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TENTH TIT - BITS NO. 25 APRIL 1991

NOTICE OF OUR 46TH REUNION

THE PLACE TRAVELODGE MOTEL Corner St. Kilda Road and Park St.  
Melbourne - opposite the Shrine

THE TIME From 11.00 a.m.

THE PRICE \$15.

The travelodge has proved to be a very convenient location and our reunions there have been most successful. Once again we are keeping the price to \$15. and are hoping that the attendance will reach 60 members this year. As mentioned in the Picnic notice a separate room has again been looked for the ladies.

THE MARCH We assemble in the usual spot in Collins St between Swanston and Elizabeth Sts. This year the March will again commence at 9 a.m. but as we will move off after the RAAF and the RAN it should be safe to assemble by 10.15 a.m. Last year the earlier start did not deter members. 46 marched under a cloudy sky led by President MICK DUNN accompanied by ALEC REITH and MERV FERTONBY. Two members marching for the first time were warmly welcomed, they were DOUG McCLEARY and JOHN CHENHALS.

LAST YEAR'S REUNION A near record 56 members attended including MURDOCH McMILLAN and JOHN COX both from N.S.W. A really happy atmosphere prevailed as members moved from table to table swapping greetings and yarns.

The TOAST TO THE UNIT was given by JOHN GRANT who explained that he was only with the unit from 1940 to early 1943. He recalled the March from SEYMOUR to BONEGILLA which proved that the training received, although not always popular, had "made men of us". At Dunn's Post near BUNA he assisted in applying a Thomas splint to the leg of a wounded Japanese soldier. Sometime later the Jap was moaning and John found that the retaining bandage around the foot was too tight but he was unable to undo the knot. The Jap saw the predicament and to John's utter amazement produced a knife from his pocket and relief followed! From ORO BAY John was posted to an Engineer's Unit as medical orderly and was later at BALIKPAPAN, not knowing that we were also there. He volunteered to go to Japan after the war and gave an interesting account of his time there. He concluded by thanking the Committee for its part in holding the members together in such a fine association.

President MICK thanked John for proposing the toast and as usual said a few words of wisdom.

THE AFTERS MARG and BOB KING again invite members to the traditional gathering at their home as an extension of the reunion.

#### LEST WE FORGET

Firstly, I must correct a mistake made last year - AUB. VIMPANI is still with us, it was his wife who died and an apology was conveyed through DOUG POTTER. Aub is now 84 and sends regards to all. During the year seven members died and we remember them. GEORGE BRUCE, ALEC MURPHY, BILL SCHLENKER, DOUG CLEMENS, JOE STRUDWICK, CLEM WINCHESTER and GEORGE JOHNSTON.

#### LETTERS FROM MEMBERS, WIVES AND WIDOWS

(edited for inclusion in 'Tit Bits').

Florence Nightingale Hospital

20 - 4- 1990

Dear fellows of the dear old 10th.

I am most touched at your thoughtful and generous gift of a beautiful basket of fruit. It was most unexpected but a great reminder of the empathy which exists between the Officers and men of the unit. I often think of the friendly times we had, including the concerts when IAN WILSON and I sang in the chorus with RAY MEADOWS and DON LUDLUM. It is nice to think that one has so many old and good friends standing by. Please convey my grateful thanks to all the lads. Sincerely EMMET SPRING.

Its good to know that you are still battling on EMMET - as one of your old surgical team I always felt you were "a cut above the rest"!

21 Duncan St., Punchbowl NSW 2196

April 1990

As usual I have to send my regrets on being unable to make the trek to Victoria for Anzac Day, I do hope you all have a wonderful day. Enclosed is a cheque for my dues, I am surprised that you can operate the unit on such a small amount. My wife Irene has recently come out of Hospital after a heart by-pass operation. She blames it on passive smoking caused by me.

I have not seen or heard from any of the local boys lately. Wishing you all the best of health in the future.

LES BEST

Keep in touch LES, we hope 1991 sees you both enjoying better health.

137 Brougham St., Fairfield 4103

15 - 7 - 1990

Just a few lines to say hello. I don't know how much I owe - anyway I am enclosing a cheque for \$100. BERYL and I would have liked to have been down for this years 'Anzac Day' but unfortunately she had a second operation for breast cancer and died on 3rd June. She was very brave and never complained. I am still trying to cope but it will never be the same. Hope to be down next Anzac Day.

ARTHUR ROCKETT

Please accept our condolence ARTHUR, we'll cheer you up on 25th April if you come down.

10/4/51 Homer St., Earlwood 2206

28 - 9 - 90

I am writing to tell you my husband William SCHLENKER passed away on 21 - 8 - 90 up in CABOOLTURE. He was in GREENSLOPES Repat. Hospital for a couple of months then back in the nursing home for a few weeks before his death. He was 79. I know he always remembered his old mates. Best wishes to all, yours sincerely,

ROSE SCHLENKER

We will miss our regular letters from BILL.

P.O. Box 103, Yarrawonga 3730

25 - 11 - 90

Please convey my appreciation and thanks to the 10th Field Ambulance boys for the beautiful flowers they sent me when I lost my beloved Joe. The flowers lasted longest of all as did the comradeship and mateship JOE shared with you all. The highlights of his very happy time were those he spent with his mates.

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It was very heartwarming to see so many of the boys return again to Yarrawonga for JOE'S funeral as they had only gone home a few days earlier. I am now sadly one of the ever growing list of 10th Aust. Field Ambulance Widows. Thanks to Dick Holmes for his phone call.

Sincerely SYLVIA STRUDWICK

The Yarrawonga trip will be the poorer for JOE'S passing but will enable you to keep in touch SYLVIA.

4/44 McClares Rd, Vermont 3133

23 - 12- 90

I write to you Dick in your capacity as secretary of the 10th Fld Ambulance ASSN - that superb association of men, to which we have the honour and pleasure to belong. CAROLYN and I are to leave for USA on 31-1-91 for a period of at least 6 months. Most of that time will be spent with CAROLYN'S widowed 89 year old mother.

I am anxious to have Airmailed or Seamailed to me the famous journal "10th TIT BITS" as produced and edited by that excellent author RONALD WOFF. We hope 1991 is good for you and your loved ones, please give my regards to all of those good men and true on 25-4-91.

Sincerely NEIL GERRAND

NEIL after those nice remarks it will be airmailed.

42 Boorool Rd, East Kew 3102

February 1991

Please find enclosed cheque for 1991 SUBS and a catch up for years gone by. I look forward to 10th TIT BITS each year and am sorry I still can't get to our reunions. All the best.

DANNY BISHOP

Great to hear from you DANNY and your generous donation of \$50 is worthy of mention. We realize that your wife's illness precludes you from getting to the reunion but we will be thinking of you on the 25th.

P.O. Box 806, Ringwood 3134

February 1991

I thought members may be interested in a trip my wife and I did last winter through the centre to Darwin and down the west coast to Perth. We travelled to ALICE by rail but struck one of those times when the GHAN made repeated stops during the night arriving in ALICE an hour late. The highlight of this area was a trip to KINGS CANYON which to us was much more interesting than the ROCK. We were also disappointed with KATHERINE GORGE. After four days in DARWIN we were met at KUNUNURRA by our daughter from DERBY. As it was 5 years since we last saw her it gave us great joy. She drove us to BROOME so we were able to spend two weeks with her. On the way we had a flight over the BUNGLES and then did a cruise of the GIEKE GORGE, this was spectacular. Next was a 6.30 a.m. flight over COCKATOO and KOOLAN ISLANDS - at this time of the day it was fantastic, beautiful blue waters dotted with hundreds of little islands. The highlight was the sand patterns in the Marsh lands at low tide. Then ten days in PERTH doing lots of tours, to Adelaide on the Indian Pacific then home. A really interesting and enjoyable holiday.

JOHN GRANT

*rest of collection*

Sounds like a beaut trip JOHN, Australia has so much to offer.

P.O. Box 55, Cheltenham 3192

1 - 2 - 91

I am writing in appreciation of the very beautiful flowers you sent. I know how much CLEM enjoyed his fellowship amongst you all during his time in the army. I would believe that young men away from home rely upon their friends to a degree that those of us at home would not understand. I know CLEM got his support from you all then. Very kind regards.

JUNE WINCHESTER

Alan Sharp, Ken Stanley, Lloyd Champion, Ted Young and myself were able to represent the Unit at CLEM'S funeral.

18 Pelman Ave, Greenacre 2190

11 - 2 - 91

Sorry we cannot come to the picnic, a bit far I think but we hope to be down for the 25th. Been very hot here of late and little rain except for 2 storms which did millions of dollars of damage. The country is having a rough time all round, look at Queensland, floods etc. and my last old country town INVERELL just about destroyed by floods. The Treasurer (KEATING) is just on the radio talking with JOHN LAWS and according to him we are all doing well, what a lot of crap! Had my right eye done for cataract so have good vision in both eyes now - has improved my bowls a bit too as I can now see the 'KITTY' better. I will soon be able to play bowls on Veterans Day as I will be 70 on 5/3/91. I went to the 'back to NARRANDERA' celebrations recently and saw lots of old school mates. Hope to see you all on the 25th. All the best.

MURDOCH McMILLAN

You never fail to add a bright note MURDOCH. Hope you had a happy 70th birthday and enjoy many more.

188 Molesworth St., Lismore 2480

15 - 2- 1991

This year seems to have moved along faster than most - it must have something to do with getting older. We were fortunate to have all three of the family at home for Christmas/New year, one is teaching in JAKARTA, one site managing a building in BANGKOK, and one banking in SYDNEY. We are both well but do not think a visit for Anzac Day is likely this year. All the best to the Unit.

(DR.) BILL BRAND

Thanks for the letter Bill, try and make it next year.

2/54 Burke St., Maryborough 3465

16 - 2- 1991

Just a few lines to let the unit chaps know that I am just getting over a rough spot. I had an operation about six weeks ago, they did a by-pass of the PANCREAS, also removed about 28 GALL STONES. I spent a month in Hospital but I trust that the worst is over now. I hope the chaps have a good time at the picnic also Anzac Day. All the best from your old mate.

JOCK DRYSDALE

Hope you continue to make good progress JOCK.

100 Dukes Highway, Bordertown 5268

19 - 2 - 1991

It was a pleasure to have VERN LAIDLAW call in to visit and have a 'cuppa' with us. Any member is welcome anytime to call in for a 'cuppa' and chat, our home is half a mile east of the railway crossing on the Dukes Highway. Does any member know the whereabouts of CHARLIE (MICK) HIGGINS, he was with us at LAE and is not on our address ~~street~~ <sup>street</sup>. Kind regards to all.

JOHN STANDERWICK

Can anyone help with Charlie's address? we have never known it.

9 St. James Place, Toorak 3142

February, 1991

Time marches on, I just can't believe it. I am keeping busy with gardening and bowls. The latter is not improving enough to please me, but I win occasionally. I was sorry to hear old CLEM WINCHESTER passed on this year, he was a good chap. All the best.

GEORGE MARKS

Early members will remember GEORGE as our unit Dentist and would surely like to see him at the Reunion.

16 Lake St., Laurieton 2443

February, 1991

1990 was a year I'd prefer to forget - in and out of hospital with differing types of rather serious problems. However an all clear in December and am now back playing golf and practising twice weekly with a young bloke to return to competitive District tennis. For a while I thought my good run was over but am still fortunate. Had a ring from GEOFF FLOWER recently - no good giving you an address as he's looking to move once again - can't keep up with him! Anyhow with a bit of luck I hope to see you all again at the Reunion. Cheers to all.

JOHN (HORRA) COX

Keep bouncing back John, you're a legend and we'll give you a big welcome on Anzac Day.

Yarrawonga Trip 1990

From all reports another successful trip took place and those who make this trip would not miss it for anything. Unfortunately the knowledge that Joe Strudwick was so sick saddened all and it is a credit to mateship that so many returned for his funeral only days after arriving home. Arrangements for 1991 are well in hand.

FAMILY PICNIC February 1991

Once again ideal weather and the lovely JELLS PARK were the perfect combination to attract a happy crowd of unit members and widows of members (plus of course children and grand children). Try and come along next year and show off your great grand children!

BITS AND PIECES

TACK GRUNDY is enjoying life at a retirement village and recently had a visit from BERT KENNY and CURLEY BLYTH. He hopes that he has persuaded them both to attend the reunion.

RON HANDLEY came down during the year and enjoyed a game of golf with TED YOUNG, ALAN SHARP and myself.

We were saddened to learn that JOHN HALL and BOB CRAWFORD lost their wives during the year. MERLE CRAWFORD was a regular correspondent and we will miss her. We are also sad to report the death of JUNE STIGLICH on 12th March 1991.

The book which DR MICK DUNN is writing is suffering from something like SCRIPTUS INTERRUPTUS and so at this stage is only half DUNN.

ANDY McHATTIE can't get about much these days but did manage a spell in hospital for some "running repairs".

GERALD FROGLEY has recovered well from a heart by-pass operation.

TIT BITS circulation has dropped over the years and the 149 copies are posted to 26 interstate members, 113 Victorian members and 10 widows.

Wishing you all good health and humour in the coming year.

RON WOFF  
17 Summerhill Road  
Beaumaris 3193

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	08/03/43	47.	Kel White	15/04/74
2.	Jack Pigram	04/07/45	48.	Charles Craigie	12/09/74
3.	Ted Dunnel		49.	John Osborne	29/10/74
4.	Don Hiddleston		50.	Dr. Frank McArdle	12/12/74
5.	Jack Kelleher		51.	Alf Swales	26/01/75
6.	Peter Todd		52.	Ralph Hallam	20/05/75
7.	John Bagshaw		53.	Cyril Evans	25/07/75
8.	Harry Cowen		54.	Jim (Bluey) Davis	04/11/75
9.	Dr. Douglas McFarland		55.	Sam Chaffey	1976
10.	Albert De Lantye		56.	Cliff Drury	02/01/78
11.	Dr. Stan McKenzie		57.	Bob Adeney	20/03/78
12.	Noel Smith		58.	Claude Capstick	09/04/78
13.	George Morley		59.	Jim Drysdale	24/05/78
14.	Jack Thompson		60.	John Stretton	24/06/78
15.	Bernie Cousins		61.	Dick Rhodes	10/11/78
16.	Angus McKenzie	02/07/57	62.	Dr. John Sands	23/01/80
17.	Russel Behrens	1958	63.	Jack Bateman	17/08/80
18.	George Jenkins	1960	64.	Jack Wenke	03/09/80
19.	Harold Hay	1960	65.	Roy Rasmussen	10/09/80
20.	Jack Spokes	1961	66.	Tom Heaney	
21.	Bill Reid	03/03/61	67.	Ted Monot	01/01/74
22.	Jim Lyall	07/03/61	68.	Lindsay Sampson	21/11/81
23.	Norm Hart	27/08/61	69.	Norm Douglas	09/01/82
24.	Bill Lyskey	16/11/61	70.	Jack Best	19/02/82
25.	Dr. Harry Francis	20/11/61	71.	Wal (Jock) Lovett	17/04/82
26.	Alan Fox	Feb.1962	72.	Col. Ted Palmer	05/08/82
27.	Ken Phillips	11/05/62	73.	Frank Dobbie	20/03/76
28.	David Felstead	25/07/64	74.	Jack Stiglich	07/09/72
29.	Eric Veith	Jan.1967	75.	Ted Nicholas	10/01/83
30.	Bob Smith	21/02/67	76.	Ern Milton	
31.	Dr. Alan Hewitt	1967	77.	P. Hill	
32.	Clarrie Sanders	24/03/68	78.	Ron Sincock	05/03/83
33.	Martin Smith	20/03/68	79.	Bill Jones	14/12/83
34.	Alf Saunders	Feb.1968	80.	Charlie Worboys	23/12/83
35.	Les Wilton	23/07/68	81.	George Williams	
36.	Henry Uebergang	Apr.1969	82.	Dr. Joe Manton	30/05/84
37.	Clive Mathews	Apr.1969	83.	Les (Bull) Martin	12/07/84
38.	Les Paul	1970	84.	Neil (Bunny) King	31/07/84
39.	Stan Murphy	Apr.1971	85.	Bill Sturge	30/03/84
40.	Gerald Black	Feb.1972	86.	John(Dooley)Garlep	11/10/84
41.	Jack McGill	26/10/72	87.	Tom Eadie	
42.	Alan Tate	14/03/78	88.	Dr. Adrian Paul	10/02/85
43.	Arthur Hunt	03/05/73	89.	Ron Vernon	May 1985
44.	Arnold Lovell	12/05/73	90.	Bill Allen	1985
45.	Harold Gaudion	18/07/73	91.	Bill Shepherd	26/10/85
46.	Keith Goslett	23/01/74	92.	Roy McKim	24/11/85



93.	Harold Mollison	03/01/86
94.	Harry Tozer	1985
95.	Alan Kilpatrick	24/04/86
96.	Ted (Bluey) Stroud	09/06/86
97.	Ray Frith	13/07/86
98.	Ted Tyrell	15/07/86
99.	Leo (Mick) Rea	14/11/86
100.	Jeff McGill	20/11/86
101.	Fr. Jim English	08/12/86
102.	A.G. (Mick) Arnott	01/01/87
103.	Des Rea	09/04/87
104.	Ray Meadows	01/07/87
105.	Eric Cornell	11/10/87
106.	Ron Crawford	04/11/87
107.	Bob Mitchell	09/01/88
108.	Dave Johnston	14/03/88
109.	Ray Zumpe	09/12/88
110.	Stan Herbert	08/01/89
111.	Alan Furmston	25/09/89
112.	Jock Roe	07/11/89
113.	Ron Roberts	08/11/89
114.	Jack MacKie	
115.	Mick Vann	
116.	Norm Irvine	6/88
117.	Dr. J.P. Lyttle	02/02/90
118.	George Bruce	4/90
119.	Alec Murphy	17/08/90
120.	Bill Schlenker	21/08/90
121.	Doug Clemens	28/09/90
122.	Joe Strudwick	31/10/90
123.	Clem Winchester	03/12/90
124.	George Johnston	15/03/91