

SMOKE SIGNALS



Leonie Widders . . .

. . . and brother Ernie (right)



▶ While Mr A. C. S. Dunn, who wrote the article *Western Australia and the Aboriginal* for this month's issue of NEW DAWN, was visiting Ken Colbung at Perth's Aboriginal Centre, he was introduced to a man called Clive Bickle. Clive is a brilliant Aboriginal artist who paints in watercolour. He is also a paraplegic—someone who is paralysed in the lower half of the body—and is confined to a wheelchair. He lives at the Paraplegic Association's hostel at Wembley. Mr Dunn has brought back to Sydney two reproductions of Clive Bickle's work and intends to show them to officials of the Sydney Art Gallery, for he believes "that this man is a genius in his own right".

▶ Photographed in action on the hockey field is Leonie Widders, daughter of Ernie and Alma Widders of 198 Brown Street, Armidale. Leonie's team won the A grade division of the primary hockey competition held locally. Leonie is the only Aboriginal member of the team and is in sixth class at the Drummond Memorial School. Shown also is one of Leonie's elder brothers, Ernie, testing radios during a recent Army exercise in the area. When this photo was taken he was about to have a few days' leave before departing for Vietnam.

▶ Carmel Flanders, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Flanders, Coff's Harbour, was recently given two farewell parties by the staff and friends of the District Hospital where she has been a very popular nursing aide for the past 6 months. She has been accepted for a position as a trainee teleprinter operator with the RAAF in Adelaide.

▶ One of the best known and respected Aborigines of the Nambucca Heads district lost his life in a fishing tragedy recently. He was William Henry Foley. Police skindivers, boatmen and his lifelong mate, Cecil Parkin dived until dark after the accident in an attempt to search for Mr Foley. Mr and Mrs Foley came to Nambucca Heads some years ago and built their own home in Bent Street where they lived happily among friends. Our sympathy goes to Mrs Foley and her family.

▶ Eric Simms played his hundredth first grade game with the South Sydney Rugby Leagues Club on 1st August. Before the game began, he was presented with a cheque for \$200 to mark his