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Tony FITZHARDINGE (9 Bty & RHQ) who has now done the right thing by our former WAAF football barracker, no doubt is busy designing a new garden city for Fremantle.

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Rex BISHOP is at present holidaying in New Zealand -- a pleasant trip Rex, and we hope some interesting tit-bits for this column will be the result.

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Congratulations to Rol TONKIN (7 Bty P.O.W.) and Karl KOSKA (7 Bty P.O.W.) for their M.I.D.; also to Frank JORGENSEN (8 Bty) who recently rescued an old lady from being burnt to death at Bendigo.

This concludes our issue of the Bulletin, which we hope you have enjoyed reading, and your further help and suggestions will be most welcome.

Subscriptions are now due for the ensuing year.

Cheerio to all!

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Committee,

W. E. KERR,

Hon. Secretary.

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