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K W Hansen	A Shewan	F B Duncan-	R Sweeney
B S Fielding	G J Bowden	Kemp	D E Stanton
R V Bentley	W B Gardiner	B Webb	N R Stevens
W R Grimshaw	D J Bermingham	C J Chetter	M A Paterson
B F Fielding	C Sellwood	R E Jones	P H Lewis
W L Potter	D V Dwyer	W K Cameron	A K Streeter
B E Howard	C H W Phillips	J V Lambley	C D Streeter
E Nash	S G Mortimer	E H Holzheimer	A J Kingston
G Ferguson	W Richardson	A A Little	C T Flanagan
T Spinolo	N R Brown	D Booth	H D Deveney
T R Schubert	E R Schmidt	J D Downie	D Cameron
R A Erbacher	J J Howard	C A Weldon	W P Nenan
R Anderson	I R Beezley	C S Fielding	C A Bates
G S Wassell	H K Oliver	D C Petersen	C M McCulloch
A Looyenga	M Rodner	G Fenton	N Walker
R J Henry	D Forrest	D Jackson	L Chapman
F R Scoines	O L Stanley	C J Hansen	A Larson
D Schneider	R Linnane	W G Elms	D S Dahl
A L Sugden	W A Collins	E Veness	M Stockbridge
I W Steel	A R Trevor	V Duke	H E A Phillips
N Collins	C R Boughton	N R Brown	F O G Phillips
T K Bohan	S E Wendt	C Dahl	G O Martin
J A Dahl	J Beck	K Wright	H E Phillips
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K J Wise	B J Austin	M Bridge	J Coumessos
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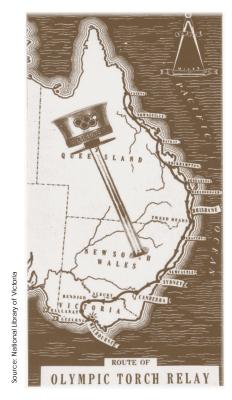
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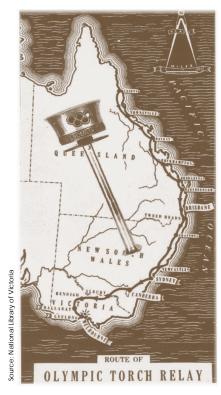


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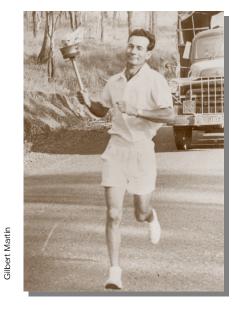


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