion.

At the time of the first inspection in 1993 the pool was completely dry, as no water was reaching it from the spring source. In 1995 ETWSS conducted a temporary pipe connection to the pool, utilising the flow from a nearby spring. Although the appearance was not as aesthetically pleasing as the original inlet, the temporary repair served the purpose of filling the pool during times of high spring yield. Eventually, however, the leakage from the cracked concrete reached a level which prohibited the pool from filling at any time.

Rehabilitation of a more permanent nature was effected in July 1996, by a local East Timorese contractor under the supervision of ETWSS project staff.

#### REHABILITATION WORKS CARRIED OUT

##### Pool

wire brush scrubbing of the pool surface;  
cleaning of concrete and removal of loose concrete by high pressure water jetting;  
forming of grooves and priming of surface in preparation for polyurethane sealant;  
application of "Sikaflex" polyurethane sealant to all cracks in floor and walls, internal and external;  
application of 2 coats of "Icosit K-25" (blue) epoxy paint to inside floor and lower inside wall of pool with a single coat of same to upper inside wall.

##### Spring Source and Supply Main

The original plan was to rehabilitate the original spring site and to reconstruct the water supply main along its original alignment. However, the original spring site had been proposed as a source for a community water supply project to serve 2 villages. Furthermore, the presence of an emergence of the same spring near a road culvert even closer to the memorial made it logical to develop the latter site to serve the memorial. Local sources confirmed the reliability of the flow. Therefore, the following works were constructed:

reinforced concrete intake chamber including cover, overflow and drain;  
80mm diameter steel pipe from intake chamber to pool, including supports, fittings, road crossing and new valve and valve box at inlet to pool;  
replacement of 20mm diameter steel pipe to hand basin adjacent to pool and installation of new tap.

##### Site Drainage

drainage outlet reconstructed;  
new 80mm diameter valve installed;  
masonry catch drain constructed from pool overflow to drain outlet, then past the adjacent property to a natural water-course.

#### ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS

The waterproofing works have to date appeared successful. Six weeks after refilling the pool, none of the previous major leaks is passing water. There are, however, 3 locations where a very small amount of seepage is occurring through the wall of the pool. Each of these locations is no more than a few square centimetres in area, and the seepage is barely perceptible.

As was previously mentioned, a second coat of epoxy paint was not applied to the upper half of the inside wall, or to the outside wall of the pool. The original intention was to apply 2 coats to the entire inside; however, the paint did not spread as far as had been originally estimated.

Should a second coat of epoxy paint be

required for the inside walls, the cost of the paint would be approximately Rp. 750,000 (\$420). To paint the outside wall (not deemed necessary but perhaps desirable from an aesthetic point of view) it would cost an additional \$800 (approximately) if the same epoxy paint were used, but would of course be considerably cheaper if a normal, locally available paint were chosen.

At present there have been no problems with the intake for the water supply. The structure will, however, need routine maintenance, cleaning away of sediment, debris etc.

The cosmetic repairs to the memorial plaque are still in tact at the time of writing this report.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

On the basis of observations to date, the rehabilitation of the Fatunaba War Memorial can be considered to have been a success. Almost at the height of the dry season, ample water is flowing to the pool, no leaks are visible (save some barely perceptible seepage at 3 locations), and a constant stream of water is trickling down over the overflow wear and into the catch drain.

At this stage it is recommended that:

The performance of the pool be monitored for a period of 6 months, particularly with respect to the observed seepage, i.e. whether this stabilises or tends to increase.

After a period of 6 months, if there is no significant increase in leakage, a second coat of epoxy paint be applied to the inside of the pool wall.

After a period of 6 months, if there is a significant increase in leakage, the option of further treatment of cracks with flexible sealant be considered, in addition to the application of another full double coat of epoxy paint.

The painting of the exterior wall of the pool could be considered as an aesthetic measure.

**Mike Beauchamp**

ETWSS Project Engineer

#### SICK PARADE:

**Dusty Studdy**, who is still battling along with his shingles, spent a few days in Hollywood Hospital having a growth removed from his foot. He will be laid up for a while but reckons he will be OK for the luncheon on 18th October.

**Mark Jordan** is booked to go back into Hollywood to have a second hip replacement done early in October and is sorry he won't be there on the 18th. We wish Mark a speedy recovery.

**Ernie Bingham** is not enjoying the best of health, in fact far from it. Ernie, who is a terrific bloke, prefers to suffer in silence. Our thoughts are with you Ernie. God bless.

#### COURIER DONATIONS

Ian and Margaret Ronald, Grace Davies, Reg. Griffiths, Dot Joy, Jim Fenwick, Ron Dook, Ralph Finkelstein, Syd (Swampy) Marsh, Joan Hamilton-Smith.

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# COMING EVENTS

A FINAL NOTICE TO ALL W.A. MEMBERS

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

HERITAGE RECEPTION CENTRE

445 Charles Street, North Perth

NOT 44 as shown on invitation

**Friday, October 18, 1996**

Pre-luncheon drinks from 11.30am – Luncheon 12.30-2.00pm  
Entertainment 2 - 4.00 pm

There will be a 3 piece band, dancing and items.

**COST PER HEAD – \$30 COVERS EVERYTHING**

**Gentlemen – Coat and Tie please**

Show your appreciation of the work done e Executive Committees over the last 50 years by supporting this function. If you have not booked in please ring J. Carey on 332 7050 without delay. It's O.K. to bring a friend or family member. The more the merrier! It's going to be a Great Day!!

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## COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Lovekin Drive, Kings Park

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th at 3pm**

**LEST WE FORGET**

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## CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th from 11am**

**At AIRWAYS HOTEL, Adelaide Tce, Perth**

**Please wear name tags.**