

**PERSONALITIES.**

From Melbourne comes news of Ken. Moses. Now married, and a sporting writer on the staff of the "Sun"—News Pictorial, he sends a cheque and a very interesting letter. He says our sister battalion—blood and bandages—put on a good show on Anzac Day. There were also a few 16th and 19th Brigade troops on parade. He met Major Peters (the Black Prince), one of our old cobsers of the 2/1st Field Regiment, who wishes to be remembered to all who knew him.

Norm. Ribbons is Assistant Plant Engineer with the Aust. Fertilizer Coy., at Port Kembla, and a very busy man these days. He sends his saldas to the mob, a cheque, and that very excellent article, "Poor Jimmy." We appreciate all three.

Johnny Forrester is battling against drought and beer shortage on his property at North Star. Cec. Burwell is quite all right, thank you, Johnny.

Tommy "Rat" Mort and Johnny Collins were seen enjoying liquid food at the Long Bar during the week.

Col Ogilvie, of the Brain Trust, sends along a cheery letter of congratulation on "White Over Green," also two more addresses. Thanks a lot, Col.

E. L. "Topsy" Chrispin, who joined the R.A.A.F. from Darwin, is the wearer of the famous "Pahnder" badge, and did 24 ops. over Germany. Congratulations on a safe return. Come up and see us sometime!

J. (Sailor) Worthington was in Sydney for Victory Day. He has proudly carried the 2/4th banner on several marches in Sydney. His address is C/o. Resident Engineer, Nepean Dam, via Bargo.

W. H. (Bully) Heyes, Life Assurance Adviser, who represents the T. and G. Coy., sends in a large wad of news. Mick and Bill Bickley are both fresh daddies, Mick for the second time. Now that the expectant father period is over, Bill will probably commence serious training, and take on some of the welterweights at the Stadium.

Harold Sargent, ex-"D" Coy. P.O.W., lives at 7 Weston Street, Fairfield. His English bride, who was a nurse in a London hospital throughout the Blitz, arrived in Sydney a few weeks ago.

W (Bluey) Benson, "B" Coy., was married recently, and is living at 29 Keswick Street, Cowra. Here's wishing you both all sorts of luck, "Blue."

Had a drink with George Sudgen, "B" Coy., a few days ago. George, who lives in the country, often hears of good jobs, and could do with several saddlers in his own business. His address is C/o. P.O., Tamworth.

The "Ack Ed," Bob Jackson (rumour has it that he used to be known as "Dagwood"), has an apology to pass to Joe Lowe. The name is Joe, not Jack, we understand!

During his interesting tour of South-west N.S.W., the above-mentioned gent (Jack—not Joe) met Don Healy in Wagga. He is in the Union Bank and is well, except when the bug gets him now and again.

George Russell, the first secretary of the Association, had a nasty experience on Victory Day. George and his brother, both full of the cup that cheers, were walking down George Street when a pickpocket had a go at George's "kick." George had a "go" at the other bloke. In the struggle the pickpocket produced a razor blade. The light-fingered gent made his getaway, leaving George with a cut chest and hip. We are pleased to know that the cuts were not of lasting duration, and he is O.K. again.

Mick Hyem is in town again, doing a Tech. course. Married and a prospective "Poppa," he would like to hear from "Blah" Smith. Mick's address is 27 Chandos Street, Ashfield.

An "M.I.D." seems especially deserving for our first Life Members, whose cheques for £10/10/- were received this month from W. J. Frost, of Canberra, and John B. Wells (one of our Vice-Presidents). Thank you, gentlemen. A fine gesture, we think. In fact, we would like to see more of it!

**FROM THE EDITOR'S (AND SECRETARY'S)****MAILBAG.**

Among the many letters and messages of goodwill received in June were an encouraging number of new subscriptions, and lots of personal news.

As they say on the B.B.C., "Here is the news," and here they are . . . Bruce Cork, Cammeray, who is "mad" with the football training at present . . . Tim West, down Crowther way . . . Father Reid, who is at Sacred Heart College, Burradoo . . . Ken Trudgeon (Ex-P.O.W.), of Orange . . . R. M. Roberds, also an Ex-P.O.W., in West Wyalong.

Jack Ormiston, Cowra . . . Ernie Dawe, Bathurst . . . G. Dackas ("A" Coy.), from North Carlton, Melbourne . . . Bert Poiner, North Strathfield, who dashes round the country areas quite a lot . . . Percy A. Lane, Blackman's Flat . . . Peter Cook, of Mosman, also been a victim of malaria recently . . .

Les Platts, of Bombala . . . W. E. Demery, Guildford, who has done a whale of a good job sending in addresses recently . . . P. C. Betts, of Galston . . . R. A. Pirram, who writes from the "never-nevers," of Mudgee, Cudgegong to be exact . . . And lastly, John Hyles, Boorowa, who says that he has seen Jack and George Ormiston from time to time.

**ABOUT THIS EDITORIAL COMMITTEE!**

You may remember that, in the June ~~issue~~ issue, we asked for volunteers to form a Standing Editorial Committee of at least six members.

Well, that seems to be as far as we've got. You may ask, "Why an Editorial Committee as distinct from the Executive Committee?" Firstly, there is work to be done when we get this copy cracking for the month, such as envelope addressing, sticking, filling and stamping, and it's a case of "Many hands . . ." then. Also, in connection with the compilation and typing of mss. and proof-reading, there is more than one or two men can comfortably handle.

Secondly, and not the least important, a keen, interested Committee will ensure improvement of the "rag," and formulation of editorial policy which will be representative of all schools of thought, rather than one which depends on the whims of one or two individuals.

Lastly, we suggest that, having started this, it (the Journal) must go on—shall we say, "grow" on. If only one or two are concerned with its production, and either one is forced to abandon the job at any time, there must necessarily be a break in the continuity while we are finding another to carry on. With an active Committee, this could be avoided.

Correspondence received during June and July has left the management in no doubt as to the desire of members for this job to be continued. But without your help and ACTIVE interest, the time may come when we will find it beyond our capacity to "deliver the goods"—an object which we earnestly hope to fulfil.

If any member is able and willing to take his place on the Committee, will he please contact the Editor. Incidentally, the job does not necessarily mean that one has to be a journalist (although this would help), and will not take up more time per month than can be reasonably expected of a working man.

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**SYDNEY, 18th July, 1946.** We regret to announce the death this morning of Sid Hodder, who passed away at Randwick Military Hospital.