

Albert Charles (Charlie) Liekefett

Albert Charles Liekefett was born in Kenilworth on 8 May 1905, the 10th of 12 children. His father, Heinrich Christian Wilhelm Liekefett was one of the first white settlers in the Kenilworth area. He attended school at Kidaman Creek and worked as a truck driver, labourer and timber worker. His early first aide was self taught. He made an ointment very similar to Rawleighs.

On 1 Nov 1937 Charlie was appointed "organiser and car attendant" at the Maleny Ambulance at a salary of £78 per year and was appointed a permanent bearer from 1 July 1940. He was promoted to the rank of Superintendent in July 1942 when Maleny became a self-governing centre.

When he retired in 1948, Maleny Ambulance had a 'very fine building free of debt'. He was presented with a travelling bag and a wallet of notes amounting to £100.0.0. In his later years he was a First Aider at the Downey Netball courts in Brisbane.



Kidaman Creek School, 1914

Back Row from left: Ethel Bofinger, Jim McKinnon, Bob Liekefett, K. McKinnon, Cecil Bofinger, Ben Liekefett, Neville Jordan and Ivy Jordan.
Front Row from left: Sam McKinnon, Charles Liekefett, Eric Liekefett, Frank Jordan, Albert Woods, Vivian Jordan, Coral McKinnon, Tom Woods and Alice Woods.



SEND-OFF TO FORMER AMBULANCE SUPERINTENDENT

A capacity house on Friday night in the Maleny School of Arts was the occasion for a public farewell to Mr. C. A. Liekefett, late superintendent of the Maleny Ambulance. Mr. J. A. Grigor (president) presided, and with him on the stage were representatives of various centres. Mr. Grigor stated that Mr. Liekefett had been associated with the Maleny Ambulance since 1935, and was appointed superintendent in 1943. The president eulogised the work of Mr. Liekefett, stating that it was mainly through his efforts that the Maleny Ambulance was in a sound financial position. It was to Mr. Liekefett they were much indebted for the opening of their very fine building free of debt. Messrs. Wickham (Beerwah), Grundon (Conondale), Rennie (Peachester) and Bretton (Crohamburst) also added their eulogies of the guest. Mr. Grigor, on behalf of Maleny and district, presented to Mr. Liekefett a travelling bag and a wallet of notes amounting to £100, and wished him every success.

A welcome was extended to Mr. A. W. Myers (appointed superintendent from 23 applications) and Mrs. Myers. Mr. Myers expressed appreciation of the welcome, and assured them of his best endeavours for the Ambulance in the district.

Jefferies' band supplied dance music, and Mr. V. Jessup was M.C. Supper was provided by the ladies.