

information about the people in that area. However, knowing Ken personally, I was expecting to find, at the end of the article, some very sound, practical suggestions as to how the situation could be alleviated. This did not happen. Very informative for us country Aborigines, but of no real value to the people in the metropolitan area.

I liked the 'News of prominent Aboriginal personalities.' I would like to see this as a regular feature.

I would like to read more about Aboriginal people in country centres.

I don't like having to wait so long for the next issue. Attached is an article on Walgett which I trust you will find worthy of publication in the next issue of NEW DAWN.

Regards,

Ted Fields.

(Up to a point, Ken did suggest measures: better home loan provisions, easier social service conditions, transitional hostels, special job training schemes, etc. All of these would play a role in improving the situation. But don't forget, it is easier to say what the problem is than to know how to solve it. I personally, still believe that the most valuable help is self-help, as is so effectively demonstrated by the Aboriginal Family Education Centres. That is not to say that is isn't necessary to get money and support, but self-help is in my opinion, the best help, because it is *living* and meaningful to those being helped. They are *involved*. When *everybody* pulls, dignity and happiness follow.

Your idea about regular features is O.K., but I've found that each month the magazine seems to grow out of the overflow from the last one, without too much planning. It just happens. To be pinned down to *regular* features, whether there's good material for them or not, is not what I'd call a pleasant prospect. I am getting to the stage of often having too much material. That's why I haven't done several interviews with people I've

been meaning to catch up on, yet. But because you people are such *people* people, I'll keep concentrating on articles *about* people, whether prominent or not. For example, this month's Elsie Jones and Pearl Gibbs articles Ed.)

Mr Fields' article is on page 8.

*Mrs Reg Randall, of 5 Rocky Laurie Avenue, Pippi Beach, Yamba, N.S.W. 2464 has sent in these photos of relations and friends.

Pictured are Guitarist: David Currie and his mate, Henry Thompson both from Brisbane. Shown also is a photo. of Mr Richard Donnelly from Woodenbong Reserve. (Mrs Randall adds, "I hope he sees it.")



Last October, on our way west to Wilcannia, we photographed Alexander Riley, famed as "Tracker" Riley—the only Aborigine to rise to the rank of sergeant in the N.S.W. Police Force.

Late November, when this issue of NEW DAWN had already gone to press, I received news from Tracker Riley's "very proud ancestors" that he had died on October 29, aged 86.

Alexander Riley received the King's Medal for distinguished police service in 1943. His uncanny tracking ability was a major factor in the solution of the Moss Murders—the biggest multiple murder mystery in N.S.W. in the 1930's. He figured prominently in many other cases over the years. He was a credit to his people.