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A TOAST TO THE UNIT AND OUR ASSOCIATION

from Secretary Alan Sharp

The Tenth Field Ambulance earned for itself a proud record of achievement during the Second World War.

It is true that any organisation is only as strong as its leaders, and the people they lead. The Tenth Field Ambulance was indeed fortunate in having the calibre of officers and men it did who worked together so closely and intelligently over a long period of time.

That harmonious relationships existed throughout the war despite the hardships, frustrations and those other elements which are part and parcel of active service is a tribute to all those who were associated with the Tenth Field Ambulance.

This spirit of friendship and comradeship has continued through the years, and the strong bonds developed through the war are still very much in evidence today. Friendships made so long ago have consolidated and grown over the intervening years, and, in many cases, have spread to the families of members.

Inevitably, time and illness have taken their toll and we remember those very fine men who have now passed on. However, those of us who have been privileged to continue, acknowledge a genuine regard held for one another, past and present.

These days our aim should be to help each other if and when illness or other unfortunate circumstance befalls a member or his family, and it is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that any such circumstance is brought to the attention of your Association's Committee so that appropriate action can be taken.

There are few service organisations which have maintained the association of their members as has the Tenth Field Ambulance, and we should look upon this peace-time achievement with justifiable pride in the same way that we look back on the part played by the unit during the war.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANZAC DAY, MONDAY 25TH APRIL

This year the March reverts to the morning and the order of the March is Airforce, Army, Navy.

We have a new starting point to make a mental note of it now - we assemble a street closer, that is on the North side of Collins Street, outside Allans Music Shop on the Elizabeth Street side of the Australia Hotel. Assembly time 10 AM.✓

Look for the Unit Banner and make a special effort to be there. Numbers could be down this year because of Anzac Day falling on the Monday so we really need every "able-bodied" member.

The Reunion luncheon will again be held at "The Dorchester", Alexandra Avenue, immediately following the March. This has proved to be an ideal location and this year will be no exception. The cost - wait for it - can you believe that it will be not more than last year? Well that's right - only \$8 per head and that's real value as it provides for drinks as well as eats.

After the Reunion the "Fawkner Follies" is on again. Yes Bob and King are again throwing open their home at 30 Princess Street, Fawkner so that members can continue the Reunion in really fine style.

So now you know what is on. Plan to be in it and make others happy as well as yourself.

Last year, despite the fact that Anzac Day fell on Sunday, we had 41 in the March which was in the afternoon. The banner carriers had the help of Roy McKim's grand-daughter and Dr. John Lawrence's four daughters.

One new face at the March was Tom Eadie.

It was great to see our lady's cheer squad in action again resplendent in their Tenth Tit-Bits T shirts. June Stiglich has asked that a special invitation be issued to all wives and families to join herself and the other "girls" and really swell the ranks of the Cheer Squad. They meet on the East side of St. Kilda Road, near Alexandra Avenue. T shirts are not essential!

Forty seven members sat down for the Reunion luncheon and really enjoyed the occasion.

Des Rae showed a movie film of the weekend at Yarrawonga and the family picnic at Healesville. Interstate greetings came from Bob Mitchell, Roy De Jarlais, Horror Cox and Bob James.

Keith Davey read out a letter that he had received from Teddy Donovan who was in London at the time. Have since learned that Ted's mission was successful and that he completely eradicated the possums from Buckingham Palace!

Len Martin delivered a short oration reminiscent of old parade-ground days - it was good to hear.

We were again privileged to have Alan Perry from the original 10th Field Ambulance and he was in good form.

A big thank-you must go to Jeff McGill for his smooth organisation of the Dorchester.

YARRAWONGA - 1976 - Report by Jack Stiglich

Roll call at Yarrowonga was less than on previous occasions but sufficient to make a very good weekend. All agreed that it was the most relaxed but most enjoyable weekend so far. Of course this was mainly due to the organizing done beforehand by Joe and Sylvia Strudwick.

The highlight of the weekend was a barbeque lunch on the Saturday at a local winery which was well organized. Our informative personally conducted tour was followed by the barbeque with plenty to eat and drink, warm sunshine in a lovely garden setting. What else could anyone want? Our sincere thanks must go to the owners of the winery for making all this possible.

Following lunch it was back to "camp" before the eclipse. Dinner that night was at the local Golf Club. Doubt if we will be allowed back there again as Marj King collected 3 jackpots.

Sunday saw us all at one table in one of the local hotels for lunch, a very enjoyable meal, after which farewells were exchanged. The weekend finalized with a leisurely drive home in lovely sunshine. The sun excelled itself this time to make up for the floods of last year.

FAMILY PICNIC HELD AT QUEEN'S PARK HEALESVILLE ON SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 1977.

If you want to pick a day with perfect weather in the early part of next year, choose the day on which we hold our annual family picnic - We have really never had a bad day. This year was no exception and a total of over sixty people had a most enjoyable time. Quite a few of the boys were seen making their way to the swimming pool - and three of them actually went swimming - namely Kruger King, Alan Sharpe and Ron Handley. It was then that we learned that Kruger was once again in full training for a forthcoming swimming carnival - but more of that later.

The picnic is truly a family day and the wives do just as much earbashing as their husbands.

Apart from those already mentioned were Dr. John Lawrence, Bert Kenny, Des Rae, Jack Stiglich, Bill Shepherd, Ken Gordan, Bert Capes. Gerald Frogley, Watty Tully, Jeff McGill, Bruce Remington, Wally Lovett and Doug Potter - making his very first appearance. Good on you Doug lets hope you will be along to many more functions. We were all pleased that Glad White was able to join us, she looks very well and she sends regards to all.

WELFARE - Report by Jack Bacon

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided to divide the responsibilities of "Welfare" into two separate functions:

1. Visitation - Jack Bacon being responsible. Jack can be contacted at
14 Pineda Court, Glen Waverley.
Phone - Private 233 1886
Business 62 0721
2. Counselling and Financial - Clem Winchester being responsible.
Clem can be contacted at 8 Valmont Ave.,
Beaumaris.
Phone - Private - 93 2858

For the Welfare Officers to operate satisfactorily it is essential they be advised of any person requiring attention in addition it is desirable we be informed of any personal friend of such member so that we might contact him.

It is intended to spread visitation amongst all members. To assist in arranging such visits would you please indicate your telephone number when signing the attendance register on Anzac Day. We look forward to your support.

LEST WE FORGET

To our knowledge three members have passed away since last Anzac Day.

RALPH HALLUM
CYRIL EVANS
JIM (BLUEY) DAVIS

Appropriate notices were placed in the papers on behalf of the Association.

Thank you Jack and Clem, we sincerely hope that you never get busy.

SOCIAL

At the last Reunion there was some discussion on the possibility of running a social function during the year and whilst this did not eventuate it has not been forgotten. Jeff McGill has been searching for suitable venues and I am setting out a few of these so that you can give them some thought prior to this year's Reunion. If a reasonable number agree to support such a night then "she'll be on".

BARON OF BEEF Phone 750 1220

Dates - Saturdays, 14th May onward.
No accommodation available this year.
Charges \$10.00 per head plus drinks,
fully licensed.

Dates - Friday May onwards.
Accommodation available.
Accommodation \$9.00 per head Bed and
Breakfast. Meal \$9.00 per head, plus
drinks.

SHOWGROUNDS Dennis Catering
Phone 33 1877

Dates - 23rd July - 30th July.
Charges \$8.70 over 30 people, includes
admittance to Showgrounds. 3 course meal
and drinks.

TIKKY & JOHNS Phone 663 1754

Saturdays 1978
Tuesday and Wednesday from June.
Swiggy's alternative show.
Saturdays from June onwards.
Charges \$14.00 per head plus B.Y.O.

SWAGMAN Phone 758 4455

Dates - Saturday from May.
Charges \$12.00 per head plus drinks,
fully licensed. Friday from May.
Charges \$10.00 per head plus drinks.

SMACKA'S PLACE Phone: 328 1788

Dates - Saturdays, April onward.
Charges \$12.00 per head plus drinks,
fully licensed.
Hours 7 p.m. until 12 p.m.
Dress: Smart Casual.

MOONEE VALLEY O'Briens Catering
Phone 338 1600

No parties catered for until next year.
Dining Halls seating for approx. 1,000
people. Could accommodate at any
meeting.
Charges \$3.40 for 3 course meal, plus
other charges for extras i.e. hors
d'oeuvres etc. plus admittance to Moonee
Valley.

CUCKOO Phone 751 1003, 1432

Dates - approx. 6 weeks in advance.
Charges \$10.50 per head, plus drinks,
fully licensed. Hours 7 p.m. until
12 p.m.

DA GAMAS COURTYARD Phone 347 8565

Dinner Dance, fully licensed. Saturday
night, 3 course meal \$6.90 per head.
Bookings - 2-3 weeks in advance.

TOPICAL TIT-BITS

Received a message from the Mental Health Authority where he was formerly employed that Dr. Jack Trembath is now in U.S.A. His address being:

Childrens Rehabilitation Institute,
444 44th Street, Omaha,
NEBRASKA, 68131.

Those attending the King's home this year will miss seeing Dianne and husband Tom McGrath. Dianne has a position with the Government and has been posted to Hong Kong for two years, so Tom and their two year old daughter have gone too. Tom has since taken up a position there with the Hong Kong police administration - or something similar - I'm sure we all wish them well.

Berty Wise is generally right on the ball and you can be sure that he's not often caught. However on the way to Krugers last year he somehow wandered into the wrong house, attempted to pat the dog which approached him and was bitten properly. Had to make a detour to hospital before continuing the Reunion.

Mentioned earlier that Kruger went into training for a big swimming carnival to be held in Sydney at which he was representing the Coburg R.S.L. Swimming Club. He was complaining at the picnic that Marj let him down at training as she continually forgot to either start or stop the stop-watch. However the day of the big carnival dawned and Kruger and Marj had jourined all the way to Sydney - along with the other Club members to show the Sydney siders what swimming was all about. As the time for Kruger's race approached he made his way to the top of the pool where he was chatting to a few of his club-mates. Suddenly he realized that all the other competitors had taken off and were half way down the pool - so Kruger didn't even get wet! He still says that they didn't call his name out. To add to his embarrassment was the fact that he had invited Bob James out to witness the event.

All was not completely lost though as on the following day he did hear his name called and won his race with comparative ease. Good on you Bob!

LETTERS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

June Stiglich wishes to thank all friends of Jack's in the unit who visited him, and those who rang inquiring after him during his illness. It's nice to know friends are thinking of you at a time like that.

JUNE STIGLICH

18 Pelman Avenue,
GREENACRE, 2190

22nd March, 1977.

Dear Allan,

Your letter received and glad to hear from you and note that you are well. I am

doing just fine here but the bloody rain has just about wrecked everything, we sure have had our quota, guess you have had your share too. I don't know if I will be down this Anzac Day, Kath and I hope to go to Tasmania, this is not definite yet, I have holidays so I may make it to Melbourne, who knows. Saw Bob James on Thursday night, he is trying to get a get together for the troops in Sydney, hope something comes of it as we never see one another enough in my opinion. See Bill Schlinker now and again but since he has retired I think bowls takes up most of his time. I hope I am financial to date, my cheque will be enclosed for this session anyway. My son Clyde and his wife Betty and twins Andrea and Sonia left for America on the 7th March, Clyde as most of the boys know is a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy and he has been posted to the University of Florida for about twelve months to do a Masters Degree, we had a night or two out before they left and have had several cards since from them. We hope to go over to see them later on in the year or early next year. Must away now Allan and do hope Bob comes up with a night out as it is good to get together and talk over the old days. Will let you know how things turn out. This bloody typewriter won't spell properly for me tonight. I am at work of course and not very busy so thought I would write to you before it is too late.

All the very best to all if I don't see you for Anzac Day.

MURDOCH McMILLAN

Editors Note: Who says crime does not pay!

21 King William Street,
RESERVOIR, 3073

13th February, 1977

Dear Mr. Sharp,

Ern and I will not be able to go to the picnic next Sunday as much as we would like to.

Ern is much better than this time last year, has made good progress. Ern said to tell you he cannot speak very much.

Ern sends kind regards to all and hopes to see you next year.

Sincerely,

H. HILTON.

100 Dukes Highway,
BORDERTOWN, 5238

10th February, 1977

Dear Vern & Allan,

Please find enclosed sub of \$3.00.

Met Ron Moyle and had lunch at his home while I had Wenda in hospital at Ballarat for operation on her back (a damaged disc) she is improving rapidly now show is home.

Won't be able to get down to picnic this year, kind regards to the boys, we get an occasional one call in for a cuppa. Hope you and your family are well.

Kind regards,

JOHN STANDERWICK.

Editors Note: Jack can you let us have Ron Moyle's address please.

Cheque herewith Allan. Haven't got Vern's address. I expect to be leaving Repat. in next few weeks so would you note home address - 2 Goldsmith Road, Claremont, 6010.

Best wishes to you and the boys.

TED LEE.

"Strathalan",
Erskine Road,
MACLEOD, 3085

3rd February, 1977.

Dear Allan,

Enclosed is cheque for \$3.00 being subscription for year.

I read in a copy of magazine passed on to me by Bob Crawford, asking if anyone knew origin of "Up The Square". This how it started:

"We (the unit) were at Jimboomba, and 'A' and 'B' boys went out on a stunt, leaving only 'H.Q.' in camp. Those two likeable sergeants, Johnny Caldwell and Jack Chenhalls were the only sergeants left in camp. Rather than dine alone, they came and ate in our mess tent.

My very dear friend the late Don Hiddlestone, and I immediately started 'acting the nanny', as follows - "What are Sgts. doing in our mess. Why don't they stick to their own. We'll throw them out, we'll have their blood. We'll slay them on the parade ground. We'll turn it into a 'bloody' square". We went on until we got tired of it and then dropped it.

Then a bit later when I was on the water cart delivering water (remember all those tins and buckets that suddenly appeared), I started calling out 'Up the Square'. Gradually I started getting answers, and when 'A' and 'B' boys returned, I took it to their areas and so 'Up the Square' was born."

All the best.

RAY (POP) COOK.

Editors Note: Thank you very much Pop I'm sure this will bring back a lot of memories.

Well that's it for another year. Best wishes to you all, particularly anyone not feeling the best. If you have enjoyed reading the contributions of others what about dropping me a line for inclusion next year. We would all like to know how you are getting along these days.

Cheers for now - hoping to see you on Anzac Day.

RON WOFF
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BEAUMARIS, 3193.