

PETE'S

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Hello, Kids,

There is brighter news this month of our good friend, David Tribe, of Walgett, who has now almost completely recovered from multiple injuries he received in a very nasty road smash on January 31.



Four pretty Hawaiian maids of Walgett, (from left) Donna Ward, Gloria Nean, Barbara Fernando and Christine Cubby

Douglas Fernando warbles a Hawaiian lullaby for his dancing partner, Lawrence Dennis



David's car, as you will remember, was involved in a head-on collision near Bathurst as he was returning to teaching duties at Walgett Central School. He received broken ribs, a neck injury and lacerations to the face. He spent some time in Bathurst Hospital before convalescing at his parents' home at Manly so that he could seek a specialist's attention in Sydney.

Last month we are happy to say, he was declared fit and he has returned to Walgett. We'll wager he got a warm welcome home particularly from the kids he did so much for at this year's Summer Camp.

During his Christmas vacation in Sydney, David brought me news and pictures of a wonderful Far West concert at Walgett Station. One of the star turns was the Hula dance in which six talented youngsters took part. They are Barbara Fernando, Gloria Nean, Donna Ward, Christine Cubby, Douglas Fernando and Lawrence Dennis.

The girl dancers with flowers in their hair looked most attractive in their Hawaiian skirts which were the work of Mrs. Frank Anthony.

The boys, Douglas and Lawrence, provided a rousing musical accompaniment for the dancing with Douglas tunelessly strumming a home-made bush guitar. The natural humor of the gay little performers won the hearts of the audience.

The hula item was encored in the second-half of the concert when Mrs. Newton, of Cumborah, sang a beautiful accompaniment.

Good work, kids, and many more happy concerts.

Your sincere pal,

Pete

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The Queen smiles as she receives a bouquet of flowers from 10 year-old junior legatee, Robin Weir, before the Pageant of Nationhood began at the Showground. The State Premier, Mr. Heffron and the Duke of Edinburgh look on.

—A Sunday Telegraph picture