



DOVER BAY AND ADAMSON'S PEAK : no A20 problems there!

The long reach of the *Newsletter* :

New Zealand, no less!

BUDGE ADAMS

Mrs Marion Griffin (No. 451), our most distant member, in Nelson, N.Z. received the August *Newsletter* by surface mail in the early part of October. Mrs Griffiths lived and worked in Tasmania from 1986 to 1991 and when she read the "Worldwide Dovers" page in the *Newsletter* immediately gathered together some very interesting information, some brochures and some photographs of a small town in Tasmania which is, curiously enough, the most distant Dover: all of which I received seven days after our journal was delivered! (*Which is exemplary coming from any member, anywhere.*)

I quote from an interesting little publication of the Tasmanian Visitor Corporation which genuinely and without hyperbole describes an area full of interest. It begins, "The Municipality of Esperance is Australia's most southern province, the main towns being Geeveston, Dover and Southport (formerly Hythe) . . . The Municipality also includes Macquarie Island, some 840 nautical miles to the south". After stating that Geeveston, with a population of about 1300, is the administrative centre of the Municipality the brochure goes on to say:-

"Some 20 km further south is the township of Dover. The descent into Dover has an old world atmosphere derived from a seaport village settled in the 1850's.

On entering the town the broad sheltered waters of Port Esperance are revealed. Off the beaches crayfish and abalone fishing boats are moored and on a still day the reflections of these vessels and the spectacular Adamson's Peak would delight any photographer. There are three islands in the bay, Faith, Hope and Charity and beyond these across the southern part of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel * is Bruny Island.

"Dover has been a popular holiday place since the last century, with fishing and the picturesque scenery being the initial attractions. Now holiday makers can enjoy . . . golf and bushwalk-ing and may also visit the largest Atlantic salmon farm in the Southern Hemisphere. There are a number of scenic drives and day trips out of the town, whilst the many beaches offer unspoilt white sand for strolling, picnickng and swimming . . ."

"Dover shops are the last major stores on the road south. Travellers should fill with petrol and stock up with provisions if they intend lengthy exploration . . . Petrol, oil, tyres and other driving needs are well catered for in the centre of the town. The town has three fish processing factories . . . The Forestry Commission has a large office in Dover . . . and the Commission is proud of its forward planning in forest regeneration."



DOVER, TASMANIA

* Named after the commander of the first European vessel to explore these waters – in 1792. Recherche Bay, about 30 miles south of Dover, preserves the name of his ship.

Mrs Griffin was born in Dover. Her mother, an octogenarian Dovorian who maintains a lively interest in the town, lived for many years in Bartholomew Street and is now with her daughter in New Zealand.

A LUCKY FIND

Using the *Times Atlas* a few days ago in the course of a search for some information concerning the Near East I came upon a Dover in Israel – something I did not expect to find. It is just south of the border with Lebanon at 33.03N, 35.25E if you care to check.

My search for information to fill in the blanks in the list published in the August *Newsletter* has been most successful. My thanks to Mrs J. Pearce, Miss Philomena Kennedy and her sister in the U.S., Mrs Marion Griffin and Mrs Ruth Curry (remember the Dickens Evening?) who, between them, provided the (almost) final details.