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** TENTH TIT - BITS, No. 18 MARCH, 1984 **

One of the activities of Unit Association members and wives - plus widows of deceased members - that has become an annual affair is the Yarrowonga Weekend which is held in October each year. I was impressed by the following report from June Stiglich and decided to give it the "lead spot".

YARRAWONGA WEEKEND 1983.

This year the weekend moved to a new abode. The Mulhaven Motel at Mulwala. A very nice place - so nice the booking has already been made for next time.

The usual things were done. Meals at the clubs, pokies, and parties in the big cabins afterwards - the usual fun and laughter.

The highlight over the weekend this year, was the journey by bus to Jerilderie.

Twenty two, apprehensive (at first) people, driven very ably by Bob King arrived at the house of Jock Roe, who sitting on his verandah wondered what on earth - but unfloundered, he invited us all into his own private sanctuary and proceeded to supply us with drinks and biscuits. Oh, the tales that were told that afternoon.

Thanks to Jock and his sister for their welcome and acceptance of the invasion.

The weekend seems to be getting longer as most stayed until the Monday.

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YARRAWONGA WEEKEND CONT'D.

Thanks to all on that weekend, from Phyll Lovett and June Steglich for the way we were accepted as still part of the gang.

Thats all for this year, except to say - new comers made welcome.

JUNE STIGLICH.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANZAC DAY 1984.

This year Anzac Day falls on the Wednesday immediately following Easter and we hope that this will enable a lot more Interstate and Country members to be at the Reunion.

THE MARCH starts at 10.15 a.m. and as it is being led by the Army this year we will start to assemble at 10.00 a.m. in the usual place, i.e., in Collins Street - on the north side - in front of Allan's Music Shop.

Look for the Unit Banner (and the good looking chaps!)

OUR REUNION - CHANGE OF VENUE -

Because of a mix up in arrangements by Travelodge we have had to find another place for our Reunion Luncheon.

Thanks to the good work of Jeff McGill and Vern Laidlaw we have been able to obtain exclusive use of the Outrigger Restaurant at the Motel Palm Lake - 52 Queens Road, Melbourne. This is opposite the Albert Park Golf Links and the Melway Street Directory reference is Page 58, A, 5. It is suggested that members who intend marching and who are coming in by car, should park near the Shrine so that all marchers can be transported to the Motel after the March. Members will start arriving for the Reunion Luncheon from about 11.30 onwards. Just to whet your appetites I quote the following from the Motel's letter:

" Platters of party pies, sausage rolls, fish fingers and deep fried chicken pieces will be placed on the tables on arrival.

The main course to consist of:

Roast Leg of Lamb, Fresh seasonal vegetables, mint sauce.
Dessert to be home made apple pie with cream.
Followed by Coffee"

All this for the same low cost of \$12.00.

Now all we need for another successful Reunion is you!

THE AFTERS.

Bob King reports that numbers have fallen a little in recent years and says that Marj has threatened to cut down his budget if numbers fall further. I can't imagine Marj doing that as she told me at the Picnic how much she enjoys the day. So do the right thing by Bob and Marj.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1983 REUNION:

Because Joy and I were overseas on Anzac Day last year I cannot give you a first hand account of the happenings but have extracted the following from the Minutes and from 'information received' at our last Committee Meeting.

Thirty five members marched and fifty five members attended the Reunion Luncheon. Of those members unable to attend the following sent apologies and were remembered as their names were given:-

Harold Mollison, Ted Donovan, Lloyd Champion, Roy McKimm, Ron Woff, Dr. Gavan Johnson, Wally Page, Bob James, Dr. Ross Hayter, Alan Patrick, Neville Stevens, Don Ludlum, Dr. Emmet Spring, Jock Roe, Bob Mitchell.

The toast to the unit was very ably given by Ken Stanley who described his posting to the unit as "the best order the Army ever gave him". Ken highlighted the many skills which the unit demonstrated, and he paid tribute to "the happy family to which our Officers and N.C.O's made a major contribution". "We must keep meeting on Anzac Day to keep the unit alive but more importantly we owe it to our deceased members" said Ken.

In response President Mick Dunn thanked Ken and commented that "building up the family is what it is all about". Mick welcomed two of his former tent mates, Dr. Alex Reith and Merv. Featonby recalling incidents he experienced with each of them.

INTERSTATE MEMBERS

Murdoch McMillan was the only interstater able to attend last year, but the following were welcomed as "Members who haven't attended for some years":- Dick Holmes, Merv. Featonby, Alex Reith, Alex Murphy, Cliff Watkins, Merv Blow, Jack Chenhalls, John Caldwell and Les and Alan Williams.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

WELFARE.

Jack Bacon again appealed to members to let him know of any cases of sickness or of the death of a member. Most times notification is not received in time for any action.

SOCIAL.

Bob King praised Jeff McGill for moving the picnic to Jells Park and moved that this be our venue again in 1984 - (I can report that on 19.2.84. the picnic was again a great success - If you have a 1985 diary mark down Sunday 17th February as our Picnic Day and Jells Park as the place).

LEGACY.

The Association again made a donation of \$50 to assist the great work which Legacy is doing.

LEST WE FORGET

We have been advised of the deaths of two members during the year and mourn the passing of Bill Jones on 14.12.1983 and Charlie Worboys on 23.12.1983.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND/OR WIVES

17 Hart Street,
Lighthouse Beach,
PORT MACQUARIE.

5th April, 1983.

Dear Vern,

Received Tenth Tit Bits, and was sorry to hear of members who passed on during the last twelve months. I guess we are all getting a little older I know I am, even my golf is suffering.

The sun is still shining brightly up this way and the surf is terrific. The fish are biting on and off, just now the taylor are running, but yours truly is not catching his share.

I will be thinking of you all on Anzac day. There is a march here, with a dinner at the R.S.L. club, and a no limit two-up game.

Hope the weather is kind and that you have a wonderful day.

Regards to all,

RON HANDLEY.

P.S. Subscription enclosed.

Life seems to be treating you well Ron even if your golf is suffering. This year's letter is published a little further on.

8.5.83.

Dear Vern,

Jack says he might write to you one day - and pigs might fly too - so I thought I would just say "Hello".

Sorry we never got down for Anzac - had several hold ups of one kind and another, the TV coverage of you was worse than last year - all we saw was the few on the back corner of the group, I think we should complain to the ABC, but anyway we hope you had a good day together and we also hope to get down next year.

We are just packing the van up to go over to Pt Lincoln, it was to have been Queensland but mother nature interfered. Well - hope you and yours are well Vern - We are good.

Kind regards.

WENDA & JACK STANDERWICK.

BORDERTOWN - S. AUST.

VERN'S reply is "now that you've stopped collecting honey you must have plenty of time to spare, besides fishing you'll be able to write letters instead of making your wife Wenda do it all - Hope to see you both this Anzac Day.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT),

54 Salisbury Crescent,
LAUNCESTON. 7250.

28.6.83.

Dear Vern,

Must be a long time since I paid any subscription, so please accept my little donation for what it is worth.

I enjoy getting Tit Bits, it is sad to see so many names on the list of departed ones, makes one jog his memory a bit.

I had some hopes of getting to the last reunion, never worked out that way. Maybe another time.

Kind regards and Greetings to all.

BILL JONES.

(GLAXO)

This letter is published with great sadness as Bill has since passed on.

Sunday Jan 16/84
5 Corio Street,
BELMONT. 3216.

Hon Sec,
10th Aust. Field Amb. Assoc.,

Dear Noel,

I do not think that I had written to you before re the Death of our late C.O. Col. T. Palmer.

I had written to Mrs. L. Palmer some time ago at the time of his death and she had replied once before her own death and then at a later date I had received a few lines from her daughter Mrs. Lorraine Palmer saying that she her mother was very sick with cancer.

Now at a later date, a few lines to say that she had died and was duly buried near her husband Col Ted. Palmer O.B.E. (no date given).

On behalf of the Assoc. I sent her a bereavement card and a message from our Assoc. of sympathy.

Last week I received a message of thanks from Mrs. Lorraine Palmer thanking me for the consideration and kind thoughts, were most appreciated.

Now if you want to communicate with her her address is C/- Mrs. L. Palmer, 1/71 Brice Ave (or Buce Ave) its hard to make out Belfield 2197. N.S.W. (it is very hard to make out) but I guess that that would get her if need be.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT).

Just a few lines to give you these few details should you require them to correspond with her should you have to do so Noel.

I also understand that she has a brother at the La-Trobe University Bundoora.

That's all for the present Noel anything more I should hear I will let you know.

Well cheerio,

Yours faithfully,

ROY MCKIM.

Thank you very much Roy for your actions on behalf of the Unit Association.

A. MCHattie,
76 Airlie Road,
MONTMORENCY. 3094.

Dear? Naughty Noel,

As you can see by the address I have moved from Box Hill. My wife divorced me in September '82 after a separation of about 13 years. She then waited a decent interval (about 4 weeks) till the divorce was final, then wanted a division of property. As I had been providing free board for one daughter - her husband - and three children for ten years, a large part of that time on a pension there wasn't much left for me to do but sell.

I am living in a sleep-out at present on my widowed sisters property waiting for the Eltham Shire Council's permission to build a Housing Commission flat on this block. Actually there's two building blocks here.

I moved in here on the 28th Dec. I have visited Alex Murphy once (at least I found him home once), and we had a yarn for a while. Alex lives in the same street at No. 7.

Am enclosing \$10 to help pay part of what I owe.

Yours sincerely,

ANDY MCHATTIE.

Come and join us on Anzac Day Andy, the break will do you good.

Tuesday Feb. 14th
5 Corio Street,
BELMONT. 3216.

Dear Noel,

Just a few lines to say that there is no chance of me getting up for the Annual Picnic on Sunday 19th as I cannot leave my wife for very long as just at present she is a nerve case.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT).

Irene will be 80 next month and most days she is not too bad but I have to be very handy when these turns come on.

I myself am not too bad at all. I am keeping good health for my 76 plus. We still keep the farm going my son and I.

All of my regards to the "chaps" who can turn up for the annual picnic I hope you have a most enjoyable time all together.

Yes I do suppose the numbers are getting smaller each year.

My earnest regards and best wishes to all.

Well cheerio.

Yours faithfully,

ROY MCKIM.

Pass on our regards to your wife Roy we do appreciate your letters. I'm sure many members will be encouraged to do as well as you at 76.

56 Liverpool Rd,
KILSYTH.

18.2.84.

Dear Noel,

Hope this isn't too late for 10th "Tit Bits".

On our way home from Cairns last year we had a night at Jerilderie, so I went to find Jock Roe. He was well, and had been painting his room. He gave me a tour of his garden, and when I left he presented me with a lovely cauliflower.

Shortly after that we went to visit our daughter at Tailem Bend, Sth Aust. and called on Jack Standwick.

He and his wife were well. We chatted a while and he said to pass on that there was always a bed available for any member of the 10th wanting a night in Bordertown.

Hope all is well with you.

Yours sincerely,

BOB CRAWFORD.

Thank you for the news Bob, it was good to see you and Merle at the Picnic. I guess you'll be off to Cairns for the winter as usual.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT).

17 Hart Street,
Lighthouse Beach,
PORT MACQUARIE.

20th Feb. 1984.

Dear Noel,

Thanks for your letter re "picnic" and "Tit Bits".

Sorry I cannot make the "Annual Picnic" or "Re-Union", please give my kindest regards to all present; be assured I will be with you in spirit.

Last Anzac day I attended the local Anzac day dinner, and had a great day. Three course meal, plus drinks from eleven to three thirty for four dollars, and then off to the no limit two-up game.

Ah-well, all States can't have pokies.

See Jack Cox often, he is still playing great golf, but yours truly like the Tigers has slipped, but hoping for better days, this year.

The surfing has been great this summer, but the fish are not running as yet.

Recently I read a book written by a War Correspondent with the 9th Division, on one of his exploits he stayed over night with Capt Paul, and was well looked after.

Well I must be off, Eileen is waiting to go surfing and I have a date with the golf course this afternoon, this retired life on the sunny mid north coast is killing me.

Have a great day on Anzac day and if I have a good run of heads at the big game, I may be able to fly down next year.

Kindest regards to all my mates.

RON HANDLEY.

P.S. Subscription enclosed.

RON.

Your letters are like you Ron - always bright. We look forward to another one next year. Better still we hope the pennies all come up heads.

8 Wenke Street,
WALLA WALLA. N.S.W. 2659

6th March, 1984.

Dear Vern,

Sorry I am late with my Sub. but hasten to enclose same. Always interested and nostalgic at times upon receipt of 10th news - was saddened by "Jungle Ted's" passing .. and of course every other depletion of the "old" brigade.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT).

Just recently retired so still hoping to get down for a Reunion sometime while health & strength permits. Every good wish to the Membership.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BROWN.

Thanks George, We'd love to see you.

11 Waldron Street,
SANS SOUCI. 2219

13th March, 1984.

Dear Noel,

Greetings from Sydney. Reading through the Tit Bits, it is great to find that the Association is still going strong with Members and their families in good numbers enjoying picnics and outings together, but unfortunately, the list at the back inevitably continues to grow.

So it is with regret that I report the passing of Charlie Worboys on the 23rd December last year. His wife Glad. wrote me last week with this information. Charlie suffered the effects of cancer and it was a merciful relief when he slipped away. Glad. has a very supportive family and her son a school teacher has transferred to Toowoomba and is now living with her. I have written to Charlie's wife expressing my sympathy.

During the year I had the pleasure of spending a day with Geoff Flower when he flew to Sydney for a medical check at Concord Hospital. Geoff looks fine, but has a heart condition which causes him concern from time to time. The last time it played up was when he tried to head off a flighty calf. We are warned about chasing buses as we grow older and no doubt the same is applicable to calves.

I have spoken to Geoff on the phone recently and I gather he is well and in the process of trying to sell his property at Guyra and who knows! Geoff and Joyce may join Jack and Ron on the North Coast.

George Johnston also had to present himself to the Concord Hospital for some exploratory tests and is now home again, apparently still suffering some discomfort, but able to get around again.

Last year I had the good fortune to spend three months in the U.S.A. visiting my daughter Margaret, son-in-law Tim and their baby Ben. I had a great time getting to know lots of the local people in Winora Lake which is in the State of Indiana. After two months at Winora, we packed Tim's 1974 Ford Pinto and set off for San Francisco, passing through quite a few States and taking in many famous places of interest and crossing miles of desert in temperatures of up to 112^oF. The deserts were a bit hard to take but the time we spent at the Yosemite National Park in the Rockies made it all worthwhile.

Well Noel I trust you and your family are well and you are preparing for another pleasant Anzac Day with the fellows.

Best wishes,

BOB JAMES.

Bob it is good to get such a newsy letter, our best wishes to you and all our N.S.W. members.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT).

23 Amber Grove,
MT. WAVERLEY. 3149.

23.3.84.

Ron,

for Tit Bits

Ted Donovan joined the ranks of the 70 year olds on the 16th March.

His daughter Narelle, sister Frankie and sister Rita, who was out from the U.K. thought the occasion to be well worth celebrating, so on Sunday the 18th March a surprise barbeque was arranged. This was held at Ted's next door neighbours property and proved to be a great success.

Keith & Joan Davey and Olive and I were pleased to join the gathering which included Ted's golfing mates, relations, friends and their wives etc. who helped Ted celebrate the occasion - not that he really needed much help.

Davey (as usual) couldn't be kept quiet, he spoke at some length then handed over to a representative of the golfers. They gave him a weather proof golfing outfit, which should help his game. (On that day he shot 2 under par nett so we were told?) Also they gave Ted a plaque inscribed with his deeds with the putter. Mention was made of some action to be carried out in Myers Bourke Street window if he missed a very short putt, He missed - so its something to look forward to.

Ted will be in the U.K. on Anzac Day, he and Frankie are delivering Rita to her home and they intend to stay for some months.

Narelle will be looking after the shop so anyone who wants a possum caught will have to do the business with her.

Congratulations are due to her for completing H.S.C. successfully last year.

Ted will probably find time to look at the possibility of importing some more European Wasps. It seems they have been quite profitable for Ted, maybe he is just keen on their black and yellow colouring!

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Ted and Frankie a happy trip.

OLIVE GORDON
for Ken.

Thanks Olive and Ken, we certainly join in wishing the Donovans a happy trip.

18 Pelman Avenue
GREENACRE 2190

Dear Noel,

Just a short note to let you know that I hope to be down for Anzac Day this year, it falls at a bad time with Easter thrown in. I have a lot of bowls to play at the moment but hope all Pennant games will be over by Easter.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CONT),

Please find enclosed sub for this year.

Kath and I are looking forward to seeing you all again, it is one time of the year that most of us can get together for a yarn and a glass of amber.

I have spoken with Bob Mitchell, Bob James and Roy De Jarlais on the phone only recently and all are well. We see Roy fairly often at Roselands Bowling Club. Bill Schlenker is down in Melbourne so guess he will be at the march, he probably has been in touch with you Noel already. Senior Citizens week here and most shows are free to the oldies. Kath has gone to the pictures today in the City. I stayed home and mowed lawns, I will go for a swim and sauna at Bankstown RSL this arvo and then I have bowls tonight, so that will keep me busy.

I have not heard from any other of the lads, but guess all are well. I have been down through Orbost a couple of times but could not locate Earl Mathews, maybe next time.

Well Noel, will close now and hope to see you on 25th.

Kindest regards to all.

MURDOCH McMILLAN

Great to hear from you again Murdoch, I think you must be our most constant correspondent.

BITS AND PIECES

Many thanks to Bill Schlenker who took the trouble to photo-copy and send to our Secretary many pages from a book on the Island Campaigns. These will be available at the Reunion.

Neil Gerrand pointed out that several christian names were missing on our list of deceased members, and kindly supplied these - thanks Neil.

Syd Biffen spent Anzac Day 1983 in the Southport area and recalled vividly our bivouac there in 1942 - What about writing an account of that Bivouac for our next newsletter Syd?

Heard that Dr. George Marks has retired at the "ripe old" age of 70. Noel Blake who has been his dental mechanic has also retired. - It would be nice to see you both at the reunion.

Also pleased to hear that Alan Patrick had rebuilt and was due to move into his new home (on the same site as the one destroyed on Ash Wednesday).

Glad White again attended our picnic, she is looking great and sends regards to all.

Des Rea had his movie camera in action at the picnic and we hope to see a little of the result at the reunion.

At our last Committee meeting a copy of FREE PRESS - a local paper of Melbourne's Eastern Suburbs, was produced which had a photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Copland and a story of their work for the Ashburton Library. The community room of this library has been renamed COPLAND ROOM in their honour.

Well, thats it for another year, and the best wish I can give you is 'Good Health'.

Cheers to you and yours,

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.*

1. Bruce Pascoe	8.3.43	40. Gerald Black	Feb. 1972
2. Jack Pigram	4.7.45	41. Jack McGill	26.10.72
3. Ted Dunnell		42. Alan Tate	14.3.73
4. Don Hiddleston		43. Arthur Hunt	3.5.73
5. Jack Kelleher		44. Arnold Lovell	12.5.73
6. Peter Todd		45. Harry Gaudion	18.7.73
7. John Bagshaw		46. Keith Goslett	23.1.74
8. Harry Cowen		47. Kel White	15.4.74
9. Dr. Douglas McFarlane		48. Charles Graigie	12.9.74
10. Albert De Lantye		49. John Osborne	29.10.74
11. Dr. Stan McKenzie		50. Frank McArdle	12.12.74
12. Noel Smith		51. Alf Swales	26.1.75
13. George Morley		52. Ralph Hallum	20.5.76
14. Jack Thompson		53. Cyril Evans	25.7.75
15. Bernie Cousins		54. Jim (Bluey) Davis	4.11.75
16. Angus McKenzie	2.7.1957	55. Sam Chaffey	1976
17. Russel Behrens	1958	56. Cliff Drury	2.1.78
18. George Jenkins	1960	57. Bob Adeney	20.3.78
19. Harold Hay	1960	58. Claude Capstick	9.4.78
20. Jack Spokes	1961	59. Jim Drysdale	24.5.78
21. Bill Reid	3.3.61	60. John Stretton	24.6.78
22. Jim Lyall	7.3.61	61. Dick Rhodes	10.11.78
23. Norm Hart	27.8.61	62. Dr. John Sands	23.1.80
24. Bill Lynskey	15.11.61	63. Jack Bateman	17.8.80
25. Dr. Harry Francis	20.11.61	64. Jack Wenke	3.9.80
26. Alan Fox	Feb. 1962	65. Roy Rasmussen	10.9.80
27. Ken Phillips	11.5.62	66. Tom Heaney	
28. David Felstead	25.7.64	67. Ted Monnow	
29. Eric Veith	Jan. 1967	68. Lindsay Sampson	21.11.81
30. Bob Smith	21.2.67	69. Norm Douglas	9.1.82
31. Dr. Alan Hewitt	1967	70. Jack Best	19.2.82
32. Clarrie Saunders	24.3.68	71. Wal (Jock) Lovett	17.4.82
33. Martin Smith	20.3.68	72. Col. Ted Palmer	5.8.82
34. Alf Saunders	Feb. 1968	73. Frank Dobbie	20.3.76
35. Les Wilton	23.7.68	74. Jack Stiglich	7.9.82
36. Henry Uebergang	April 1969	75. Ted Nicholas	19.1.83
37. Clive Mathews	April 1969	76. Ern Milton	
38. Les Paul	1970	77. P. Hill	
39. Stan Murphy	April 1971	78. Ron Sincock	5.3.83
		79. Bill Jones	14.12.83
		80. Charlie Worboys	23.12.83