

# COBBERS

**A DIGGER** who served in both World Wars—Alan Richards, of Carnamah, West Australia — has written to R.S.L. Victorian Headquarters, seeking aid from Victorians.

He says: "I had a wonderful collection of unit histories, but a fire destroyed it.

"I have replaced many items, and some Victorians may help me rebuild the whole collection, or advise me where I can buy copies."

The 1st A.I.F. units whose histories he is seeking are the 5 Bn., 7 Bn., and 24 Bn. He particularly wants a book "Red and White Diamonds" written by Sgt. Harvey, of the 24th.

"Calling Old Cobbers" will be on the air tomorrow afternoon.

John Hetherington, former war correspondent, and one of the originators of the column, will be interviewed by Gordon Bell on *Argus* stations 3SR, 3YB and 3UL.

This programme, the first of a series linked with "Cobbers" column, will be broadcast from 3SR and 3UL at 2.50 p.m., and from 3YB at 3 p.m.

## Today's call

First call today is from **George Marchant**, ex-46 Bn. and 37 Bn., 1st A.I.F. He wants to know what has happened to an old army mate, **Norman Fraser**, 46 Bn., who came from Tambo Crossing.

The last time he saw Norm was at Codford, England, in 1917. George's phone number is Ferntree Gully 246.

**Dick Stevens**, better

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**Dick Stevens**, better known as "Tarzan" to his cobbers of 9 Div. Cav. is at present holidaying in Melbourne. He would like old army comrades to contact him at the Metropolitan Hotel, William st., Melbourne.

**Ex-Pte. Bert Edwards**, 7 Hall st., Brunswick, formerly of the A.S.C. (World War II), wants to hear from his old mate "**Happy Jones**. He last saw "Happy" in Geraldton.

**Wally Laclimas** wants to hear from any of his old Army mates who were in

the Fortress Engineers or the Chemical Warfare Coy. in World War II.

Wally has re-enlisted, and is wearing two stripes. His address is School of Infantry, Seymour.

**Keith Haig**, 5 Church st., South Melbourne, one time of 11 Platoon, B Coy., 2 2 Pioneers, wants to get in touch with **Ex-Pte. "Westy" Westgarth**, formerly of 12 Platoon, 2 2 Pioneers. Pte. Westgarth's home was in Benalla.

**H. E. "Duck" Hemingway**, of Shepparton, formerly of 147 A.G.H. Tpt., would like a call from **Ex-Pte. Ferguson**, who was in 126 A.G.H. Tpt.

He thinks Pte. Ferguson came from Oakleigh. They last met at Wewak, at the end of World War II. "Duck's" phone number is Shepparton 145, but he won't be back there from Melbourne until Monday.

Another Shepparton Digger, **M. Macarty**, 93 Wyndham st., who served in 7 Bn., wants to contact

Wyndham st., who served in 7 Bn., wants to contact **Ted Bourke**, another 7 Bn. lad, who once lived at Swan Hill. They haven't met since December, 1945.