

2/2 AUSTRALIAN COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31st 1950.

Gentlemen,

The necessity of this report lies in the fact that our President, Mr. Burrige, is now in Singapore on business and this Report is in lieu of his.

It is customary to look on past doings with rose-coloured glasses but in this case we all have reason to be proud of our Association. Your Committee, elected 12 months ago, have proved themselves to have been excellent choice and all have put a lot of work into our affairs. This will be noticed elsewhere in this Report.

Membership: Again this has increased from last year's figure of 138 to 163, and we are proud to feel we are not falling back. But there are still others to be brought into the fold and in this regard all members must assist the Committee by getting more members to attend Association meetings. The attendance of metropolitan members at our evenings could be increased by almost 200%.

General Meetings: Early in the life of this Committee, it was suggested that we attempt to brighten up our Monthly General Meetings and so the idea of guest speakers, Ladies' Nights and Sports Nights was born. Our guest speakers have been excellent and each seemed to raise the standard a little higher so that it would be almost impossible to say who has been the most interesting of the 8 speakers. Two functions in which our ladies took part were held at Monash House and at the home of Mr. Murray, Snr., and both were excellent shows. More of these entertainments, and also some novel ones will be planned by your incoming Committee.

General: Anzac Day was once again solemnized by the Association and a wreath laid at the Dawn Service. Approximately 40 members marched. A most enjoyable Re-union and Dinner was held in February although the numbers were not as high as we would have liked. It would seem that more country members got to town for this event than do metropolitan members. On the following day, before members and next-of-kin, the President held a quiet service for our dead at our portion of Honour Avenue in Kings Park and then led the Association around the area at the "eyes right". We intend to hold this simple gesture of remembrance each year. The Committee approached the Kings Park Board in an endeavour to have our part of Honour Avenue put under grass, but it would appear that the cost of laying water piping and the maintenance of the grass may be prohibitive unless some assistance is found. However, this is a matter for the incoming Committee to pursue.

We have not donated blood as a Unit for some time, but most Members have been called upon privately to give more.

The Smailes Poem has been completed and is now being sold without any difficulty - it was worth waiting for.

The Unit Honour Roll was brought into being and all who saw it on Re-union night voted it one of the best of its type yet seen. We are indebted to the Premier Engineering Co., and particularly to one of the partners therein, Mr. L. Duffy, who donated the metal and gave the time to have it cast.

The matter of Timor Subsistence has come up each month and at present Mr. Burrige is engaged in urging Mr. Hamilton, M.H.R., C.P., to press our claim.

The Melbourne Cup Sweep was an outstanding success, and the Treasurer will elaborate on that in his report.

The Committee is in the process of obtaining the names of next-of-kin of members of No.2 Commando of the British Army during the last war to whom we intend sending food parcels from our Association.

We regret to report the accidental death of our member, J. Waller who was killed near his farm at Wyalkatchem some weeks ago, leaving a widow and small child. The Unit has an excellent representative in the area in Mr. Jack Denman, and he has done, and is at present doing, all he can to help Mrs. Waller in any way possible on behalf of the Association.

A number of Association members have been in Hollywood Hospital at periods throughout the year and the Association has appointed volunteer visitors each month to visit them. Fortunately few of the men have stayed in Hospital for very long.

By this report, Gentlemen, which in spite of my original desire for briefness has become a large one, you must realise the amount of work your Committee has put into Association affairs. To obtain the finality expressed in any one sentence above, one, two or more Committeemen have written, telephoned, made appointments to discuss, and, in short, given up hours and hours of what generally is precious spare time, to further the affairs of your Association. In this regard I wish to bring to your attention especially, Gentlemen, the efforts of Mr. Doig, who has been the backbone of the Association for yet another year. I think the Association needs no reminder of the debt we owe this man.

In conclusion, as State Secretary, I desire to place on record, my appreciation of the help and guidance given me by the President and his Committee during our term of office, and to wish the incoming Committee all the success possible and an enjoyable stay in office.

(R. S. KIRKWOOD).
State Secretary.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30/4/1950.

We certify that we have examined the books of the Association and all receipts and vouchers for the financial year ended 30th April 1950. All moneys received have been correctly accounted for and all disbursements are covered by receipts.

The following comments are submitted in a spirit of constructive criticism for the assistance of incoming office bearers and the thoughtful consideration of all members.

1. System:

Generally speaking, the system of bookkeeping in force is satisfactory but with the growing volume of work both to the Treasurer and the Auditors modifications must be continually made and the following suggestions are submitted for your consideration:-

(a) Cash Book

The present tabulated Cash Book is very difficult to follow and it is suggested that this be extended to show a greater number of dissections.

(b) Receipts and Payments

All moneys received should be banked and all payments made by cheque except payments for Petty Cash.

(c) Petty Cash and Postages

Both of these items should be on the Imprint System and the Petty Cash Book should be tabulated similarly to the General Cash Book.

2. Amounts due from members:

These items as per Balance Sheet stand at £5/15/-. No doubt, as in the past, the Committee will recommend to the meeting that some of these arrears be written off, but the balance should be vigorously followed up; not in general terms by means of Circulars, but by individual letters to the members concerned. This also applies to the amount of £27/8/- outstanding on Loan A/c. No.1.

General:

Generally speaking, the affairs of the Association are in a healthy condition with assets amounting to £553, but we would be neglecting our duties as Auditors if we did not point out the following facts:

Cash Receipts totalled approximately £350, but Nett Profit was only £33 or less than 10% of total receipts. The war has now been over nearly 5 years and as time goes on it can be expected that more and bigger demands will be made on the Association Funds. The raising of funds is always a big job and usually devolves on the few stalwarts. It is, therefore, incumbent on us all to assist in conserving and building up our assets by cutting down on expenses as far as possible.

G. BOYLAND and H. CAREY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1950.

The accompanying Income and Expenditure, Profit and Loss A/c and Balance Sheet, indicate that the Association has maintained its financial position.

As in previous years the Sweep has been the mainstay. With the best effort to-date by members a profit of £146 was made. Without this the Nett Profit of £33 would have shown as a Nett Loss of £113.

Whilst in the past year, by far the heaviest unproductive expenditure, occurred by way of Socials and Meetings, it is felt that the Social side of the Association has benefited to such a degree as to provide a basis from which future Committees may be able to work towards greater activity in this new sphere with success and confidence.

Financial membership of 161 for 1949/50 could be considered as satisfactory and in this regard we have probably reached our peak.

The full co-operation extended to me by Committee Executive and Members has been appreciated, especially that of the General Secretary, Close contact has shown the tremendous amount of time, trouble and thought he gives to affairs of the Association.

(A. WALSH.)
Treasurer.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Subs. in Advance	£13.5.-.	Gross Profit	£404.15.11
		Subs. in Arrears.	5. 5.-
Nett Profit.	<u>33.5.11.</u>	Due for Reunion.	<u>10.-</u>
	<u>£46.10.11.</u>		<u>£46.10.11.</u>

BALANCE SHEET

<u>Liabilities</u>			<u>Assets</u>
Subs. in Advance	13.5.-.	Loan A/c	£27. 8.0.
Capital A/c.		"	20. -.-.
As at 30/4/49.	507.1.1.	Arrears of Subs.	5. 5.-.
Nett Profit as		Reunion Arrears.	10.-.
per P. & L. A/c.	<u>33.5.11.</u>	Bank	
	540.7.-.	Current A/c.	84.14.5
		Savings	
		Bank A/c.	215.14.7
		C/wealth Loan.	<u>200. -.-.</u>
			500. 9. -.
			<u>£553.12.-.</u>
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE YEAR 1949/50.

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To. <u>DONATIONS</u> : Xmas Presents Legatees	4	5	6	4	5	6	By. <u>BALANCE FORWARD</u> : Current A/c.	69	8	7					
<u>SWEEP</u> : Prize Money	50	5	-				Bank A/c.	193	2	2					
Sweep Books	5	10	-				Treasury Bond	200	-	-					
Incidental Expenses Telegrams etc	1	16	-	57	11	-	Petty Cash	4	10	4	467	1	1		
<u>HONOUR ROLL</u> : Purchase of Pattern	22	4	-	22	4	-	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u> :	41	10	-	41	10	-		
<u>PETTY CASH</u> : Postage	22	9	9				<u>SWEEP</u> : 1948/49	1	15	-					
Less surplus 1948/49.	-	3	9				1949/50	203	11	-	205	6	-		
Typing	1	3	6				<u>DONATIONS</u> :	6	4	9	6	4	9		
Stationary & Stencils	5	17	5				<u>ANNUAL DINNER</u> : - Subscriptions	30	10	-	30	10	-		
Miscellaneous	-	11	6				<u>MONTHLY MEETINGS</u> : Refreshments	25	9	6	25	9	6		
Cool Store	2	5	9	32	4	2	<u>SPECIAL NIGHTS</u> : Refreshments	19	18	5	19	18	5		
<u>ANNUAL REUNION</u> : Catering	20	15	-				<u>SMAILES POEM</u> :	10	6	6	10	6	6		
Rent and Cleaning	1	3	8				<u>LOAN REPAYMENTS</u> :	12	12	-	12	12	-		
Menus	4	5	1				<u>INTEREST ON BANK BALANCE 31/5/49.</u>								
Pianist	2	2	-				Bank	3	15	5					
Refreshments	21	9	8	49	15	5	Loan	6	5	-	10	-	5		
<u>MONTHLY MEETINGS</u> : Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>OVERBANK</u> :	-	13	-	-	13	-		
Refreshments	36	18	1	36	18	1									
<u>ANZAC DAY</u> : Refreshments	14	7	10												
Wreaths	1	1	-	15	8	10									
<u>CHEQUE BOOK</u> :	-	10	-	-	10	-									
<u>LOAN</u> :	20	-	-	20	-	-									
<u>HOSPITAL VISITATION</u> - CIGS. ETC.	1	18	10	1	18	10									
<u>SPECIAL NIGHTS</u> : Entertainers	8	6	-												
Refreshments	34	14	10												
Catering	10	-	-												
Presentations	2	13	-	55	13	10									
<u>SMAILES POEM</u> : Printing	25	-	-												
Blocks	7	-	-	32	-	-									
<u>OVERBANK</u> : Withdrawal	-	13	-	-	13	-									
				329	2	8									
<u>CREDIT BALANCE</u> : Treasury Bond	200	-	-												
Bank A/c.	215	14	7												
Current A/c.	84	14	5	500	9	-									
				£829	11	8					£829	11	8		