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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was my privilege to represent our Association at the 60th reunion of the original 10th Field Ambulance Association on Tuesday 25th September, 1979. There were 12 members present and 3 guests - myself and Bill Lord and Geoff Middleton of the 2/9 Field Ambulance Association which has old ties with the 10th.

On display was the original red cross flag of the 10th which had been presented to the 2/9th at Bonnegilla for safe keeping in 1941. The flag with the 2/9th went to Malaya and was kept safe by them in Changi camp and although the white has turned to grey and there are many patches on it they carry it carefully each year on Anzac Day.

Amongst the personalities from the 10th were Roy Werner aged 88, then secretary who has recently received an award for 50 years service to Legacy and Alan Perry - the baby of the unit at 83 - both of whom have attended one of our reunions. Another member who had been with us - Ted Blanchard has died.

It was a moving experience to share in the spirit of loyalty and good fellowship that has continued for 60 years and on your behalf I issued an open invitation to any of their members to join us for lunch on Anzac Day 1980.

MICK DUNN

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANZAC DAY, FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

In a nut shell - the same arrangements as last year! That is the message for the "regulars" and those who have attended in recent years - however as we have received one or two new addresses and as there may be one or two from "the bush" and (hopefully) from those lesser States who are not familiar with Melbourne, here are the arrangements.

The March

This commences at 10 a.m. and the order for 1939-45 forces is -

RAAF

ARMY

NAVY

Our assembly point is in Collins Street on the North Side outside Allans Music Shop, which is on the Elizabeth Street Side of the Hotel Australia. The official arrival time is usually shown as 10.15 a.m. and there are always quite a few there by then; gradually the numbers swell and by about 10.35 a.m. we get close to full strength - but don't leave it too late, one year we might get away on time! Last year we had a great roll-up of forty (40) members marching which was one better than 1979. It would be beaut to see you there.

The Reunion Luncheon

This will be our 35th Reunion - how does that make you feel? It will be held again at "The Dorchester" in Alexander Avenue from 12 noon until about 3.30 p.m. and the cost is a very modest \$10 which is about the same as last year. The same good catering is assured and of course the same great company.

As Anzac Day falls on Friday this year we are expecting a large number of interstate 'boys' and appeal to all you 'locals' to come along in full force.

Last year there were fifty-four (54) present at the Reunion.

'The Afters'

The events of the day are 'crowned' at 'The Kings' - well where else would you get crowned?

Marj and Bob King are again throwing open their home for the 'afters' and extend a warm welcome to all. They have been doing this so well and for so long that the Association recognised their generosity last year by the presentation of a beautiful clock.

1979 Reunion

Mick Dunn led the unit marchers and was in the Presidential Chair for the Reunion.

Ted Young presented the recommendation of the Committee that Mick be made a Life Member of our Association in recognition of his long and valued leadership - this was ably supported by Alan Sharp and carried unanimously by members who lustily sang "For he's a jolly good fellow". Congratulations Mick.

Bob James and Teddy Nicholas were the only two Interstate members to attend the Reunion.

Bob conveyed greetings from the New South Wales 'contingent' and proposed the toast to the unit and the Association. He paid tribute to the fine spirit which prevailed in the unit during the war and which had continued on through the Association instancing the outstanding work done by the late Kel White and the leadership of Mick Dunn. Bob thanked the Committee for their work, describing them as the nucleus of the Association and touched on the theme of the Association which to him represented concern for friends and family.

Four of those attending deserve a special mention as it was their first reunion - for those of you who were not there, see if you can put a face to Arthur Batchelor, Doug Potter, Alec Murphy and 'Pop' Cook.

Keith Davey said a few words, congratulating Mick and the Committee and expressing what a real kick he gets out of the Reunion each year.

Our Secretary, Alan Sharp gave a report of the year's activities and I'm sure all members felt proud of the sterling job which Alan does. The same should also be said for Vern Laidlaw our Treasurer since the formation of the Association.

Messages and letters were read out at the Reunion from Merv Featonby, Ray Frith, George Brown, Roy McKim, Andy McHattie, Dr. Tom Little, Mrs. Martin on behalf of Les, Alan Patrick, Merv Blow, John Cox, Len Martin and Bob Mitchell.

LEST WE FORGET

We record with sorrow the passing of Dr. John Sands on 23rd January, 1980. The news was contained in a letter from Dr. Adrian Paul which is published further on.

We also learned that John (Dooley) Garlepp and Dr. Alec Keith both lost their wives.

The sympathy of members was conveyed by our Secretary.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

The following letters were received prior to Anzac Day and were read out at the Reunion, however they are published for the information of those unable to attend.

6 Austin Road,
Seaford. Vic. 3198.

April 1979

Mr. V. Laidlaw,

Dear Vern,

Greetings! Hoping this finds you in good health and spirit.

Thank you for the "10th Tit-Bits" enjoyed reading the news of my old friends around Australia.

I regret that I have to extend my apologies to you all for this coming March and Anzac day luncheon, as I will not be able to attend, however, I hope to keep up my record next year.

Pass on to all my kindest regards; and hope you all have a very successful day together. I will be with you in spirit.

LEN MARTIN

Thanks for your letter Len, it's not as good as having you at the Reunion but earns you full marks, see you this year!

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

Norbury Road,
Upper Beaconsfield. Vic. 3808.

April 1979

Best regards Vern,

I'm ashamed, really ashamed; I haven't been to a reunion since Cockey was an egg - try this time! Take my hat off to all the blokes concerned in keeping the lads together. Great to receive "Tit-Bits".

Sincere thanks to you all

Your old mate

ALAN PATRICK

The droughts broken, good on you 'mate' - John Chenhalls and John Caldwell make the Reunion, what about making the trio complete?

16 Lake Street,
Laurieton. N.S.W. 2443.

11th April, 1979.

Dear Vern and Alan,

Just received your request for payment' and news letter a few minutes ago and it was nice to know that Guyra Geoff had the decency to put pen to paper - even though he did romance more than a little - I really believe he's been in the wrong business growing spuds etc. - should have been a writer - fiction of course!! I can now understand for the first time how he talked such a nice gal as Joy into going bush with him.

My youngest (and eldest and only) son has been lucky enough to land a job in the local N.S.W. Banks new Branch 150 yards from home - real luck as up this way there's 1 vacancy for each 115 school leavers!!

Anyway, the reason for mentioning this is that we are no longer pinned down by school holidays and really hope to get down to Anzac Day 1980 (after an absence of 9/10 years would you believe!!). Time certainly goes faster when you're enjoying yourself... or perhaps getting less young!!

Was nice to recall faces when reading your list of Members at March and Reunion - a good idea to list them like that.

Fellows I'd like to see after such a long time unseen include Neil Gerrand and Don Ludlam (both looking very young in my mind!) of course I saw all the rest only about yesterday ... a mere 9 or 10 years ago!! Vern, for the first time I had my Xmas Card returned from his address - unopened and marked "unknown at address" ... sounded ominous - do you know any more?

Alan - I can give you Ron Moyle's address - you wouldn't believe it but he wrote to me about a year ago - is a successful Arab breeder (horses not people I'm glad to say - we don't need any more Oil "Rippers off" thanks), and successfully exhibits at the major shows get on his back at:

Ron Moyle
Dowling Park R.S.D.
Creswick. Vic. 3363.
(Phone: (053) 346 397)

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

Glad to be of some use. See you all soon I hope.

P.S. Excuse scrawl - want to catch post before they strike again.

J.W. (Horror) COX

You beaut Coxy, we've been trying to locate 'Farmer' for years. It's amazing how you mercedes owners stick together.

101 Alfred Crescent,
Nth. Fitzroy. Vic. 3068.

16th April, 1979.

Mr. V.L. Laidlaw,
Dear Hon-Treasurer,

Please find enclosed the yearly subscription of \$3.00 for my husband (Les). I am sorry to say, after him not missing an Anzac March, nor reunion luncheon for many years, he suffered a severe stroke last June and he was nearly lost to the family. Owing to a fighting spirit plus a strong heart, he survived, and after a long stay in hospital and rehabilitation, he is now home and is gradually becoming his "old" self again. It is his balance that has to come back properly. He now is walking on a four prong stick and attends Mount Royal Day Centre twice a week for therapy.

He is able to talk now, and has started to write again, and I hope in time will be able to take up some of his activities.

He will be very sad not to be able to be with "the boys" on Anzac Day and he sends his regards to you all and will have to settle for watching you all on the television coverage of the March.

Would you be so kind to pass this information on to the Secretary for me.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely

JEAN MARTIN

Thank you for writing Jean, our best wishes go out to Les and we look forward to an up to date report from Jack Bacon, our Welfare Officer.

536 Box Road,
Jannali. N.S.W. 2226.

19th April, 1979.

Dear Vern,

Please find enclosed cheque for \$5 being payment of subscription and donation to General Fund. Was happy to receive copy of Tenth Tit-Bits as it keeps one in touch with the doings of the members.

I will be working afternoon shift this Anzac Day, but will go into the march to see if any of the boys are there and then onto work afterwards.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

Will be thinking of you all at the reunion. I will retire from work this July, so all being well I hope to be with you next year.

Give my best wishes and regards to all members and their families.

Yours sincerely,

BOB MITCHELL.

We share your hopes Bob.

34 Montpelier Drive,
Lower Plenty. Vic. 3093.

20th April, 1979.

Dear Vern,

Am enclosing cheque for a few dollars as I must owe you a little for subs. Sorry cannot make it this year but shall try to do so next year.

On a recent trip to Queensland called on Charlie Worboys in Toowoomba. He sends his regards to all the boys. His new address is 239 James Street, Toowoomba. Qld. 4350. just in case he is not on your mailing list.

As you can see, I am now out of the Hotel, sold it to Tooth's in January. Really enjoying life now triping around the country.

Regards to all the boys,

Yours truly,

MERVYN BLOW.

Great work Merv, we'll have the red carpet ready for you. Have now put Charlie on the mailing list.

The following letters have been received since last Anzac Day.

7 Airlie Road,
Montmorency. Vic. 3094.

16th June, 1979.

Dear Vern,

Would you please accept and also convey to your fellow committeemen my sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful gesture in inviting me to share in the reunion dinner as your guest.

I had a most enjoyable time and even though I was relegated to the dog-house for having attempted the march, that did not dim the lustre of the occasion.

So thank you once again for a most enjoyable time. I had difficulty in placing many of the chaps after all these years, but never-the-less I look forward to joining you all at the dinner next year all being well. The march is off limits.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

To you personally Vern I did appreciate your telephone call and thank you ever so much.

Vern, I am keen to contact Ray Walder, I wonder if you can help me with information as to his present whereabouts.

Sincerest regards and best wishes to you and yours,

and to all of the old 10th

Yours sincerely

ALEX MURPHY

Look forward to seeing you as promised Alex - am afraid that no-one on the Committee can place Ray Walder - perhaps someone at the reunion will be able to help.

R.P.A.H. Medical Centre,
100 Carillon Avenue,
NEWTOWN. N.S.W. 2042.

24th January, 1980.

A.M. Sharp,
Hon. Secretary.

Dear Alan,

Thank you for the 1980 greetings letter. I have sad news of John Sands death yesterday. He had carried on these past few years with chronic obstructive airway disease. Recently a pelvic growth was discovered. The final episode was a secondary growth on the brain.

There is a brief account of his achievements in Who's Who in Australia. He managed to combine a busy consultant practice with Royal Australian College of Physician responsibilities, Consultant Physician Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Clinical Lecturer in Medicine Sydney University, Chairmanship of John Sands Holdings Ltd. until taken over and a Director of the Bank of N.S.W. You will recall he married Lesley Brand, Bill's sister, and they had a son and a daughter.

In the death notice - a simple one without titles, degrees etc. all that was added was 'It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven'. Truly his life epitomised Portia's quality of mercy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

ADRIAN PAUL

Adrian, thank you for letting us know and for paying such a fitting tribute to the late John Sands. It is quite humbling to know that one man can accomplish so much.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

18 Pelman Avenue,
Greenacre. N.S.W. 2190.

21st February, 1980.

Dear Alan,

Your very welcome letter to hand some days ago now, very nice to hear from you and glad to know all is well down there. My, is it bloody hot here today, just on 40 deg. C which is mighty hot I can tell you - most of the state and other states are about the same too I think, South Australia has had very bad fires too which would not help much. I am at work at the moment and this typewriter is not the best of spellers I can tell you, so excuse the mistakes.

How did the picnic go, I hope it was a huge success, if the weather was kind to you it should have gone off okay. I am sorry Kath and I could not make it, I guess we will get there one day but to go from here is just too much. I retire next year so maybe then we can tee up something, I hope so anyway, but mind, one is getting much older as each year passes. I am sending this letter to you Alan but I know you will pass it onto Ron, hope he gets plenty of news for "Tit-Bits" as they are always welcome news and good reading about the goings on of the troops. I don't think we will be down this year as my boss is at present doing a 3 months course for Officers and being next in command I have to remain at my post, we have just on 58 men here in all which includes Highway Patrol and Detectives and they all take some keeping up with. I do get some relief from Head Station Burwood so I do get some time off to play bowls ... ha ha. Last June Kath and I went for trip to Barrier Reef and what a great trip it was too, we drove to Brisbane and then caught a plane to Cairns and then came back by coach via the Atherton Tablelands. We had 4 days in Cairns and saw most things including all the blacks - they were drunk at 6 a.m. in the morning - oh boy. We went to Green Island and what a sight in the glass bottom boats, it was really beautiful. The trip out and back was a bit rough but nothing to an old salt. Kath wasn't feeling too good but she made it okay. The trip through the tablelands was really beautiful but the old landmarks were all gone, we stayed a night at Harvey Bay and that was really nice, Arthur Holiday's old stamping ground. Our daughter Pam is back in London and so far has had a great time and has been in constant work as a Secretary at St. Pacaris Hospital, she is touring England at the moment prior to going to Rome on 1.3.1980 as a Secretary to the United Nations; sounds like an interesting job; so hope she likes it. We hope to go over next year after I have signed off.

Have not seen any of the boys lately but guess all are well. We have been fairly busy of late as Kath has had her mother with us. She had a replacement hip done at Manly Hospital and is going well so far. When she is fit enough, we will take her back home to Griffith. So that is why we may not make it this year. She has to visit the Dr. again in April so we may know more then. As she lives on her own, she will have to be Al before we take her back.

Regards to all the boys and hope to see you all soon.

Kindest regards,

MURDOCH MCMILLAN

Murdoch, you're our best correspondent - let's hope they give you a typewriter as a retiring present!

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

16 Lake Street,
Laurieton. N.S.W. 2443.

1st April, 1980.

Dear Ron,

The above date (today's) seemed an ideal time to put pen to paper - sometimes I think we're all April Fools - but of course you've got to be more than a little mad to enjoy life, particularly these days ... I know ... I'm off to a good head start.

Enjoyed our chat during Golf - that's about all I enjoyed as I'd prefer to forget the golf.

Also enjoyed a brief time with Bluey Young - he didn't sell me anything! but still manages to look the complete business type. In comparison I now feel like a fish out of water in the "big smoke" - nice to come home to beach-combing.

Had a call from Geoff Flower a couple of months ago - reckoned I was too lousy to ring him but of course he's had a good year and probably gets away with phone calls as a deduction. Seriously, it was good to hear from him and to know that things are going better for him up in "The Folly" - "Folly Road" off "Ward's Mistake" Road - you'd have to have a warped sense of humour to buy a place like that - what an address!!

Well mate, I'm off to tennis - tell the mob I'm sorry I can't make the reunion again this year but hopefully they can save their cotton wool till the 25th 1981. In the meantime cheers to all including Joyce and Family from the Cox trio.

JOHN COX

It was beaut to have your company John - I had completely forgotten when 'pleading' with you to write a letter that we already had one from last year - looking forward to your visit next year.

5 Corio Street,
Belmont. Vic. 3216.

Dear Alan,

Some time last year I had discovered this article in the "Geelong Advertiser" but had forgotten to include the date of this article. Now as you read through this report it certainly will bring back memories to you and quite a few others, particularly some of the "M.O.s", who we transport drivers had the privilege of taking up an "M.O." and a Serg. to the native camp to attend to the natives who were all camped in that area.

'Higatura' I think and 'Sangara' was the Mission Station. I can remember a couple of times I drove up through that area with Officers. There was a missionary there, an Albino - he was snow white. He showed us the graves of those two mission teachers who had been hunted for days by the Japs and were finally 'given away' by the natives, a tragic death.

I can well remember the story as the Albino had told us and he also said that the Japs never touched him, they were really scared of him, the Japs reckon he was a 'white devil'.

I had meant to send this article to you last year but had lost the run of it and only found it today.

I would dare say quite a few in our unit would remember this Alan. Perhaps you already have some reports of that article.

It certainly brings back the memories of that time in that particular area.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

An Administrator of the area who lived up near the Sangara area saw the Japs land at Buna and captured the patrol plane that landed that morning but could not take off for Morsby owing to faulty spark plugs and this Administrator told us that he, with some natives, set off for Moroby with that news.

I just can't remember the M.O.s that I had driven up to the camp.

If you make some more enquiries with the Medical Officers you might be able to add quite a lot to this article.

Well Alan, I do not know if I'll be able to get down for the reunion as these last few months I have had a lot of lung trouble, but the Doctor has it well in hand and I have great faith in him.

I must close off now Alan, let's know in due course if you "pick up" any more on these lines.

Hope to see you all on Anzac Day this year.

Yours sincerely,

ROY MCKIM

The whole article is too long to publish; but will be at the reunion - a precis of it now follows. Thanks Roy I'm sure many will be interested.

Sydney - A man who witnessed the hanging of New Guinea natives by the Australian army in 1943 said last night that they had received "a rough and ready kind of justice." Mr. Russell Smith, now 72, of Singleton, New South Wales, was then an army captain in charge of native labor.

He told of the events which were described in Federal Parliament on Friday night as "the best kept and darkest secret in modern Australian History."

Parliament was told 34 natives were hanged for involvement in incidents which led to the deaths of Australians, some of them civilians. Twenty-two of the hangings took place at Higatura about eight kilometres from Popondetta, in September, 1943. Mr. Smith told:

How he and about 18 other Australian Officers were surrounded by more than 3,000 sullen natives; and wailing blood-smearing women as the collaborators were hanged; one by one. How the natives' leader, Emboge, made a defiant speech on the gallows, and called on his wives to commit suicide when he was dead. How he watched while the beheaded and mutilated bodies of mission nurses, raped and murdered by the natives, were disinterred from creekside graves at Sangara. How he had found, seven years ago, that details of the native trials were omitted from official Australian war history records and he was refused permission to see "glued-up" documents at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

But of those hanged, Mr. Smith, a former New Guinea trader and journalist, said: "I considered they were properly punished, it was a bit rough and ready, but I would say they got justice, yes."

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

73 Corhampton Road,
North Balwyn. Vic. 3104.

9th March, 1980.

Dear Ron,

I just notice from the date that yesterday - the 9th - was the 37th anniversary of the sinking of the "S.S. Jacob" when we lost our first life - Bruce Pascoe - quite an experience that day in 1943.

As I won't be able to be with you on Anzac Day - for the first time in many years, due to having commenced a 9 weeks world tour on 22nd April, there are a few items of interest I thought I'd like to pen for the benefit of the "10th".

Whilst holidaying on the Gold Coast last July had the pleasure of meeting Norm Douglas and Ron Handley. Being a bowler for sport, I met Norm at the Surfer's Paradise Green and we had a long chat over old days - he's very well in his 11th story flat overlooking all the Gold Coast - I sent his best wishes to all his old mates.

A few days later I was taking my daily exercise of a walk along the beach and recognised Ron Handley who was doing similarly. As he was staying at the same place as my wife and I we saw quite a bit of each other and again enjoyed many reminiscences of the old days.

To cap off the holiday, I had planned to stay a night at Camden and hopefully see "Jungle" Ted Palmer. We arrived at Camden at 5 p.m. and I sought a telephone book in the Post Office - alas none. So went to the Police Station where I found that Doctor Palmer was still around and was directed to his home. Fortunately he and his wife were home - along with his brother and sister in law and we enjoyed ³/₄ hour chit chat with the Doctor.

He was to go into hospital the next day with knee trouble - I haven't heard the outcome - but knowing Ted - I'm sure all is well and he'll be fit for the march one of these years.

Ron, I'm also enclosing some copies of the cover of a recently published book "No Memory for Pain" by our old D.D.M.S. Kingsley Norris. My brother mentioned it to me and wondered if any of the stories were about our unit and sure enough on pages 182 and 183 we cracked a mention.

I still had the book with me when I visited Ted Palmer and he was delighted to read the portion as he was not aware that it had been finally published. He, no doubt has a copy on his shelf now. I'm sure many of the boys will be pleased to read this reference to the "10th".

Well Ron, I must close with an "all the best" to all the Committee with continued thanks for their efforts in keeping us together - regards to all boys on the 25th - march well - have a good dinner and meeting and see you all in 1981.

Regards,

KEN STANLEY

The reference mentioned by Ken is quoted in full. I only met the author once and was not impressed, his flights of fancy in this extract haven't changed that impression.

Thank you very much Ken for your letter and have a wonderful trip.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS CONT'D

The following is an extract from 'No Memory for Pain'

Casualties and sickness had woefully thinned the ranks of my medical personnel, and in reply to many signals at last an additional Field Ambulance, which included a company of 'conscientious objectors', had been allotted to us. It is sometimes a fad among certain types of young people to declare that they would decline to bear arms. In times of war such a declaration means either cowardice, indifference, or a courageous conviction, and this group of men who were willing to serve in an unarmed medical unit were derided and sneered at by those who had fought their way through the campaign. This unit was posted to Oro Bay, a few miles along the coast to the east, where barges loaded with ammunition would come in at night to be unloaded during the darkness, and someone had ordered this Company to assist in the duty. They refused. I received an urgent signal that night telling me of the situation and in a jeep over a rough corduroy track for about a dozen miles I went across to try and sort things out - the disobedience of a lawful order in the face of the enemy is a most serious offence. I told the officer who had given the order what I thought of him, paraded the Company, told them of the seriousness of their conduct, and put them all under arrest. I discussed the situation with the C.O. and decided to move his Ambulance across to Soputa where the crisis of the battle had been reached and our casualties were mounting.

Beareres from among the 'conshies' were ordered into the battle and not one hesitated. Some were killed, others wounded, and as I watched them I did not see one man or any stretcher squad having brought out a casualty pause before returning.

Just as the men at Mons transmuted that base word contemptible into the gold of glory, so did 'conshie' become a noble word of respect and regard. This incident at Soputa was one of the most inspiring examples of moral and physical courage I have experienced.

The Commander of this Field Ambulance, Ted Palmer, was a gentle soul and a keen bird watcher. Originally he had been attached to the A.I.F. troops in Rabaul, where the first impact of the Japanese invasion fell. When what remained of our troops were driven into the jungle of New Britain, Ted held this remnant together as they moved over the mountains to the southern coast, where eventually those few who survived were picked up. Once again such leadership and devotion to duty went unrecognized.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND TOPICAL TIT-BITS

This year the picnic was again held at Healesville but suffered a drop in number of members attending. The Committee wants to keep it going and asks that when you receive your notice next year you make a genuine effort to set the day aside and join in the fun.

The Social Committee, Bob King, Jack Stiglich and Jeff McGill are keen to have another attempt to hold a social evening during the year and would welcome any ideas that any of you may have so give it some thought and have a yarn with them at the reunion.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND TOPICAL TIT-BITS CONT'D.

Talking of Jack Stiglich, he has recovered really well from his extremely close shave with death on the operating table a couple of years ago and was boasting last reunion of being a grandfather for the first time. However, as an old Transport Corporal, his reputation slipped a little when he got lost driving out to Krugers for our recent Committee meeting.

The mention of close calls brings to mind Dr. Ian Wilson's recent sojourn in St. Vincent's Private Hospital for the repair of an aortic aneurism. Those of us who visited him can testify that he came through in first class condition but I doubt if he could complete that trek from Oro Bay to Soputa these days!

Jack Wenke wasn't too well during the year and Jack Bacon organised some 'visitors' for him.

That's the lot for this year, a big thanks to all those who contributed, and one last appeal - come along this year we need your support. If anyone is in need of transport a phone call to any committee member is all that is required.

Cheers

RON WOFF

LEST WE FORGET

*They shall not grow old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the Sun
And in the morning
We will remember them*

Uebergang.

1	Bruce Pascoe		32	Clarrie Sanders	24.3.1968
2	Jack Pigram		33	Martin Smith	20.3.1968
3	Ted Dunnell		34	Alf Saunders	February 1968
4	Don Hiddleston		35	Les Wilton	23.7.1968
5	Jack Kelleher		36	Henry Uebergang	April 1969
6	Peter Todd		37	Clive Mathews	April 1969
7	John Bagshaw		38	Les Paul	1970
8	Harry Cowan		39	Stan Murphy	April 1971
9	Dr. D. McFarlane		40	Gerald Black	February 1972
10	Albert De Lantye		41	Jack McGill	26.10.1972
11	Dr. S. McKenzie		42	Alan Tate	14.3.1973
12	Noel Smith		43	Arthur Hunt	3.5.1973
13	George Morley		44	Arnold Lovell	12.5.1973
14	Jack Thompson		45	Harry Gaudion	18.7.1973
15	Bernie Cousins		46	Keith Goslett	23.1.1974
16	Angus McKenzie	2.7.1957	47	Kel White	15.4.1974
17	Russel Behrens	1958	48	Charles Craigie	12.9.1974
18	George Jenkins	1960	49	John Osborne	29.10.1974
19	Harold Hay	1960	50	Frank McArdle	12.12.1974
20	Jack Spokes	1961	51	Alf Swales	26.1.1975
21	Bill Reid	3.3.1961	52	Ralph Hallum	20.5.1976
22	Jim Lyall	7.3.1961	53	Cyril Evans	25.7.1976
23	Norm Hart	27.8.1961	54	Jim (Bluey) Davis	4.11.1976
24	Bill Lynskey	15.11.1961	55	Sam Chaffey	1976
25	Dr. H. Francis	20.11.1961	56	Cliff Drury	2.1.1978
26	Alan Fox	February 1962	57	Bob Adeney	20.3.1978
27	Ken Phillips	11.5.1962	58	Claude Capstick	9.4.1978
28	David Felstead	25.7.1964	59	Jim Drysdale	24.5.1978
29	Eric Veith	January 1967	60	John Stretton	24.6.1978
30	Bob Smith	21.2.1967	61	Dick Rhodes	10.11.1978
31	Dr. Alan Hewitt	1967	62	Dr. John Sands	23.1.1980
			63	Jack Baleman	17-8-80
			* 64	* Jack Wenke	3-9-80
			65	Roy Resurrection	9.80