

Both Mr and Mrs Rees expressed their thanks to the boys and said it was a pleasure to have had them there, as they were so co-operative and the best behaved in the whole party. Such co-operation and behaviour made their task ever so much easier. They said they cherish their little gift-not for its monetary value but for the fine spirit that prompted the Palm Island boys to give it to them.

After lunch a special tram conveyed all the boys to the station and the home ward journey then began. Arrangements were made by the Department of Native Affairs for meals to be provided along the way and the courtesy and attention given to our boys by the railway staff both on the train and in the refreshment rooms deserves our sincere thanks and gratitude.

On the way home on the Wondi, Mr Krause who was in charge of the party of Palm Islanders, presented George Ryan with a cigarette lighter and cigarette holder in appreciation of the great assistance he had been throughout the whole tour, acting as his assistant manager. George's attention to the boys needs was only surpassed by his desire that they should be a credit to their Settlement and I must say, in conclusion, that it was the finest trip I have had anywhere with our Palm Island boys.

George, in reply, also expressed his pleasure at the way the team as a whole had conducted itself and said it was the happiest trip he had ever had with the Palm Island boys.

Our sincere thanks are due firstly to the Hon. the Minister - Mr Moore for making possible this display and visit to Brisbane and to the Director, Deputy Director of Native Affairs and Mr Davis of Head Office for the part they played in organising the whole affair. Lastly but by no means least we wish to thank all those who assisted in caring for our boys throughout the whole of the tour. We would not forget our Superintendent (Mr. Sturges) for his readiness to assist in letting these boys represent their Settlement on this very notable occasion, and his personal interest in the whole venture, his advice has been most helpful.