



NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 1985

We had a sad beginning to the year when we learned of the death of Vice President Jim Blair on 6th January. Eight CB members attended his funeral at which Padre O'Brien, who had known Jim nearly all his life, gave a moving eulogy. Jim had been active in the Boy Scouts Movement for many years, as evidenced by the large body of Scouting people who attended. I have a vivid memory of Jim singing lustily with the Boys from the Bureau at the November get-together. He will be missed, but I am glad that he died peacefully in his sleep.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Combined Services Club in Sydney on the 11th February, with fourteen members in attendance, including Maurice Coombs from the U.S. Maurie was visiting Australia with his wife Betty and we were pleased also to welcome Betty and her sister from Queensland.

Those present at the meeting stood in a minute's silence, in memory of Dawn Jobson, Ted Eckert and Jim Blair.

Mick Casey, who had been Acting President since we lost Ted Eckert, gave a report covering the year's activities and expressed thanks to the hard working Committee. Our sincere thanks are particularly offered to our 'honorary' printer, Brian Bombell, our retiring treasurer, John Macfarlane, and again to Sue and Gordon Gibson for their hospitality in November for our 10th Anniversary Barbecue.

The Treasurer reported a balance of funds of \$430.37 as at the 31st December, 1984. Membership during the year rose to 97. The following officers were elected for 1985:

President:	Michael Casey
Vice Presidents:	Allan Osborne & Jim Williams
Hon. Secretary:	Gordon Gibson
Hon. Treasurer:	Norma Keeling
Publicity Officer:	Madeline Chidgey
Executive Committee	(Charles McCafferty
Members	(Dennis Moore
	(Aub Roberts.

It was good to see "old" member Dennis Moore and "new" member Aub Roberts voted in on the Executive Committee.

John Macfarlane agreed to be our Auditor for 1985.

Jim Williams tells of his recent visit to the Emerald Isle when he ran foul of the British Army in Ulster. He was staying with friends in Belturbet in County Cavan, when he left to visit another family in County Monaghan. This entailed crossing the British Army checkpoints during the 60 km odd journey - the border between the Republic and Ulster having odd ups and downs in this area.

Upon reaching the second checkpoint he decided to photograph the fortress-like building, was spotted by the watchful eyes of the Brits and ordered to give up his camera so they could confiscate the film. Jim pleaded with a Scots Lowland Regiment private (armed to the teeth), saying the film had shots all the way up the West Coast of Eire, and that he was a tourist. He handed over the camera and passport whilst the soldier conferred with his C.O. After five palpitative minutes, the soldier returned with Jim's passport and camera intact, and the warning, "Photographs of British Army Establishments in Ulster are Verboden!". Had he been British, the film would have been confiscated. Jim found Ireland "a beautiful country, with

kind friendly people. The wealth is in the North, but the population dreadfully divided, particularly in Belfast".

Joe Richard from Maryland, U.S.A. is expected in Sydney to march with us on Anzac Day and to attend the Reunion. Joe was one of a group of ten of our American colleagues who were awarded the Legion of Merit for their work at CB in 1943/1944.

Bob Bevan and his wife Fay, who were regulars at our functions until they moved to Pacific Palms, did not altogether enjoy 1984. Fay had serious heart surgery in December and we are glad to hear now that she is getting better every day. Bob hopes to join us on Anzac Day. Our best wishes to Fay for a steady recovery.

Geoff Patience took a nostalgic trip to Comalie Creek, near Darwin, and the site of the Wireless Unit and the airstrip. Geoff has thoughts of contacting Victorian members of our Association to try and arrange a get-together. He hopes to be with us on Anzac Day "if someone will carry me home". Geoff has led a very full and interesting life since the war. Recently he met up with Lester Truex, Pat Gill and Bill Coates and we have received photos to prove that they are still enjoying life.

Max and Nancy Lou Hurley are planning a visit to the U.S. in October to see the sights, visit friends and Nance's family. Nance was a WAC with CB so we wish them a good time as they renew old WAC friendships. Pappy Clark and his wife Anni are also heading for the States, in July. Norma (Peel) Schneider and Otto should be starting a lovely leisurely visit to the U.K. and Europe as you read this. We wish all these travellers a great time of relaxation, renewal of friendships with CB colleagues and happy times with family and friends.

Via Max Hurley, Ken Tresize sends his good wishes to all. Through Max also we have contacted Brian Breen who lives at Numurkah, Victoria. Brian is a TPI but despite his ailments is still 'as sharp as a tack' according to Max.

We warmly welcome the following new members of the Association: Eve Scott (WAAAF) who has written a book, "A Woman at War - My Life as a WAAAF", due for release as we go to press (Cost \$5 and Eve's address is on page 3); Don Laidlaw and Ken Price, our first members from Adelaide; Vic Lederer and Don Robinson.

Sorry to hear that Percy Pledger injured his legs in an accident in December, and hope his recovery is by now complete. We are looking forward to his attendance at the Anzac Day Reunion in Sydney, together with Lester Truex.

Anne (Moon) & Bill Chippendall suffered some damage to fencing on their property at East Kilmore, Victoria, during the bush fires. Fortunately, no stock losses.

Bill Estep and his wife Florence sailed away for a holiday on a Russian cruise ship in February and we are expecting to hear all about it at the Reunion on April 25.

Linda (Paton) Webb (WAAAF) died in England in October after a short illness. Linda was one of the original members of CB in Melbourne and in 1945 married Major Norman Webb (British Army) also of CB, in Brisbane.

Roger Joyce died some months ago, suddenly, in Melbourne. He was Professor of History at Latrobe University.

We sympathise with those who have suffered loss and our best wishes go out to all those below par in health.

Vic Lederer reports that John Laird has retired from his position as Associate Professor of English, Duntroon Military Academy.

Ted Brown, Melbourne, sent Stan & Marion Winn a copy of a Christmas note he had received from Barry Smallman, Kent, England, and the Winns sent Barry's address to their U.S. contact, Norman Boehner, for inclusion in their address list. Norman Boehner then telephoned from Los Angeles to Barry Smallman in Kent and had a chat, and Barry promised to send him addresses of other British CB personnel. I believe that Dr. Sinkov would agree that was an exercise in communication - see last Newsletter!

Barry's note mentioned that the "Brisbane 12" had enjoyed a '40 years on' reunion - well, eight of them were there with their wives to reminisce and have a good time together.

Ted Brown was planning a visit to Adelaide mid March, and intended to call on Ted Correll. Ted (Brown) is also booked for an overseas tour commencing in June, visiting Israel, Greece, U.K., followed by four weeks in the U.S.

Names and addresses are appended below of members to be added to the Membership List sent out last year.

Anzac Day 1985. Arrangements for the Wreath Laying, March and Reunion are set out on the attached form, and we look forward to seeing as many as can make it.

With best wishes to all,

Madeline Chidgey
Publicity Officer.

BALLARD	G. StV. (Geoff)	22 Prospect Road, Rosanna, Vict. 3084.	03 45 2356
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COOMBS	Maurice	1105 Kennedy St., Falls Church, VA. U.S.A.22046.	703 534 8689
HINDS	Alexander (Sandy)	617 Canterbury Road, East Vermont, Vict. 3133.	03 873 5492
HURLEY	Max	Phoines Road RSD 384, Casterton, Vict. 3311.	055 82 0232
LAIDLAW	D.H. (Don)	14 James Street, Gilberton, S.A. 5081.	08 44 6154
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LEDERER	V.E. (Vic)	66 Dunstan Street, Curtin, A.C.T. 2605.	
MacDONALD	Allan H.	12 Palmer Street, South Coogee, N.S.W. 2034.	02 349 2465
PASCOE	John F.	9 Lima Street, Greenacre, N.S.W. 2190.	02 759 9623
PRICE	K.B. (Ken)	13 Dutton Terrace, Medindie, S.A. 5081.	08 44 1338
ROBERTS	A.T. (Aub)	15 Gregory Street, Putney, N.S.W. 2112.	02 807 1426
ROBINSON	D.W.B. (Don)	11 Greenoaks Ave., Darling Point, N.S.W. 2028	
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BALIN	Rita	40/341 Bowen Tce., New Farm, Qld. 4005.	07 358 4542
(nee Taylor)			
CHESSHIRE	Irene	24 Maylands Ave., North Balwyn, Vict. 3104.	03 859 1012
(nee Turner)			
HINDS	Coral	617 Canterbury Road, East Vermont, Vict. 3133.	03 873 5492
(nee Osborne)			
MARSHALL	Marjory	127 Finlayson Street, Rosanna, Vict. 3084.	03 459 0628
(nee Schofield)			
MURRAY	E.W. (Betty)	27 Haydens Road, Beaumaris, Vict. 3193.	03 589 1170
(nee Brymer)			
SANDARS	Joyce	6 Kenilworth Cresc., Glen Waverley, Vict. 3150	03 232 4363
(nee Roberts)			
SCOTT	Eve	9 Orana Street, Carina, Qld. 4152.	07 398 6400

Address Changes:

ESTEP	W.F. (Bill)	4 Broughton Ave., Mowll Village, Castle Hill. 2154.	02 680 3523
HUGHES	F.N. (Frank)	2/31 Church Street, Hunters Hill. 2110	02 817 1266
SCHNEIDER	Norma	1/2B Nield Avenue, Balgowlah. 2093.	02 94 6283
SEYMOUR	Diana	32 Erarnbie Road, Kincumber. 2250.	043 69 3973
MURPHY	R.E. (Reg)	3/19 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. 2077.	02 48 0463