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COMING EVENTS

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Lovekin Drive, Kings Park
Sunday, 19th at 3pm

LEST WE FORGET

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

to be held at

Mandurah Sub Branch of the R & SL

22 Third Avenue, Mandurah

on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2000

Refreshments from 11am, Luncheon 12.30pm

Please notify Jack Carey or Len Bagley of
your intention to attend this enjoyable function

This is most essential for catering purposes

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT DATES

**Vale John (Jack) Hartley,
22 July 1921 - 12 June 2000.**

Jack Hartley was born in Barraba northern NSW in 1921. He left school at an early age as so many of his generation did at that time. The world wide depression was throwing the lives of millions of people into turmoil, the need to live far outweighed the need of a higher education. By the time he was 12 or 13, Jack was working on sheep stations or droving. Adolph Hitler took the world out of depression and into war in 1939. Jack enlisted in the Light Horse and later in the militia. The latter shackled him when he tried to enlist in the AIF. He was serving in an Ack Ack Unit at George's Heights and his C.O. had no intention of releasing any of his trained personnel to the AIF. Jack just walked out, changed his name and joined the AIF in December 1941. He was in Dubbo camp when Captain Dan O Connor, 4th Independent Coy, recruited him for the Independent Companies. He would have been an original in the 2/4th Company.

Because he had previous military training he was one of the 50 men drafted to the 2nd Independent Coy then in Portuguese Timor. He left Wilsons Promontory on New Years Eve 1941 and landed in Dili on January 20th 1942. He was with 2 Company H.Q. at Railaco, then was transferred to A Platoon which was then moving into a mountain camp between Railaco and Jocululi. Following No. 2 Section's action defending the Drome in Dili, Jack was posted to No. 2 Section and served with that Section right through the campaign in Portuguese Timor.

In New Guinea Jack was transferred to No. 1 Section and saw most of the New Guinea campaign in that Section. Captain Dexter, O.C. A Platoon (or troop as it was then known) applied for transfer to Z Special when in the Northern Territory and returned to the 2/2nd, taking over command of B Troop. Jack and the other 2/2nd men stayed with Z Special. He and two other men were landed on an atoll with little in the way of food and water. They were picked up several days later. To the day he died Jack had no idea and could see no reason for being put ashore of a waterless, treeless atoll in the middle of nowhere between Roti Island and Darwin. One of his companions was John George Roffey who also served in Timor with the 2/2nd. Jack's final operation with Z Special was in Borneo searching for possible allied prisoners who may have survived.

Jack was elected Secretary of the NSW 2/2nd Association in 1947. He was still in the Army. With the help of the late Bill Bennett brought out an address sheet with the names and addresses of 150 New South Welshmen who served in the 2/2nd. Until the NSW Association joined the W.A. Association and with other states formed the 2/2nd Commando Association, Jack produced and posted at least 15 news sheets, keeping all NSW personnel aware of the activities of their fellow members, arranged social activities, looked after and transported 2/2nd men on Anzac Day. In the days when we celebrated Anzac Day at Arncliffe RSL, Jack would wait patiently until midnight or lam to transport us safely. Jack did not drink, yet all his life displayed amazing tolerance and patience with we wild Colonial Boys who did.

Post war, Jack tried many vocations. He did a rehab course in boot making and worked in that trade for some time. A partnership in quarrying stone and stone masonry followed by a partnership in a taxi which entailed long hours and high repayments for the taxi plate. His partner gave up and Jack bought him out and carried on. He also tried other self employed occupations which ended with the people he was working for absconding and not paying anyone. He finally took a job with an engineering company making parts for Ford Motors. He did a fitting and turning course and became a first class machinist with the engineering company. When he retired from there he took up a courier run, had a severe stroke and had to retire. He then worked a couple of days a week taxi driving. No matter what he did, Jack Hartley did it well.

Jack married Maria on January 22, 1955. There were five children from the marriage, 4 boys and a girl, Chris, Phillip, David, Greg and Geniene. He is also survived by three grand children. To Maria and her family we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss of an exemplary husband and father. We of the 2/2nd have lost a comrade who, in all of his post war life worked for the well being of the 2/2nd Commando Association and its members.

As a soldier I think Tom Foster summed it up. Tom, at the time, was a patient in St. Vincents Hospital in Sydney. I was visiting him and he said I've only ever known one completely fearless man in my whole life and that man was Jack Hartley

Jack Hartley shares with Alan Luby the honour of being the longest serving executive officer in the NSW Branch of the 2/2nd Commando

Association.

Rest in Peace Jack. Your memory will survive beyond the lives of your surviving comrades. You were a battler in every true sense of the word.

Among the mourners the 2/2nd was represented by Bill, Coral and Kim Coker, Edith and Alan Luby, 'Snow' Went, Nora and Paddy Kenneally. Also among the mourners, members of Cabra Vale Diggers Club, Bowling Club, 'Z' Special. Friends from Cabramatta Parish and Convent School.

Paddy Kenneally

At Jack's Mass on 19th June, in the Prayers of the Faithful, one prayer said: 'We pray that Jack will find peace and happiness in being reunited with his comrades-in-arms who served Australia during World War Two, especially those men of the Second/Second Independent Company, and the Z Special Unit, with whom he served in Portuguese East Timor, New Guinea and Borneo, and for whom he had a great brotherly love. Lord hear us.'

Vale Ron Trengove, July 2000

Ron was buried before I even had knowledge of his death which was, however, no surprise. For some years his health had been extremely poor. I saw him shortly before he departed Sydney to live in Newcastle. He never really recovered from Dorothy's death.

What I know of Ron has been gleaned from conversations we had at various times. His father was an R.N. man. He was also R.A.N. post world war one. Ron's early days were spent in Victoria as his father was, I believe, a security man on a naval establishment there. In Sydney he lived in the Bankstown area, quite close to Bankstown Aerodrome. Pre war he was a keen road racing cyclist. His profession was brick layer. He served his apprenticeship and worked on one of Sydney's biggest projects pre war two, the Wool Stores in Pyrmont. Now, those stores are luxurious apartments a stones throw from Darling Harbour. Because of his age, two efforts to join up, first the Navy, then the Army were frustrated. He finally succeeded and sailed for Timor with the 85th L.A.D., a Unit attached to Sparrow Force. When the main elements of Sparrow Force surrendered on February 23rd, 1942, Ron, like many other men, was outside the final battle and surrender area which was about 38ks east of Kupang. About 150 of those men and officers, including Brigadier Veal headed for Atambua. Brigadier Veal

abandoned Atambua five weeks before the Japanese arrived there. He proclaimed every man for himself and headed for Portuguese Timor with a body of fit men. Ron was one of those men and was part of the Brigadier's bodyguard. As for the lame and the sick, they fended for themselves. Ron and the best and fittest of those men went through another training course in Independent Coy tactics in Ainaro, Portuguese Timor. From those men, combined with 2nd Company Sappers, a fourth Platoon for 2 Company was formed, 'D' Platoon. They also supplied reinforcements for the depleted platoons of 2 Company. Ron was allotted to 9 Section 'C' Platoon. He served with that Section in the Mindelo, Maubisse, Turscai and Same Saddle, and stayed with the Unit for the remainder of its campaign in Portuguese Timor. His health deteriorated and he did not rejoin the Unit for the campaign in New Guinea.

Post war, Ron returned to brick laying, then took a job with Packers Consolidated Press, finally joining the Sydney County Council in its transport section.

Ron was a staunch member of the NSW ~I~ Association. He served as Branch Secretary 1968, 69 and 70. He did all the spade work for the NSW contingent that travelled west for the 30th anniversary safari celebrating the Unit's foundation.

Ron was pre-deceased by his wife Dorothy and is survived by two sons, Garth and Shane, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of a father and mate.

Paddy Kenneally

Vale Donald Albert Fryer. 18.7.1922- 12.7.2000.

Don was born 18.7.22 the elder of two sons. He attended Murrumbidgee State School and Caulfield Technical College. Don joined the army on 9.4.41 and went to Wilson's Promontory where he trained and became a member of No. 1 Independent Company that went to islands north of Australia and were spread over a large area. Don went to Manus Island as a signaller. When the Japs landed in January '42 and took over the island, Don with a small party of survivors managed to commandeer a cutter and escape to New Guinea where they made their way on foot to Mt. Hagen in central New Guinea -

a great feat in itself From there they were flown to Horne Island, then by boat to Thursday Island and then to Australia.

Don joined the 2/2nd at Canungra in Queensland in mid 1943 and remained with the Unit until the wars end serving in New Guinea and New Britain. He was an excellent signaller and with his vast knowledge

of the workings of a wireless was a valuable asset to the Unit. He was a very well liked member, was always happy, with a great love of music and was a very popular member when he was with 6 section B troop. Don was discharged on 12.10.1945. He later spent three years with the ARA around Albury as a Sergeant in the sigs and later was with the CMF and attained the rank of Captain. He started a television and repair business in Wangaratta and was there for many years until he had several strokes and had to sell his business and return to Melbourne to be with his family.

The strokes took their toll but Don remained very cheerful right to the end.

Don married Joan on 14.10.1944, had three children, Susan, Ian and Cheryl and was a very proud father and loved his family. Joan did a magnificent job looking after Don in his later years, always cheerful and of love for Don. Our deepest sympathies go to Joan and family.

Harry Botterill.

The funeral was held at W.D. Rose Funeral Parlour, Brighton, Tuesday 18.7.2000 at 2.30pm. It was a very good service and was attended by a large number of people which endorsed the esteem and love that Don washeld to by all. The following members were present:- Fred & Mavis Broadhurst, Leith Cooper (who gave the eulogy on behalf of the 2/2nd Commando Association and did an excellent job), John Southwell, Sandy McNabb (2/1 Comm.Squadron) Harry & Olive Botterill. Apologies from Rolf Baldwin, Alf Harper, Jack Fox, Margaret Monk and Wal Kerr(2/1st Com.Sqn) Harry Botterill.

DONALD A. FRYER
18/7/1922- 12/7/2000

Don enlisted at an early age. He became a Signaller and trained at Wilson's Promontory, there he was taken into the 1st Independent

Company (4th Section). Leaving Australia for Kavieng then to Manus Island in 1941. When the Japanese invaded in great numbers, the Section made their escape in two boats, through travelling some 200 miles in three days in enemy waters to Bogadjim. From there they walked over the Finnisterre and Bismark Ranges a height of 7000 and 8000ft. to Mt. Hagen. It was then arranged to get the men back to Australia. After rest and leave and demise of the 1st Company, Don was transferred into 2/2nd Independent Company (6th Section) for service in New Guinea for 15 months, ironically he travelled over the same route as his escape ending at Yaula, just short of Bogadjim. Some leave, then another 9 months in New Britain before War ends.

Returning to Civi life, Don opened his own business at Wangaratta. He and Joan always made an effort to get to gatherings and Xmas Dinner to meet old friends. Don retired and returned to live in Melbourne. Sadly five years ago Don suffered a stroke, which affected his speech and mobility, he faced this with courage as he did in earlier years, he had wonderful support from his wife Joan, family and grand children. We extend our Sympathy to all, he will be greatly missed.

Don was a family man, he served his Country well, and I am proud to call him my MATE.

Fred Broadhurst,
2/2nd Commando Squadron.

From: Lieutenant General P.J.Cosgrove ,AC
,MC. Chief of Army

25th August 2000. to :
President 2/2nd Commando Association Mr. R. Darrington

Dear Mr. Darrington

Thank you for your card congratulating me on and the award of the Companion of the Order of Australia and my appointment as Chief of Army. I feel deeply honoured to have been given the opportunity to command the fine young men and women of the Australian Army into what promises to be an exciting and challenging period.

I was very pleased to have received a copy of the 2/2 Commando Courier with your letter. It was gratifying to read of the re-dedication of the Memorial at Fatunaba on 13th April 2000 and I am delighted that the members of the Australian Force element in East Timor provided such strong support to your members during their stay in the country. I am certain that all who were involved with the service would have been touched both by the exploits of the Commandos who served in East Timor during World War II and the selflessness of the Timorese who supported them so tirelessly.

Warm regards
Peter Cosgrove

Queensland News:

Dear Len,

Not much has happened since our last meeting in May. Our next get together will be at North Pine Dam on the 28th of August. Good news is that Iris Adams is much better healthwise and we will be seeing her and Tony then.

Regular contact with Alan Luby and Hap Greenhalgh keep us abreast of NSW happenings and the latest in humour from Hap as you would imagine. Sheila and I keep contact with Margaret Hooper and Pat Barnier and they are keeping well.

Following a call to Leith Cooper re the next Safari proposed for Mildura. It is proposed Leith will, when time permits, travel to Mildura to ascertain whether accommodation is available in one location for our numbers, what is available for entertainment, and the possibility of trips to wineries etc. My Agency fellows were of the opinion there may not be sufficient things for us to do to fill in 8 days or so but this was only through phone enquiries. It is important then that Leith's proposed visit will provide something substantial to consider. Certainly, Mildura is accessible by road, coach or air from all states, and almost central. We will liaise with appropriate people when we know more.

At Bowls recently I met the niece of an old TAA Captain John Hickey. To my surprise, when chatting after the game, she told me she is currently Australian Vice Consul in Dili. She was equally surprised to hear that I had served there with the 2/2nd and told me how much she enjoyed meeting Paddy and the others when they were in Timor recently. She was on leave and due to return

on the 8th August. I have her Email details and she says she will correspond. It sure is a small world.

This is a short note. Will do more when there is current news following our barbeque on the 28th. Best wishes to all from the Queensland contingent with a special one for rapid return to good health for those who are on the sick list.

Herewith something for the Courier.

Kindest regards,

Ralph Conley

NSW NEWS

In spite of having the cataracts removed from my eyes and lens implants, and new specs, I'm still having difficulty with reading and writing so, of necessity, this report will be shorter than usual.

Anzac Day 2000

Our ranks have thinned to such a degree that we could only muster four members this year. They were Harry Handicott, Colin Holley, John Went and myself. We also had visitors, my brother John from Caloundra, Alan Gray, Wollongong and Jim Walker (son of Mac 2/4) from Melbourne.

It was a great pleasure to see the three daughters of the late Ron Teague present at our Commando Memorial Service. They reported that mother, Nancy keeps reasonably good health.

Coming Events:

NSW Commando Association Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, 16th November, Paddington Woollahra RSL Club, 1130 for 1200. Members, wives and widows welcome. Please advise me by 10th if attending.

2/2 Commando Family Christmas Lunch, Dee Why RSL Club, Saturday 2nd December, 1130 for 1200. Members, wives, widows, families. Please advise me by 29th November for reservations.

Edith's progress has been very slow after her latest hip dislocation and major surgical repair, but she still has wonderful spirit and determination.

Best wishes, Alan Luby

Funerals: A Parting Shot by the Taxman.

If someone has entered into a contract before

December 1, 1999 for a funeral, then any payments made or to be made before July 1, 2005 will be GST free. These payments will never be subject to GST no matter when the funeral takes place. The question of a GST on pre-paid funerals arises only where the funeral agreement was entered into on or after December 1st 1999. If a contract is entered into after December 1, 1999 for a funeral, all of the amount paid is subject to GST.

So live longer and make the taxman wait!

Geraldton News:

Hearty congratulations to all those associated with the very newsworthy reports in the June issue of the Courier and of course to that small band of highly dedicated workers who provide so freely of their services. Also, many thanks to Jack and Delys Carey for providing me with souvenir copies of programs from what was obviously a wonderful Hobart Safari. The ecumenical remembrance service in the historic St. Joseph's Church which dates back to 1846 or 1854 must have been one of the highlights of the Safari and congratulations Jack on the prologue you presented.

I recently ran into Tom and Mary Foster of Huntswell, Allanooka, who seemed to be happy with the seasonal situation and said they had caught up with my brother, Monsignor John Barden who is based at Dongara for three months carrying out pastoral work in that area and at Leeman and Eneabba while Father Brian Ahearn is on extended leave. This enabled Monsignor to visit Geraldton to help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Father Michael O'Flaherty's ordination to the priesthood that took place at All Hallows College in Dublin 60 years ago. Speaking at the Thanksgiving Mass in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (the headquarters of the 1.3 million square kilometre Geraldton Diocese) Bishop Justin Bianchini said that on the shortest day of the year in the southern hemisphere they were celebrating the longest feat of any priest who had served his total ministry in the Geraldton Diocese. In his Homily, Father O'Flaherty thanked everyone for the wonderful co-operation received during his priestly ministry and made special mention of the Presentation and Dominican Sisters of whom he had precious said 'to me all Sisters are not only saints, they are angels without wings - God bless them all'. We also had a special visit from

Monsignor John Barden on July 23 - he christened our great grand daughter Damien and Kerri-Ann Barden's daughter Sophie in St. John's Church at Geraldton (where he was its foundation and only priest until retiring to Como) which was followed by a lovely luncheon at the historic remodelled Queens Hotel.

Having given the story to the world of the discovery in 1963 of 1629 wreck of the Batavia at the Abrolhos Islands, and being RSL P. R. O. I was a guest at the handing over of the new 6.8 million Geraldton museum on the Batavia Marina on July 11 (my birthday). RSL members, including Vietnam Veterans and cadets of the three services marched to the museum for the handing over ceremony and the opening of the 'Impressions: Australians in Vietnam' exhibition. RSL Senior Vice President and SAS Vietnam Veteran, Allan Gronow, who is Geraldton District Police Superintendent introduced me to Frank Cashman of Jurien who served in the SAS in Vietnam and I got a good news item speaking to Frank in front of a painting by Donald Barnsby of Sgt. Frank Cashmore on patrol through kunai grass in 1971. It certainly brought back vivid memories because it was the first time he had seen the painting.

Frank was Mentioned in Despatches twice for ambushes and there were protests from many quarters when officers received higher awards for the same acts of gallantry. However, on December 20, 1999, Frank Cashmore - Jurien, John BurrIDGE of Perth and Bruce Collett of Nannup received Medals of Gallantry (equivalent of the Military Cross) from Governor Major General Michael Jeffery, at Government House, Perth.

Many of you probably met Frank Cashmore during your visits to the SAS at Swanbourne after our Commemorative Services in the Honour Avenue in Lovekin Drive, Kings Park. Frank is an honorary member of the SAS Sergeants Mess and he extends best wishes to all members of the 2/2 Commando Association and their supporters.

One of my RSL mates, Kevin Grey (ex 29th Battalion and the Kokoda Track) had a phone call from Eric Weller in NSW. Eric is receiving radium treatment following the removal of a malignant growth. Kevin passed on best wishes as both he and Eric gave freely of their services to members of the Geraldton Laurel Club. As reported earlier, with wife Pat looking after him, Eric is determined to make it.

God bless all members of our wonderful 2/2

Association and their families and supporters.

Peter Barden

**Mrs D. Laing, 16/5 Tauss Place,
Bruce ACT 2617**

Please find enclosed a cheque, half of which is to be used for the Courier and half for the Trust Fund. Congratulations to the Courier as it continues its great job.

Earlier this year I attended the launch of Tim Fisher's book 'Seven Days in East Timor' at the War Memorial in Canberra. When I approached him to autograph my copy he asked me what my interest was. I explained my connection through my late brother, Merv. Ryan, and the 2/2nd involvement with Timor during and since World War II. He put down his pen to listen and then showed he also knew a lot about that involvement. Meanwhile the queue behind me just had to wait patiently! It was good to know that the efforts of your Association are appreciated.

All good wishes.

Dawn Laing

J.P. Kenneally, 28 Wilkins St. Yagoona 2199.

Dear Len, I almost made the 4th August, a date I'm sure your father and millions of other fathers of his era would never forget. The outbreak of World War 1, 1914 that was to end all wars and cost 10,000 lives to achieve what? Exactly nothing as the 72 years following November 11th 1918 proved.

Joe Burridge has given an excellent report on the visit to East Timor in April this year. I stayed a couple of weeks longer, consequently wandered a bit further, thanks to Murray Thornton supplying the transport. Actually, Murray, a bloke named Chris and I got as far west, close to the area where the New Zealand soldier was killed, around Fatu Mean. The Kiwis based at Bobonaro and the Irish rangers based at Taroman covered that area. Nora reckoned it was the first time I came back from Timor not looking like a skeleton. I was well fed by the Australian Army, Timor Aid, the Irish at Taroman, the Kenyans at Atsabe, the Kiwis at Bobonaro and the Aussies once again at Maliana, and I also did a little walking. It was a Cooks Tour of Timor.

All well here, Nora and the Clan all in reasonable

condition. A party here and a party there, mixed in with visitation and work, keeping all busy.

Nora and I were in Canberra, an Irish welcome and farewell party. Fortunately it commenced at midday, so it concluded by about 11.30pm. It was a bit of a league of nations affair as well. Thankfully, I stuck to beer, giving Jamesons Whiskey and Irish coffee a wide berth. Saw Joan Fenwick who is keeping herself busy, family, charitable and church work gives her plenty to do and in contact with many people.

We walloped the Springboks last week. The Wallabies will now face up to their blood brothers, the Kiwi All Blacks in Wellington for the Bledisloe Cup match. You people in the far, far Golden West should be able to watch it. Just as well we are not as far behind the Kiwis in Rugby as you western boyos are in time - it would be a slaughter. I fancy the All Blacks, and by the time this sees the Courier, I could be proved wrong. Our Rugby League comp. goes into the semi finals this weekend. Brisbane will take a lot of beating. They are by far the most consistent team in the NRL. East beat them last week 28-0. With the amount of ball possession Easts had, they would have beaten any other team by 50. The Sydney Ducks may make the finals in the AFL if they win next weekend a lot of other things will have to be in conjunction.

Well, one boyo who is well and kicking dropped in on me a few weeks ago. Paddy Wilby and wife Josie. Now, you would think a bloke Paddy's age would be glad to just sit, look, think and sip. Not him. We went off looking for a Company that made a special brand of pump Paddy required. I asked him 'do you want it for irrigation? thinking he might have had a lucerne paddock on a good creek. 'No' says Paddy 'I want it for a hydro electric scheme. I asked him where. I've seen hydro works in New Guinea and Ireland, but couldn't imagine Paddy doing anything like that. He floored me with 'It's only experimental but ~o simple, a pump, a stand, a wheel and a couple of 44-gallon drums and a tower to provide the gravity'. I'm no engineer or electrician, a pick and shovel, plus a wheel barrow and a 14 pound hammer were my tools of trade, but Paddy is right, it can be done, but to what extent I could not judge. I'll bet dollars to peas Paddy will produce a charging unit. Good luck Paddy, all the best to you and Josie, it was great catching up with you and I'll be keen to know how you fare.

Paddy Kenneally

G.F. Greenhalgh, PO Box 1 MacLean.

Dear Len, The last couple of months seem to have passed pretty quickly, or am I getting older! Probably the latter. Tom Yates and I got our OBE's in July. You blokes are not far behind us. I always thought I was pretty good making the 80 mark but after visiting an old neighbour of mine who is 98 I'm going to start afresh. 98 - how wonderful.

Full marks to Bert Price etc. as Jack Carey said in the last Courier, and how much we owe to both Hobart and Canberra for the assistance from the Army Transport. Have they got any branches in Mildura?

Congratulations to Gavin on a well deserved Life Membership. The job you all do on the Courier cannot be over estimated.

Thank you John Burridge for your report on the visit to East Timor. It made excellent reading. One can only hope and pray for the future of the people there.

Our part of the world has to be lived in to be appreciated. We whinge about a few cold nights but day after day have the top temperatures in NSW over the winter. My little garden is thriving. Tomatoes five feet high. Break it down. It's true though. I have to put that in because shortly I'll have to go visit Russ Blanch at Bungalow to see his Spring display. Like that ABC bloke says - I can hardly wait. Russ only went home on Friday from a week's fishing at Brooms Head which is only 20 k's from my place. His son John was up from Sydney for a break. Good job it wasn't for the fishing. And I thought Blanchy was a good fisherman. No fish. Had to buy their tucker.

I finally made my visit to Evans Head to have morning tea with Ted and Di Cholerton. Its taken me about three years but I found them both pretty well. Dianne nursing a broken wrist after a fall but expects the plaster off in a couple of weeks. As Paddy said in the last Courier, Evans Head is a delightful spot. All the north coast is good.

I'm very pleased to report that Ken and Edith Jones are home after Edith having therapy in Brisbane. I had been trying to phone for a fortnight and was starting to worry like an old chook. The good news is that the therapy was successful according to Edith and she's very pleased with the result. Blue has to have a knee reconstruction at the Gold Coast. We wish you well mate.

Harry Handicott rang to inform me of Ron Trenvove's passing, which news I passed on to Eric Herd at Iluka. Eric worked with Ron for many

years in Sydney and they were good mates. Harry and Amyce are both well, and Eric and Lorraine too. Eric still playing golf. Not bad for over 81 or so. I had a yarn with Bill Walsh and Beryl. Both have had their ups and downs but at the moment are OK. Bill remarked on Buck and said he's much the same as reported by Paddy in the last Courier. He was such a big strong bloke, old Buck, and a very likeable man

As mentioned, Tom Yates and I had a birthday in July. Tom and Jean both well. Jean was making some plum jam when I rang. She had kept them frozen for you people who, like me, wondered where she got plums this time of the year. Their son had supplied them from Canberra where they intend going next month. Hope it warms up a bit. Pretty cold place in the winter. Jack and Beryl Steen OK. Beryl has just gotten over a bad dose of Flu and Jack hopefully recovering from a crook back. Digging in the garden, would you believe. Had a chat with Ralph Conley this week. Plays bowls about five times a week and anyone wanting information re jogging or goat rearing just contact Ralph. He's a font of information. Gets it all from his bowling mates and stores it up. Got a computer I think.

I'm well and with a bit of luck will be over to the Golden West in October. Hope these airline blokes keep battling with the fares.

Regards to all, and keep well. Happy

Norma Hasson Social;

Held on 7th June at the Terrace Hotel this was a most enjoyable day. An attendance of 43 was good for a mid winter get-together. Our long time M.C. Len, after welcoming everyone, read the apologies before a lovely meal which has always been a feature of our socials at The Terrace. This was followed with a presentation of Honorary Life Membership medallions to Gavin Bagley, Paddy King and John Lillee by President Dick Darrington. Pam, Gavin's wife, received the honour on behalf of Gavin who was absent interstate. Gavin and Paddy grew up with the Association and have been great workers for it over many years. John, formerly of the 3rd Company, has been attending our reunions and Anzac Days for over 50 years and has become one of us. Responding to the warm acclamation from members Pam, on behalf Gavin, Paddy and John said it was a great honour to be made a life member. Congratulations to a fine trio from all members.

The Mandurah Branch of the Association was well represented by the dependables with the Howells, Poyntons, Bagleys, Turners and Langridges all in good form. It was nice to see Charlie and Mary King present. Charlie is far from well and Mary, although in a wheel chair was her usual charming self. Present were the Hayes, Jordans, Chalwells, Careys and our ladies Jess, Edna, Hazel, Nellie, Rose, June, Jenny and Joy - God bless them. Eligible males in the two Rays, Jim, Dick, Dusty, Gerry and Swanny up from Esperance had plenty to talk about. Ken, Fred, Roy and Kaye represented the Hasson family. All looked well and Kay, as effervescent as ever kindly presented the ladies with an orchid corsage each. Joy Chatfield's flower arrangements were appreciated - thanks Joy. All in all it was a great day. Our thanks to Zul and his staff for looking after us so well. It's nice to be spoilt now and then.

J. Carey

CORRESPONDENCE CORNER:

F.W. Bone, 25 Abalone St., Lakes Entrance 3909

Dear Len, I'm writing to say how much Mary and I enjoyed the Tasmania Safari but mostly I wanted to say thanks to all the people who sent cards and phone calls after my operation from which I am recovering pretty well, and we wish everyone good health and happy times.

Best regards to all, Bluey and Mary.

**Mrs M. Monk, Wayside Delivery,
Poowong 3988**

Dear 2/2nd friends, I am feeling rather guilty as I should have written before now to say how wonderful the Hobart Safari was and to again thank Bert Price and his helpers for the excellent organisation. It was really great and we all had a marvellous time together. Being in such a central spot with us all in the one building made it so special. The various activities and bus trips with the happy, helpful soldiers driving us around was really something to write home about. Don enjoyed meeting Ken's great mates and their ladies and had a wonderful time. We stayed on for a week with his sister and family at Kingston and we all had a trip out to the Gordon Dam - a marvellous feat of engineering. We also visited Dover, Bert Price's home town - a very pretty place.

Since returning home we have seen John and Cath Roberts and Faye Campbell. John and Cath

are battling on - John has had shingles and Cath spent a number of weeks in and out of hospital. We recently saw Arch and Dawn Claney at Wangaratta - Dawn has been very ill a few times over the past few months so we hope she will soon be quite well again.

My family are all well and busy. Elva and Rod are back in Vietnam after a 3 months stint in Bangladesh. They found it a very poor country and so densely populated. We are lucky to be Australians.

Don recently became a great grandfather for the second time, two little boys.

I am enclosing a donation for the Courier. I really look forward to receiving it. Thanks so much Len and Betty and all those who are responsible for getting it together and sending it to us all.

Goodbye for this time. Our best wishes to all.

Margaret Monk and Don Thomson.

E. Weller, 136 Kempton St. Bluff Point 6530

Dear Mates, We all know the story of giving a man a fish and feeding him for a day, and giving him the fishing gear so he can feed himself, and this is that sort of story. I was talking to one of my neighbours about what we went through in East Timor and how much we owed the people, and how everything had collapsed there. He is Max Jones, a past president of Legacy (served in Malaya in the 50s) and he decided to collect fishing gear, handlines and reels etc, to help out. He passed the word around other neighbours and friends, and ended up sending over several large parcels of fishing gear.

Max Jones' neighbour did more than just donate some gear. He is the President of the Fisherman's Co-op, and he put the word around his mates and two container loads of fishing gear was donated by the fishermen of the Geraldton region under an appeal called East Timor United Nations Fisheries Project. Fisheries WA is also involved, and will help distribute the gear and educate people in good fishing practises.

I felt that Max Jones, who started the ball rolling, should get a mention. It is amazing what a word in the right ear can do.

Eric and Pat Weller

R & B Shenn, 2/1 Kilpa Court, City Beach 6015

Dear Jack, Please find enclosed cheque as a donation to the Courier funds.

Best wishes and good health to all.

Regards, Ross and Beth

Mrs M. Monk, Wayside Delivery, Poowong 3707.

Dear Delys and Jack, I hope this finds you and yours fit and well. We are both well and are planning a trip to W.A. We hope to leave here on 10th September and will see as many of our 2/2 friends as we can. I have a copy machine on my phone-fax so I used it to save time when writing to quite a few. Don has twin grand daughters in the West - Nikki is in the army and living in Como so we will be staying with her most of the time. Paula is a nurse and she and her fiance Daryl are working at Port Hedland. I will phone the different ones when I get there and arrange times to meet up with you. Our weather is amazing for August, the countryside is lovely and green but we will need a wet September to get our normal rainfall. I have written to Twy and Eric, Jess, Babs and Bernie, and Twy's brother John and wife Betty.

Faye Campbell and I had lunch with Cath Roberts recently and I get out there about once a month. Cath is looking much better but is very thin. John is going down gradually but is bright. He had shingles a while back.

Will contact you when we are in Perth.

All the best, Margaret and Don.

**Nina Grachan, 15 Banksia Crt,
Whealers Hill 3150**

Dear Committee, friends one and all.

Congratulations to all chosen team for years 2000/2001.

Enclosed my donation to the famous Courier. Thanks to the expertise of the Bagley team - it is you who bind us together. So many of 2/2 family are indebted to your magic with words.

So pleased to note Safari 2000 was such a success, enjoyed whole heartedly by all who attended.

Sincere wishes to all dear friends who at the moment are ill. Hang on in there, be assured our prayers are with you, one and all.

Every blessing.

Sincerely, Nina

**June Bennett, 186 Warriewood Rd,
Warriewood 2102.**

Dear Jack, Here is a very belated note and donation for the Courier, thank you all for the dedicated work keeping the Courier going.

I am very well, except for being diagnosed with early Parkinsons disease, hence the cramped writing! I have great help from Steve and Marilyn and many friends. I'm able to keep up with most activities. Have given up driving, but manage with a good bus service by my door.

I was sad to see the terrible time the East Timorese people endured again. I hope with the wonderful help from Australia and other countries, they will soon find freedom and peace again.

Kindest regards, June

**Viv Paust, Lot 142 Sandpiper Mews, Bindoon
6502.**

Dear Jack and members of the mighty 2/2.

I am writing to say 'hello' from Verna and me, hoping you are keeping well. Enclosed is a contribution to the Courier, but also I want to show you how East Timor has got into my blood. Last night I wrote the following article to be pulished in the next copy of the Western Australian Woodturners Association magazine:

Project Timor and W.A.W.A. (August 2000)

'Project Timor' is the registered name of a not-for-profit W.A. building company with Ian Rhind as its head. Its purpose is to help the East Timorese to rebuild their homes and their lives. Two months ago Ian wrote to our Woodturners Association asking if we would be interested in making handles for a few shovels and picks that had been given to him. Because of my involvement with East Timor I became the link between Ian and WAWA.

At the July weekend workshop Ian outlined the plight of the people and the magnitude of the task ahead. 'How do you rebuild a village with a population of 5000, everything damaged or destroyed and the only tools available, two shovels? He touched us deeply, leaving us with the means to contribute in a concrete way. I distributed 41 shovels and pick heads with the

expectation they would be returned complete with handles to the August weekend workshop. To everyone's delight, 90 shovels, picks, axes and mattocks came in, together with a dozen or more re-handled chisels and hammers, plus a quantity of other hand tools.

As individuals and as an Association we have become involved. It is magnificent. Remember - a huge task is really only a series of small tasks - and we have started. It is an on-going affair and we hope to send one sea container away every six weeks for the next eighteen months or more. Ian, his wife and other members of his company, plus other volunteers, will spend much of the next year in East Timor co-ordinating building of dwellings, training in business, building and computer skills in conjunction with the Salesian priests. Co-incidentally, Ian's initial work has been in the compound I worked in at Comoro near Dili.

Ian has stressed that we imagine helping people who have nothing. If you want to help them hammer in a nail you can't unless you take with you the hammer and nails. So now we are urging WAWA members and their friends and associates to collect anything that may help. Here is a short, by no means complete, list to start you off:- hand tools (complete or repairable) nails, bolts, screws, electrical cable and fittings, electric tools and appliances, kitchen utensils, crockery, cutlery, clothing, corrugated iron, 4x2 timber, doors for houses, any hardware. Each month's weekend workshop can be deemed as a depot. But, we also have access to a large storage shed in Belmont where the goods will be collated and the containers packed. Direct delivery to Belmont by individuals or groups will save a lot of double handling. I will happily co-ordinate this. Viv Paust 95761439. (End of article)

Jack, it is amazing how this is snowballing. I'll keep you posted. Regards, Viv. and Verna

A. Mitchell, 2/35 Canberra Tce, Caloundra 4551

Dear Jack and Delys.

It was nice to meet up with so many at the Hobart Safari. I thought it was well put together. Bert and his committee did a very fine job. Hopefully I can make the Mildura Safari in 2002.

Joan and I are well. Do not see any members of the old Unit now that we are not living in Brisbane. Have enclosed a donation for the Courier. Please

give my kindest regards to all.

Ian and Joan

Mrs I. Elmore, 19 Cadorna St., Mowbray 7248

Enclosed is a donation towards the Courier. Thank you for sending it to me as I like to keep in contact. Am keeping well except for usual aches and pains. Isabel.

Mrs B. Hopkins, 14A Norman St., St. James 6102.

Dear Jack, Enclosed is a donation towards Courier expenses. Sincerely hope Delys and yourself are in good health.

Fond regards, Betty.

T.J. Puleine, 23 Cook Cresc, Young 2594

Please find enclosed donation for the Courier and Timor relief.

It appears to me this GST is going to be an extremely complicated tax just to replace a complicated tax. Never mind, we've lived through worse.

Regards to all, good health and peace.

Yours sincerely, Tom.

A. Claney, 189 Phillip-on St. Wangaratta 3677

Enclosed is cheque to be used toward Courier and Timor Trust Fund. Dawn and I enjoy the Courier very much, it keeps us up to date with friends and events. Thank you all for doing such a terrific job over the years.

Regards and best wishes, Arch and Dawn

R. Gregg, PO Box 68, Beresfield 2322

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed cheque for \$100. This is to maintain my subscription to the Courier and to be used in assistance to Timor projects. This year my mother has contributed to this donation. I have been keeping her up to date on the work in Timor. My father was NX7435

Sergeant Ernest Gregg, 'Z' Special Unit, and was killed in action on Timor in August 1944. Prior to that he had served with the 2/2 Independent and 2/4 Independent Companies as a reinforcement signaller on Timor.

Best wishes to all. Robert

**Mrs N. Wilson, Glen Lee, Collie Rd,
Gilgandra 2827**

To dear friends. So good to receive the Courier and hear about you all. The Tassie Safari sounded great and so wonderful to get together again. I keep busy - only way to go. Have taken on the job of Chief Instructor of Zone 4 Pony Club. We have 14 clubs and it keeps me occupied and I love working with children and horses. I'm blessed with my three children always keeping in touch and helping me when I need it.

I often hear from Harry Sproxton who was a wonderful mate of Keith and he tells me the news from the West. I keep in touch with Beryl Cullen, we have so much in common. When Keith and I were married we moved to Afterlee, Kyogle close to Jim and Beryl and were there for six years until we bought Glen Lee at Gilgandra.

Enclosed is a donation for the Courier, it brings you all so close. Such sincere friends. God bless.

Nola

Mrs H. Cowie, 2/68 Albert St. Warners Bay 2282

Well, Anzac Day has been and gone, a few tears and a few laughs. I had a lovely day at Speers Point RSL, meeting Bill's old mates again. One of his New Guinea mates, Snowy Went, has moved from Sydney to our beautiful Lake Macquarie. It was great to talk about their days in New Guinea and to see photos of other 2/2nd boys. The weather has been very cold lately and I had a month in hospital with a stroke, and eight weeks therapy, and am back to my old self again, luckily.

Enclosed is my donation. With best wishes for everyone's good health from Helen.

**K. Brown, 86 Throsby St.
Fairfield Heights 2165**

Dear Jack,

Please find enclosed donation towards the Courier which I enjoy very much.

Like most of us I am not enjoying the best of health. On top of this I broke my left hip last February, so need to use a frame permanently. However, I still enjoy my meals and home so am much better off than many!

Unfortunately I was unable to attend Jack Hartley's funeral, but both he and his family were in our thoughts that day. I had a brief telephone conversation with him just days before his passing and had felt his days were numbered.

Best wishes to all. Yours faithfully,

Keith T.F. Brown

Mrs B. Cullen, RMB 760, Afterlee, Kyogle 2474

Dear Jack,

Thank you for the warm words of sympathy extended to us at the passing of our loving and loved Jim. We appreciate the words citing Jim as a soldier and mate. His comment would be 'I was only one of a closely dedicated group of men/mates.

We had fond memories of our visit to West Australia, and always intended to return but, sadly it was not to be.

Jim spoke of the Unit with pride, the strong mateship and fellowship. The achievements and the concern for the betterment of others, especially the Timorese, the concern for others in need.

Thank you to all members of the 2/2 Commando Squadron.

Please continue to forward the Courier.

Yours sincerely,

Beryl Cullen and Family

H.W. Bert Price, Main Rd, Dover 7117

Billie and I went to the Hobart Macquarie Motor Motel and saw Kathy and staff. They were pleased we called and invited us to lunch when we can. They still say we were the best people they have had to stay.

Talking to a friend Rob Woolley who was in Vietnam conflict and he is very interested in East Timor. A small committee in the Huon has raised

enough money to buy a buffalo for the Timorese. He is also interested in the land mines and cleaning up of same. He is going to Cambodia soon.

Our weather is quite good at present but cold in the mornings and down to zero some nights.

Son John has got a good report from the Professor Doctor - will not give him the OK for work - must have a three months spell. Our youngest son Peter works for National Parks and wild life. He has the job of transporting seals which have been raiding the Atlantic salmon fish farms - collects them at Dover and takes them to Badger Head north of Launceston, and puts them in the water there. One young one he took up was back to Dover in three days. Peter has taken it to Badger Head again - reckons it will be back to Dover again.

We have had nice notes and letters from Paddy, plus photos from Timor. Billie has had letters and photos from different ones. There have been phone calls from Alan Luby and Ralph Conley.

Recently had to get doctor's certificate to OK me for driving and finished up at the eye specialist - have now been given all clear. Billie and self with two other couples had three days at Bicheno on the east coast - went to various places and enjoyed ourselves.

Have not been back to Derwent Barracks as yet, will wait until 2/40 Battalion have their next barbecue there. Have phoned the RSM Alan Gillman.

Billie and I send our regards to all.

Bert in Tassie

Diana Cole, 23 Yarabah Ave, Gordon 2072

Enclosed is a small donation for the Courier.

Ray is not too well but thinks fondly of all his friends in W.A. We need to mention this.

Cheers, Ray and Diana

Safari SnipPets. It was good to catch up with Bulla Tait again at the Safari. Bulla, though handicapped with a crook left knee and using a walking stick, shrugged off his ailment and enjoyed himself. He enjoyed the luxury of a wheelchair on the Port Arthur trip but made the long walk over Cadbury's factory all on his own bat. A man of few words but a great character, Bulla would like to see sugar prices move up. He

is not sure whether to have an op or not on his knee. There is not much of Kath Press but what there is, is all quality. In her 80's now Kath still drives her car, is fiercely independent and a generous and loyal supporter of the Association. Kath and her travelling friend, Joyce, enjoyed themselves and were in everything. Ted and Bridget Richards who hail from Latrobe in Northern Tassie both looked well. Tex, an old sapper, wanted to know how Gerry Green, Don Turton and Wilf March were getting on and sends his best wishes to them. He and Bridget are very proud of their two grandsons who are at the moment serving in East Timor. Alan and Hazel Hollow, the sole representatives from South Australia were in good form and enjoyed renewing acquaintances with their many friends. Paddy and Alan had a good natter over old times.

John and Olive Chalwell were pleased to catch up with Alan Mitchell as were Jack and Delys Carey. Mitch, an old 9 section mate of John and Jack was in good shape and it was nice to sit down and talk of our old army days. Ralph and Sheila Conley, Safari regulars from Queensland, were again to the fore. Ralph is a handy man to have on a safari. A good speaker and man of ideas, Ralph is always willing to assist in any way he can which makes the job a bit easier for the organisers. Alan Luby is another who is only to willing to help when called upon. It was a great pity Edith was too ill to accompany Alan. Dan and Sunny Daniels and Joan Fenwick represented the A.C.T.. All three enjoyed the Safari with Joan and Dan helping the show along at some stage. The ladies were all wonderful, God bless them and outnumbered the males. They always have been the stronger sex.

SAFARI 2002.

As reported in the June Courier Mildura has been selected for our next Safari. Mr Leith Cooper, who nominated Mildura, said he thought May would be the best time to visit.

Mildura, a city with a population of approximately 25000 is located in the north west tip of Victoria and is 526 kilometres by road from Melbourne and 401 from Adelaide. Described as a green oasis centred in an area of a parched scrubby desert, Mildura is a densely populated rural production centre. It is noted for its vineyards and orchards, which are fed by an irrigational system

linked to the Murray River. Apart from the scenic beauty the city's other attractions include a museum and art galleries, wineries, historical paddle-wheelers that cruise the Murray River and Australia's largest private collection of birds.

Leith Cooper, Bluey Bone, Ed Bourke and Fred Broadhurst have kindly offered to organise the Safari while Ralph Conley and Dan Daniels have also offered to help out. It is early days yet with the Safari some 20 months away. Members will be provided with more information in later Couriers as it gradually falls into place. Meantime think about putting \$50 away a month and make "Mildura in May 2002" your goal.

Jack Carey.

Lovekin Drive, Kings Park Commemoration Service

Our service this year, as in recent years, will be held on the third Sunday, the 19th November. It will be our 51st commemoration service, our first being held on 26th February 1950. Our earlier services were held in late February as it was on the 19th February 1942 the Unit first saw action and suffered its first casualties. This changed when the hot February weather began to affect attendances. We finally settled for the third Sunday in November. It is the intention of the Association to carry on for as long as it can with this most important service and hope that after the Association ceases to be, the services will continue to be held. The excellent attendances in recent years, especially that of young folk, has been most encouraging. Long may it be thus.

The late John Watson (Margaret Smyth's father) a World War I digger and MM winner who served with the 28th Battalion in Gallipoli and France was superintendent-secretary of the Kings Park Board from 1938 to 1962. John took a very keen interest in the development of the Honour Avenue areas and his article on the subject makes interesting reading. An extract from his 1958 writings reads:- A feature of Returned Servicemen's activities of which little is known by the general public is the maintenance of the memorial avenue of trees in Kings Park which are dedicated to the memory of the fallen of the two wars.

The original ceremony of dedication of trees to honour those men who unselfishly sacrificed their lives was held at the highest point of May Drive (May Circle) in Kings Park on 4th August 1919.

At this ceremony trees raised from acorns from Windsor Great Park were planted in May Drive from the Lord Forrest Memorial to Saw Avenue which leads to the Subiaco entrance, in memory of those who gave their lives in the 1914/18 war. At the foot of each tree a plaque was placed giving full details regarding the deceased serviceman to whose memory it was dedicated. Subsequently, the Avenue was continued from the Saw Avenue junction towards Crawley by the planting of oriental plane trees until the May Drive honour avenue comprised 680 trees. At a subsequent date, 100 sugar gum trees at the eastern end of Lovekin Drive were set aside to the memory of men who fell in the 1914/1918 war, thus completing the third phase of the Honour Avenues.

In 1922 the West Perth sub branch of the RSL, which later became the Public Service sub branch, accepted a share in the responsibility for the preservation of the avenues and has continued to assist the Kings Park Board in the maintenance of the plaques and trees. Unfortunately, due to a number of factors, the oak and plane trees in May Drive did not thrive and consequently it was decided by the Kings Park Board, after consultation with the Public Service sub branch, to remove the trees and replant the drive with Eucalyptus botrioides trees. This work was carried out in 1941-42 by the Kings Park Board and, although some trees have not thrived, most have grown vigorously and now form a fine avenue. It is a matter of interest that these trees were raised in the Kings Park nursery from the seed of a large tree growing on the high point in May Drive at which the original dedication ceremony took place.

The fourth phase in the history of the Honour Avenues commenced after the 1939-45 war when enquiries were received by the Kings Park Board for the provision of memorial trees to the memory of the fallen of that war. The Board agreed to make available the remaining 300 sugar gum trees lining Lovekin Drive and these were offered to the Returned Servicemen's League. As the custodians of Honour Avenue the Public Service sub branch was delegated by the State Executive to allocate the trees and arrange a suitable dedication ceremony.

On 5th December 1948 in a central position in Lovekin Drive, before a large gathering, His Grace the Archbishop of Perth, Dr. R.W.H. Moline, M.C., D.D. dedicated the Avenue to the memory of the fallen of the 1939-45 war. At the close of ceremony

those relatives to whom trees had been allocated were handed plaques to place at their respective trees.

Prior to the dedication in 1948 all plaques were placed in the ground at the base of the trees. Largely due to the thoughtless actions of motorists who drive over trees and break plaques, and also for other reasons, it was decided to affix the plaques to the trunks of the trees and this work has been carried out.

There are now 1,080 trees in May and Lovekin Drives commemorating war dead and it is the aim of the Public Service sub branch, in co-operation with the Kings Park Board to maintain these in such a manner that they will serve as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifice made in the defence of our ideals. It is very pleasing to note that one unit association, the 2/2nd, has spent several hundred pounds in putting in a sprinkler system and making a lawn area where 45 trees are grouped honouring their war dead.

This is the real spirit that made the R.S.L. and it would be entirely fitting if other unit associations followed this example.

J.E. Watson 1958.

FUILORO REPORT

Les Cranfield returned following his seventh Fuiloro visit.

Our congratulations and thanks to Les for 20 months of volunteer work in East Timor and to Verna for her own contribution and understanding during Les's absence.

The task of moving the tractor and harvester to the Mehara rice field through the record flood is related herewith in Les's inimitable style.

Volunteer Lindsay Bennett applied himself most effectively, according to Les and Fr. Jose, in completing the erection of the silos and machinery rehabilitation. Lindsay returns home as scheduled on Sunday 20th August. We greatly appreciate and thank him for his effort, details of which will be in the following Courier.

Lindsay Bennetts travel costs were reimbursed to us by Australian Volunteers International~to whom we are grateful and thank for their contribution.

We similarly acknowledge and thank A.E.S.O.P. in finally at short notice agreeing to fund Les

Cranfield's last visit.

Bob Smyth

EAST TIMOR 29th May 2000

Report Les Cranfield

Arrived in Dili at 7.00a.m. 30th May. Went back to Fuiloro with Japanese medical group from Fuiloro. Good to see Ben here and he seems to have settled in well.

31st May attempted to see the Mehara rice plot but couldn't get there as the water was chest high across the road. At first it was only two or three inches deep. The next time the water was level with the vehicle windows. Fr. Jose said it would go down in a couple of weeks. I asked him which year he was talking about. It is reported the first time in forty years the water has been like that in Mehara. The road out to our plots once we got through Mehara village was worse. There it was 3km of water to get across and the depth was ranging from 3 to 4 metres.

Fr. Jose went down to Lautem and returned with a small dugout. It had more holes in the bottom than on the top side. Everybody screamed laughing at it when they saw it. Then he asked me if I could repair it. I finally doubled a tarpaulin over and wrapped it around tight and laced it with cord. It has been used ever since. At first we were polling it across but the wind kept blowing it off course. Then we made a sail out of a bed sheet and used a paddle at the back to keep it on course.

To get the machinery across, we had to build a barge large enough to take a tractor and harvester. We lashed 27 44 gallon drums together and built a frame around them to keep them in place. It turned out a great success and was able to take a 3 tonne tractor. Our biggest problem was the locals have no idea how to use poles to keep it on course. we used to go around in circles. Some kept following the poles into the water.

One day Fr. Jose said he would like to put the vehicle on there because after we crossed the water there was still a 3km walk to the rice area. On that day the wind was blowing a gale and with the locals trying to do their best in polling, getting stuck in the mud and their arms were too short. On that occasion we finished up 3km off course and even ran into a couple of submerged huts. We eventually got it to the waters edge and got

the vehicle off. Then drove back to where we started.

The women were going over to do the cooking for our workers and they said we could walk around. Well their track was up over the mountains and around them, over limestone rock and through more swamp areas. It finished up about 4 to 5km and we all had equipment to carry. One woman I discovered half way across was carrying a tractor battery on her head. I took it from her and got two of the young chaps to carry it between them.

As the rice was ready for harvesting in early May I was surprised to see it still had grain in the heads. So it was well worth the work effort to get to it as the people badly need the rice for their diet. The grain silos which we purchased in Australia were left until I arrived back. There are six of them, two big ones and four smaller.

The workers would not tackle them until I arrived and showed how to erect them. The agricultural machinery and grain silos are a completely new concept in Timor. Even some of the U N people were coming out to see them and were surprised at what we had achieved.

Now that the rice harvester is operating nicely, we have started harvesting the 100 hectares corn crop with the corn harvester. That used to take up to eight months to harvest by hand. This time they should finish it in two weeks and that is only two men working the machine. Previously when doing it by hand they would have up to 30 to 40 people, mostly the women.

In Timor if you want something done go to the women. The men are happy to sit and talk and leave the work to the women.

Les Cranfield.

The following is extracted from a letter to 'Annie' Verna Cranfield from Fr. Jojo the Director of Don Bosco Agricultural School Fuiloro.

Thanks a lot for sharing your husband to us here in Fuiloro. Now, many things and machines are working well due to his expertise and training program. How I wish I could stay with him to learn the basics of the many tractors, milling, ~rinding, harvesters etc. But I have my priorities to look after the Salesians and the people who come daily for help and other matters. It is amazing how Les changes the environment whenever he is around. Because everything seems to be moving and

doing their work. Let's hope I can follow up these workers and machines that need follow-up. I really appreciate the person and fatherly presence of Les. Although they call me Father, I feel like a son to him, don't you think so ?

When are you coming here ~ I would like to continue your good work of tailor training. I see Martha, Rosa, Magdalena once in a while. Could you come and help us again with the making of their new uniforms. We have lost all that you and the girls had done because of the Militias.

This year I plan to use the white shirt and blue pants as their uniform. It will be introduced to the SMP and the SD students. We will have only one color and one type. Of course I will not require it this year. But slowly and surely we will insist for the sake of discipline, cleanliness and good appearance.

Your Friends in Timor.

God Bless you.

Pe. Jojo San Juan, sdb.

Bob Smyth 2/2nd Commando Assoc. 28 July 2000

Dear Bob

Hope you had a good rest during your vacation and are keeping good health. You know that I am not a man of letter writing. Still, I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the 2/2nd Commando Association, for the generous help of A\$1000, that you gave us during our tragic days. The Good Lord alone will be your reward for this. You are all in our prayers.

Even though many millions of dollars are spent by the UN in Timor the vast majority of the people are still without sufficient food and medical facilities and without homes. Just today, I got the report from our clinic that about 80% of the children of age 2 - 3 are underweight and malnourished. The mortality rate of the Timorese has increased since the referendum. It is quite disheartening to work under such a situation.

It looks like there are too many UN experts who don't know what to do in Timor, and yet keep drawing big salaries. We don't know who is helping whom. We are only hoping and praying that the Good Lord who saved Timor from Indonesia, will also save Timor from such UN saviours.

Thank you Bob for Les. We still have many

problems here. We would like to have Les to come back once more. But of course, we understand his predicament. It was already a great sacrifice on the part of Les and Verna. Hope she will soon get well, and if possible, be able to come back both together. Please convey my regards to all the veterans and also to your family.

Sincerely yours.

Fr. Jose Vattaparambil,sdb.

U.N.F.E.T.I.P.

The following report was relayed to us by Les Cranfield and is reproduced here verbatim. You also will be tremendously impressed by the endeavours of this intelligent group of Timorese women to promote awareness of women as a significant segment of the new East Timor. That with recognition and help, theirs can be a major contribution (Bob Smyth)

Keith Hayes has already despatched 4 sewing machines packed in dress material in addition to a box of motors etc.

YAYASAN UNIDADE FETO TIMOR BA PROGRESSO

(UNFETIP)

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I. PREFACE

In stable or not so stable situations, whether intended or unintentional, often women become the victims of violence and have to carry various unimaginable consequences. During colonial times, often times women were seen merely as a tool of the group in power, who were not given even the smallest opportunity for self-development.

During the Indonesian rule, tens of thousands of East Timorese women became victims of structural and cultural violence. At that time this was not seen as the first and foremost important issue that needed to be addressed. At the time the political problems were focused on the independence of East Timor.

But the world has changed. East Timor has become a new nation within the world. Universally women's rights are being fought for by international and local organizations in different countries all over. The equalization of rights and

opportunities between women and men are being fought for. Women are not just seen as an object for development or rebuilding. Rather it is becoming more and more evident that women are participating in different areas in the development process. It is no less important to remember the importance of the role of East Timorese women in the struggle for freedom, despite unimaginable consequences which they had to bear.

In the world of East Timor which is still very new and has just received its' freedom, East Timorese women are looked upon with hope and anticipation not to function as an object of development, like in former times. East Timorese women are called to take an active role in varying areas of development and rebuilding of a nation that has quality and is useful.

A result of the suffering of East Timorese women during the Indonesian time, as well as of the happenings during the aftermath of the announcement of the result of the popular consultation on September 4th 1999, is that many thousand East Timorese women and children are left without means to support themselves. In order to begin to find means in order to support themselves again they need to be considered and actively involved in all areas. Driven by the importance of this task a foundation was established by several individuals with a similar vision and mission on the February 29th, 2000 by the name of *Yayasan U-idade Feto Timor ba Progresso (UNFETIP)*. Here East Timorese women will be given a chance for self-development and to actively take part in various areas of building the new East Timor.

II. GOAL

The goal of the *Yayasan Unidade Feto Timor ba Progresso (UNFETIP)* is to enable and uphold the skills of East Timorese women in order to partake in the building of East Timor.

III. OBJECTIVES and BASIS

The objective and basis of the *Yayasan Unidade Feto Timor ba Progresso (UNFETIP)* are all the women of East Timor as a whole, and specifically women and children that aren't capable to make a living.

IV. LIST OF ORGANISATION PERSONELL (enclosed)

V. WORKING PROGRAM

1. In the area of Culture

Cultural events everywhere represent an important part of human life, thus also for the people of East Timor. The people of East Timor have a rich and diverse culture that is in need to be upheld, preserved and developed in order to foster a national culture that is disciplined and is social in nature. In the areas of culture UNFETIP plans the following programs:

to preserve and develop traditional East Timorese dances (e.g.: Tebe-tebe, tebeday, etc.) to teach educate East Timorese women and young people in traditional East Timorese dances with traditional instruments, made locally.

2. In the area of Education & Training

In the area of education and training *Yayasan Unidade Feto Timor ba Progreso (UNFETIP)* plans to conduct formal and non-formal programs of education and training. The longrange plan for the formal education will be ajusted according to the budget, as UNFETIP grows. Whereas for the non-formal education and training, courses will be offered for the public in a systematic manner with the following areas:

English & Portuguese languages courses
Computer courses
Sewing courses
Stitching and weaving courses

Other (as arise)

3. In the area of Sex & Gender

In this area *Yayasan Unidade Feto Timor ba Progreso (UNFETIP)* will struggle for women's rights and assist to raise the degree of women who fill positions of the building of Timor Loro Sae. In order to implement this, the following programs will be held: - to upgrade the skills women have, in various areas that are relevant through training and workshops, by involving women to maximal level as active participants. - Education of women in the areas of sex and gender, in order to raise their consciousness of the equality of gender and the equality of women' s rights compared to men' s rights, as well as to uplift the standard of living

and selfrespect of women.

VI. INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNFETIP FOUNDATION

Responsible for the proposal presented:

a. Ms. Elda Maria Guterres (Director of UNFETIP)
b. Francelina Ximenes De Oliveira, Spd. (Secretary UNFETIP)

2. Planning Budget (enclosed)

3. The programs that need to be support are as follows:

a. Area of culture: Traditional instruments and dance equipment for traditional East Timorese dances (see enclosed budget). b. Area of education and training: courses in English and Portuguese languages (see enclosed budget).

VII. CLOSING

This proposal is presented to request assistance to support the programs of the UNFETIP Foundation, in order that it may reach its' goals successfully. May your helping hand receive the blessing of God.

Dili, April 25, 2000

Signed by those responsible for UNFETIP

Ms. Elda Marguterres
Francelina Ximenes de Oliveira- Spd.
DirectorSecretary

Timor Memories Series 8. Mystery Lights in the Mountains.

The following is Paddy Kenneally's version of a humorous incident which took place on East Timor early in February 1942 about 2 weeks before the Japanese landed.

Life was interesting in Railaco. The 50 reos (reinforcements) did all the work. Paddy Knight and Andy Smeaton were there for disciplinary reasons from their respective sections in "B" & "C" Platoons. What mode of discipline was involved I could never work out. They had money and plenty of time on their hands, much of it spent up at the Chinese shop where food and drink was available for cash. There were a few sick mainly with malaria while Weril Meiser and I were also isolated having picked up a dose of crabs (the

non edible variety) when travelling up from Koepong on the Canopus. One dark night Paddy Knight decided he would retrieve a bottle of the "water of life" (whisky) which he knew the Company C.O. Major Al Spence had in safe custody in his tent for Lieutenant Tom Nisbet. Noiselessly he crawled into the C.O.'s tent and was groping under the Major's bunk when a colt 45 automatic was poked in his face, "Who is that?" barked Al. "Private Knight, Sir" said Paddy. "I wish to report mysterious lights on the hills" The Major was up instantly "Where are they?" he demanded. "Up there, Sir - you will see them come and go. They look like signals" Sure enough the lights appeared and then disappeared. The camp was roused, guards doubled and posted on all approaches into Railaco. The area being secured to the duty officers satisfaction the camp settled down, not however for the reos. They stood to and supplied the guards. The rain came down in buckets while the guards huddled miserably in their ground sheets wondering about the mysterious lights. Up in the hills the Timorese were snug inside their huts as they slept around the fires. The wind moaned pitifully through the trees as the branches moved to and fro sending out signals from the native fires. Paddy Knight slept peacefully.

N.B.

On a Sadder Note. Paddy - William Patrick Knight WX13454 was killed in action on 2nd March 1942 in East Timor. His remains rest in the Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia. Paddy's real surname was Cotter, being the son of William Francis and Ellen Cotter of Edgbaston Birmingham England. He was 31 years of age.

Rest We Forget. J.W. Carey.

Dare Memorial, East Timor

The June Courier fully covered the trip to East Timor in April last by six of our members who attended the rededication service of the above memorial. The service took place on 13th April, 31 years to the day of the original service which was held on Sunday 13th April 1969. The memorial, which had fallen into disrepair over the years, was kindly restored through the good work of Australian Army units serving in East Timor. The late Colin Doig, who organised our 1969 trip to East Timor, generously donated money to the

Oan Kiak Trust to do this but because of the upheaval in East Timor nothing worthwhile was accomplished, which is understandable. Now that things have settled down the Oan Kiak Trustees have come to an arrangement with the Principal of a nearby school to have the memorial maintained in its present restored state. Extracts from a letter recently written to Brother Filomeno Da Cruz read as follows:-

Dear Brother Filomeno Da Cruz, Principal Dare Secondary School. I write to you on behalf of the OAM KIAK TRUST an organisation that actively supports education for orphans in East Timor. Perhaps Kirsty Sword mentioned this to you when she approached you on our behalf to have the 2/2 and 2/4 Commando Unit memorial at Dare looked after by students from your school in return for a remuneration from us. The trustees of the OAM KIAK TRUST thank you most sincerely for your offer to help.

In June 1996 Captain (ret.) Colin Doig put \$10,000 into the Oam Kiak Fund with the proviso that the interest from this money provide a special scholarship to the Don Bosco Comoro Training School. Colin had entered into an agreement with them that they would keep the 2/2 Memorial tidy and in good condition. The arrangement whereby the Comoro Training centre took some responsibility for the 2/2 memorial ceased at their request after Colin's sudden and untimely death. Since then Trust members have continued to find a way for the memorial to be cared for in exchange for a scholarship within the terms of the Oam Kiak Trust i.e., education, orphans, Timorese.

Under the terms of the OAM KIAK TRUST we can only remunerate in the form of a scholarship for education of Timorese orphans. The scholarship would be in the form of a cash transfer to the bank you nominated i.e. Banco Nacional Ultramarino in June of each year. As I am sure that among your students there are orphans then there is no problem with that money being used for anything you wish as long as it has to do with educating Timorese orphans. Your wish to spend the scholarship money on a computer would not be a problem, as this is an educational tool. We do not expect you to spend any money on maintaining the memorial, just to see that it is kept tidy and neat. In return the TRUST offers your school the interest earned annually on \$10,000 Australian dollars paid annually each June. We would further request that it be called the **Colin Doig Scholarship** in memory of the benefactor.

The purpose of the Trust is to allow as many Timorese orphan children as possible to obtain Primary and Secondary schooling. We have now completed nearly five years of operations although the last nine months have been problematic. Initially there were teething problems, but by the 30th June 1998 we had 58 children receiving full scholarships (meaning they received board and lodgings as well as all educational expenses, clothing etc.) and a further 120 students received partial help with educational expenses ranging from items of uniform, shoes, books, school fees etc.

P. Thatcher

NB:

Patsy reports the memorial is tidy and being looked after. She is leaving for East Timor on September 9 for a brief visit.

Sick Parade.

Paddy Kenneal Paddy spent 8 days in hospital in August. He developed a nasty skin rash which spread all over his wiry frame. Treatment took the form of an application of special ointment, being dressed in wet pyjamas and then wrapped in blankets. So Paddy, who is not adverse to letting off steam, was himself steamed! The treatment worked. Paddy is now back home minus the rash and is keeping his fingers crossed.

Jim McLaughlin. Anyone visiting Jim in the Midland Nursing Home is in for a shock. Jim is nothing but skin and bone and weighs about 40 kilos. He had a bad stroke in November 1998 and has since developed alzheimer's disease. He is in a world of his own and can't communicate. Jess Epps, Keith Hayes and Jack Carey see Jim periodically. He still enjoys his food and is partial to bananas and marshmallows. Please remember Jim in your prayers.

Henry Sproxton. Henry has been waiting nearly 3 months for an urgent eye operation. He has temporary blackouts at regular intervals which can be very unnerving especially when living alone.

Bluey Bone. Bluey is making good progress following an operation for cancer. Hawthorn's good performance this year has been a good tonic for Blue.

Eric Weller. Eric is still receiving radium treatment following an operation to remove a melanoma on his arm. Eric is tough and durable and will overcome his problem. There are better days

ahead Eric.

Charlie King. Charlie, who has a serious health problem is having a bad time with it. His fighting spirit and loving family support is helping Charlie. Our thoughts are with you Charlie at this time.

Wilf March. It was nice to see Wilf at our August committee meeting as it must have been a big effort for him to attend. Wilf's battle with the "Big C" continues and at present he is holding up well.

Alan Hollow. Alan had the misfortune to have a stroke not long after returning home from the Safari. Life can be unkind to some particularly in Alan's case. Last word on Alan was that after ~time in hospital he was home again beginning a recovery program. Kindest regards from your

old mates Alan and our love to Hazel.
Jack Carey.

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**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER COURIER -
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2000**

Fr. Jojo SanJuan Sdb
Don Bosco Fuloro
C/- Salesian of Don Bosco
Comoro P.O. Box 108
DILI Timor Leste

Dear Jojo and Fr. Jose

We had a meeting with Les and Ben to welcome their return and generally discuss achievements during their visit.

The two large silos should solve problems of storage for a longtime. However, it is important that umigrants be obtained (from Jakarta?). I understand a brand named KWIKFOS by BAYER would be appropriate. We could not help with it from Darwin because of it being classed as "dangerous goods" for shipping clearance.

The rehabilitation of the concrete mixer and its use in producing a replacement machinery shed floor would have been appreciated by the team who normally mix with shovels.

Rice Field - Mehara

We all are keenly interested in this revolutionary concept. It appealed as potentially a project that, following success of the initial planting, could be greatly enlarged to meet the rice needs of the whole of the Lautem population? That should attract overseas news stories and further funding from N G O's

The fact that the area including access roads had reportedly the heaviest rainfall in 30 to 40 years hopefully would not prejudice its ongoing development.

The Green House

Laser roofed Vegetable Project

We would be pleased to hear of the success of this programme which could then be repeated over other areas of East Timor.

Vegetable Seeds

We plan to send you another shipment of seeds. Les suggests half of the last shipment you received from us. Your comments and recommendation would help, particularly regarding the amount of each item. (We will boost cabbage and Tomato) S.B. Soccer Balls. B.B. Basket Balls. V.B. Volley Balls

We are making up a shipment but have to determine the ratio between each. The present consideration is S.B. 6 V.B. 2

B.B.1. Some soccer balls will be junior size.

An area of concern is to ensure the shipment is received intact.

We will give you all details.

Volunteers.

Les Cranfield will not be returning to East Timor. His previous visit was "positively his last", but he succumbed to appeals when his return was critical to completion of the most important projects - the silos and Mehara rice project.

Lindsay (Ben) Bennett found his visit very satisfying and would likely be prepared to do a further visit but not until after the we, say April.

Should you wish us to locate further specialists you must detail the projects and the type of person you require and duration of visit. The information is essential to support our application to A E S O P or any other sponsor organisation who may provide aid fares and associated costs including insurance.

Communication channels

We have made representation through Australian Government members.

Also faxed details of the villagers struggle regarding food shortages and poor health, to the Australian National Newspaper.

We will forward all future letters to you
Via Comoro C/- Box 108 P.O. ILI

Our group of seven who were privileged to visit and enjoy your hospitality again thank you. We frequently reminisce with happy memories.
Best wishes from all of our team.

Sincerely,

Bob Smyth

L. Bennett
The House,
Battery Road
Campbell Barracks
Swanbourne
4th September 2000

To Christine Perkins,
Australian Volunteers International,
P.O. Box 1538
Darwin (0801

Dear Christine,

This is a summary of my three month stay in East Timor, after having been given the opportunity by the "2/2nd Commando Association of Australia", in conjunction with the "Australian Special Air Service Association," to volunteer my services.

Firstly, having been in the building / construction industry for approx. 30 years, I was asked to supervise the construction of six grain silos, in and around the Fuiloro area of East Timor. The grain silos, being approx. 9 metres in height and the problem of having to raise the structure, every metre or so, was alleviated by using three boat winches, which I took to East Timor, supplied to me by the "2/2nd Commando Assoc. of Australia." I supervised a group of workers, which were employed by the Salesian / Don Bosco school mission.

After erecting 4 of the 6 grain silos, the workers seemed confident enough in being able to erect the remaining 2, in outlying villages. So I was asked by the Salesian "Father Jose," to supervise the construction of a sheltered area, approx. 20 metres square.

The sheltered area was to be used for a vegetable garden, because of the little success in the growing of vegetables, due to the amount of rainfall. In this particular area of East Timor, the rainfall is more prolonged~ hence, the problem with stunted growth of the vegetables grown.

With the difficulties of obtaining local timber for the roof of the garden shelter~ I had no option, but to put that project on hold, and started the planning and construction of a block of workers quarters.

Due to having to return to Australia after 3 months, unfortunately the workers quarters were only 50% completed

During my stay in the Don Bosco Mission, Fuiloro, I was supplied with meals and living quarters, which were quite adequate. I feel, even with the customary hold-ups with the different projects,

which can be frustrating at times, I could finish them, given the opportunity. But with the wet-season~ around the corner, I would suggest any continued construction be during the "dry"-season, as it is more practicable and less time wasted.

Yours Sincerely
Lindsay. Bennett.

Equations of Life.....

Smart man + smart woman = romance

Smart man + dumb woman = pregnancy

Dumb man + smart woman = affair

Dumb man + dumb woman = marriage

Smart boss + smart employee = profit

Smart boss + dumb employee = production

Dumb boss + smart employee = promotion

Dumb boss + dumb employee = overtime

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.

To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot & not try to understand her at all.

Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

Any married man should forget his mistakes, there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

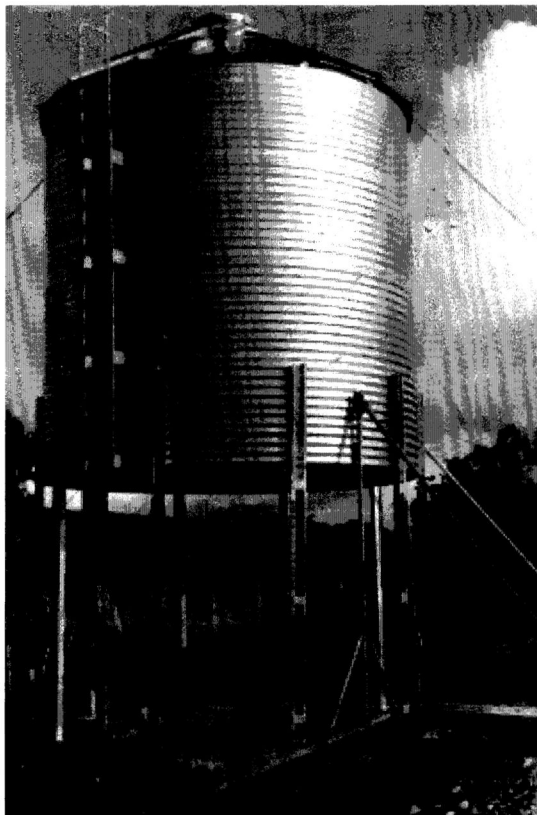
Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

There are 2 times when a man doesn't understand a woman - before marriage and after marriage.



Fuilorio Silo under construction.



*HMAS "Cranfield"
on slipway.*



Anzac Day 2000

Jack Carey (2R), Peter Campbell, Tony Bowers, Vin Swann (2R), Doc Wheatley,
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