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**NEXT TWO MEETINGS:** At the Gallipoli Memorial Club 12-14 Loftus St. Sydney, commencing at 1400 hrs. (lunch available in the Dining ROOM between 1200 and 1400 hrs.)

**TUESDAY 23rd JAN.** Normal Monthly Meeting, commencing at 1400 hrs. Committee will meet at 1115hrs.

**TUESDAY 27th FEB.** Annual General Meeting at 1400hrs. Committee will meet at 1115 hours.

**"W.O.G". PRODUCTION:** -Refer to Roster Composition of Production Teams and the Date(s), Programme, as published in December "W.O.G." (1989).

(at 1000 hrs. daily).

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY. FEB. 20th. & 21st.** Printer Team 3. (Larry Dooley & Doug Rodder).

**THURSDAY. FEB 22nd.** Team 4. (Jim & Jean Forman, Alex & Jean Maxwell, Vic Forbes, "Slim" Venn, Gordon Crisp, (and anyone who would like to attend,) A special welcome to our new Team Member Alan Good, who with Team Member John Ringrose, is learning the Mailing process of "W.O.G."

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**THURSDAY FEB. 1st.** John Ringrose's mixed day at Forestville R.S.L. Club - 1045 hrs club commencement. Booking essential via John on (02)451 5761, not later than Monday 29th. January.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:(cont).

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2nd. Newcastle Region Monthly Meeting at Hamilton R.S.L.Club,  
(1st Friday) 1700 hrs.onward - convener George Mitchell on(049)672182.  
(note the change in time.)(See paragraph page 7.)

WEDNESDAY FEB.14th. Central Coast Region's Monthly Meeting at Gosford R.S.L.  
(2nd Wednesday). Club - 1130 hrs.onward-convenors-Jack Partridge(043)67761  
and Wally Mangan (043)69 2353.

TUESDAY FEB.27th. Ladies luncheon at City Tattersalls Club. Arrive 1200 to  
1215 hrs.onward.  
NOTE: This is a new venue,so please phone Heather Fox on  
(02)416 1200,not later than Thursday 22nd.February so that  
adequate table reservations can be made.

A MOST IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER:

On the 10th January 1940 the first contingent of the 2/4th Aust.Inf.Battalion  
sailed from Sydney on the R.M.S.Strathnaver,to the Middle East,and,at this point  
of time,50 years later,we must remember them: They were the ones who started  
the Tradition,which to-day is the Great 2/4th. Battalion Association.

DATES TO REMEMBER:  
11th,11th,and 12th.  
February, 1990.

MORTAR PLATOON GET TOGETHER. NAROOMA 1990.

Arrive and depart to suit yourself.If accomodation has not  
already been booked VAN VILLAGE CARAVAN PARK has units  
and sites available.Mention Tom Mort's booking so as to  
be in the same area. Those not staying at Van Village will  
make their own arrangements as usual.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE OR NOT with Tom Mort,  
32 Noble Pde, Dalmeny.N.S.W.2546. Phone,(044)75 7994.  
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:-

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of the 2/4th  
Infantry Battalion Association will be held at The Gallipoli Memorial Club,12  
14 Loftus St,Sydney,on Tuesday 27th.February 1990,commencing at 1400 hours.

Business and Agenda:

1. Declare Meeting Open and call for one (1) minute's silence in memory of  
our Fallen and Departed Comrades ----- President.
2. Welcome to Members and Visitors ----- President.
3. Call for Apologies ----- President.
4. Minutes of 1989 Annual General Meeting.. President requests Minutes Secty.&  
Minutes Confirmed.
5. Business arising from Minutes.
6. Correspondence IN and OUT.
7. Reports- President;Secretary;Treasurer including Balance Sheet and Finan-  
cial Statement; Editor; Welfare Officer; Pensions Officer; 6 Division  
Representatives.
8. Adoption of Reports.
9. Confirm Life Membership Awards as/if recommended by the Committee.
10. Motions for which Notice have properly been given prior to January Meeting.
11. Election of President,Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:  
President declares all positions vacant and (as/if appropriate) appoints a  
Returning Officer for the election of the President.
12. Incoming President(if present,or Chairman of the Meeting)assumes the Chair  
and continues with election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.  
(a) Senior Vice-President; (b) Country/Regional and Interstate Vice-Pres-  
idents; (c) Secretary (d) Assistant/Minutes Secretary;(e)Treasurer;  
(f) Editor;(g) Welfare Officer; (h) Pensions Officer (i)Committee-eight(8)  
Members to be elected,one of whom shall be elected Welfare Officer;  
(j)Liaison Officer to the Gallipoli Memorial Club.
13. Patron, if present,to address the Meeting.
14. Meeting closed.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT- JANUARY 1990.

To all Members and friends of the 2/4th.Infantry Battalion Association.

What a pleasure it is to present this report for the successful year ending  
February,1990.

I said in last years report,that,with such a busy year ahead,it was necess-  
ary for our Association to work as a team,and what a team effort this year has  
been.It goes to show,what can be achieved,when such a team effort as ours take  
up the challenge,and work with such effort for the benefit of all 2/4th.Assn.  
Members.

Our 50th. Anniversary Celebrations showed, in their results,the work,that  
went into their organization. Again the team effort paid off.I am sure that the  
committee and their Ladies were justly proud of the success of each function.  
Each and everyone concerned appreciated the dozens of letters of congratulations  
that poured in from near and far,also the personal thanks expressed by all in  
attendance. I and all concerned were pleased to serve you on such an important  
occasion.

The coach tour to Darwin-Kakadu gave all on board the opportunity of see-  
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seeing the area of our training around Adelaide River. We were thankful for the arrangements of Bob and Pat Rixon of "Oolaroo" Station, in gaining permission for our entry to our area, which is private property. Also the Commanding Officer and Members of "Norforce" for the hospitality extended to us at Larrakeah Barracks.

The Association Membership continues to increase, despite the sad loss of so many members. This can be attributed to two main factors, firstly, the joining of many 2/1st. Field Regiment personnel, and secondly to the results of the advertisement in Reveille, concerning our 50th. Anniversary. Many new Members joined up with us.

During the year, very reluctantly, Ted Fox had to resign as editor of "W.O.G." through ill health. What a job both Ted and Heather and their band of helpers have done, many, many thanks. Pat Bruty stepped into the breach, and for his early efforts, he had to report on our 50th Celebrations. Well done Pat, many thanks. "White over Green" is our "Lifeblood" and so much appreciated by all.

George and Heather Mitchell has next year's country re-union at Dubbo, well on the move. I must ask all Members to register early, George would really appreciate this.

To all Association Members, who have suffered the loss of "Loved Ones" during the year, we express our deep sympathy. To all in "Ill Health" I wish you a speedy recovery. After all, nothing matters much at our age, except "Good Health"

Our Association has been well represented at many and varied functions during the year, my appreciation to all for your loyal support.

To our most outstanding Patron, Sir Ivan; Sir, we must say our humble thanks for your efforts and patronage to the 2/4th. There have been many occasions, when you have had the task of deciding where to attend, but your support to us has been outstanding. During the year, your health has not been the best, our prayers are for a great improvement in the coming year.

I have made a booking to represent the Association at the 75th. Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in April, and will be supported by other members on this special occasion.

Again, this year we have had the support of the Gallipoli Memorial Club, not only for our Meetings, but for functions and "W.O.G." production. Harry, this is most appreciated by all.

To all Members, and their Families-- "Good Health and Happiness" for the ensuing year. Any Association is only as strong as it's Member's allow. Each and every one of you are the Association. Many thanks for your support.

Another year has passed, it has been an honour and a privilege to again serve you as President. Our achievement's for the year speak for themselves. If elected, I am prepared to again serve you for 1990, and look forward to your continued support.

To Doreen especially, and to all Ladies, thanks for your guidance, assistance and support, it has been wonderful. "Keep up the Good Work".

Respectfully Submitted,

Alf Carpenter

January 1990.

## PENSION OFFICER'S FOR YEAR 1989.

- SCORE TO DATE: 32- Disability Pension enquiries and applications.  
20- Appearance at Veterans Review Board on behalf of members and member's widows.  
3- Arrangements for legal aid attendance at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Of the above I have obtained a 75% result in the applicant's favour. However with the present set up, results are becoming harder to obtain.

I can only suggest that any members who are currently dissatisfied with their present rate of Disability Pension, to apply immediately for an increase.

Progression of disability due to age is quite a good justification. Remember, none of us are getting any younger.

I have been happy to have been of service to Members and Widows.

John Hawkins,

Pension's Officer.

## SECRETARYS REPORT FOR YEAR 1989.

Well so passes another year in the history of a Great Association, and what a great year it has been.

Anzac Day as usual was well attended, with once again a few making the effort from other states.

Monthly Meeting's are also well attended and we still get a few who drop in from the country and other States. These Members are always welcome.

Early, during the year the Front Line Medal came into being, and this was a long project owing to the hold up in the delivery from the co-ordinators. The last batch did not arrive until the end of November, and I delayed posting-owing to the Xmas mail rush, as one had already gone astray from the first mailing. By the time you read this, all those who have applied should have their medal. This is now finalised but, I have a few to spare, so, first in best dressed. We will not be



SECRETARY'S REPORT(cont)

ordering more, details later.

Naturally the highlight of the year was the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of the unit in 1939. I will not dwell on the subject as plenty has, or will, be written about it. They said it could not be done but, President Alf and his team proved them all wrong.

A credit to a devoted team-to conduct a full week of celebrations without a hitch. If there was any it was quickly rectified by the team without the "other ranks" knowing. Thanks to all who made it so.

There is one more thing I would like to say, and that is, what a great pity the men who originally formed the Association in 1945 did not live to see the fruits of their labour, J. Morrison, W. McNab, Bob Cook and others, I can not name, we owe them a lot.

Looking forward to another great year in 1990.

Fred Staggs Secretary.

EDITOR'S REPORT.

First: I would like to thank Ted Fox and Heather for their help during my first three months as editor.

Secondly: The Printing, Wrapping and Mailing Teams for their support. I can not single out any names, but thank you folks, for always being on "deck"- the three days every month in which we are in production.

Since taking over the job, the photocopier machine has worked well, sometimes there is a stoppage & thanks to modern technology, the machine pin-points the trouble on a screen attached to the machine, so the operator can then go to that point exactly, and fix the trouble.

With the updating of the Nominal Roll to computer operation, and the valuable assistance of Les Jones and John Holland, with his personal computer, I am sure the production of "W.O.G." will again be on time every month as has been the case in the previous years.

President Alf has thanked Harry Gjedsted and the Gallipoli Memorial Club for the co-operation we receive in our Editorial function, and I wish to endorse what he said.

Pat Bruty Editor.

REPORT FROM NORM AUBERSON SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Reflecting on the events of 1989 I am sure everyone would agree-what a wonderful year the 2/4 th Assn. has had.

Firstly the Anzac Day parade, which I must say was great, as we can still show the bystanders that we have not forgotten the training we were given back in the 40's. Then the fantastic get together later at the water hole "The Gallipoli Club", where all the true stories are told.

We then had the Church Parades, firstly the Greece and Crete march followed by the Church Service next day at the Garrison Church. Secondly the 4th. Battalion's parade at St. Anne's at Homebush. At these parades I feel we should make a little more effort to attend.

Now we move to the major event of the year, the 50th Anniversary Week. This would be the greatest week the Battalion has experienced since the 40's. Everything went to plan; this was only made possible by everyone doing his bit. It was a week I certainly will always remember, and I am sure you will all agree.

I would like to thank all our State Vice-Presidents for keeping us in touch with our Members all over Australia.

In closing, Nita and I wish you all more than you wish yourselves in 1990.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT and Financial Statement is to be published in February "W.O.G."

WELFARE REPORT 29th DECEMBER 1989. FROM HARRY WRIGHT.

Visited in Concord: NX148. Sir Ivan Dougherty. Ward 430-610. Sir Ivan had hernia operation, was discharged and re-admitted a few days later, having suffered a slight stroke. Now home.

NX3952 Wal Honey Ward 420. Prostate operation. Discharged.

NX42700 Barnett A (Pat) Ward 7, throat problem, not well, discharged.

NX11186 Fox Les Ward 630. Seriously ill.

NX172321 Adams John, Ward 430. Complications after hip re-placement.

Visited at Lismore Hospital: NX46276 Gardner J.R. (Bob) Seriously ill. Has had major surgery.

Belle Sadler is now home after her stroke. Had physiotherapy at Lidcombe hospital, then had a short stay down the South Coast.

Joan Lawson: Some weeks ago broke a leg and was in the Shellharbour Private Hospital, Captain Cook Drive, Barrack Heights.

**LAST POST**



NX 5241 KEY W.H.  
NX 39890 EWBANK J.R.

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Welfare Officer Harry Wright will not be giving an Annual Welfare Report for 1989. He thinks that with his Monthly Reports, all aspects of the Welfare field has been covered by those reports.

All Association Members thank you Harry and your supporters for a splendid job. Well done boys. (editor)

(P.T.O.)



# 2/4TH.AUST.INF.BATTALION MEDAL.

Please fill in the following form if you are interested in purchasing the BATTALION MEDAL. Return form to Secretary Fred Staggs.

Note: This is not an order form, the form is to get an idea as to how many are going to purchase the Medal and a firm order can be placed with the manufacturer. THE COST OF THE MEDAL has not been established at this point of time.

# ORDER FORM 2/4th AUST.INF.BATTALION MEDAL.

NAME(in block letters)-----

ADDRESS-----

POSTCODE-----

REGIMENTAL NO.-----

NO. OF BARS-----

\* Indicates Campaign's Member served in,

# FOR SALE.

50th. ANNIVERSARY SPOONS HAVE BEEN RE-ORDERED AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE.COST: \$5.PLUS \$1.PACKING AND POSTAGE.AVAILABLE FROM THE TREASURER.

# FRONT LINE MINIATURE MEDALS

ALSO FULL SIZE RIBBONS AND MOUNTING SAME.

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50 LACKEY ST,SUMMER HILL,  
N.S.W.2130.(02)798 6113.

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# TREASURER'S "CASH REGISTER" REPORT FOR NOVEMBER (which was omitted from Dec.

"W.O.G.")

MEMBER:	SUBS.-\$:	DONATION-\$
Ted Burbidge, John Falla- Each		40.00.
Roy Andrews, Bill Sheaffe, R.Carter, Claude Raymond, Mrs.R.Lowe. Each.		20.00.
Des Finch.	6.00.	14.00.
Mrs.J.Chaseling, Mark Whitty, Miss.R.Blackstock, Len Smith. Each.		10.00.
Peter Leslie, Ron Williams- Each	6.00.	4.00.
Mrs.V.Sheaffe.		2.00.
J.C.Clark.		1.00.
Wally Shaw.(Life Membership)	50.00.	
	68.00.	245.00.

Combined Total \$313.

# TREASURER'S "CASH REGISTER" REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

MEMBER:	SUBS.-\$.	DONATION-\$.
Mrs.L.Pollock		40.00.
Frank Pohlmann, Mrs.N.Samuels- Each.		20.00.
Fred Morrow.	12.00	8.00.
Dou 'linger	6.00	6.00.
A.R.(Max)McAllan, Ernie Gumbleton, Jack Kean, Bernie Mahy. Each.	6.00.	4.00.
Ken Trudgeon *, Eunice Dougherty, Ron Small, Laurie Crispin, Ken Watt. Each.	6.00.	
	72.00.	110.00.

\* New member. Combined Total \$182.

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# DUBBO REUNION. BOOKING'S RECEIVED AND DEPOSIT'S PAID AS AT 31 DEC.1989.

From George Mitchell.

Jack & Eunice Dubber, Lou & Shirley Dubber, N.&R.Allardice, J&M.Schiebel, Tom Gorman D&B. Cunningham, J&J Forman & Rita Fox, G&H Mitchell, A.Carpenter, D.Manuel, Esther Owen, Joan Bunting, "Bobo" & Joyce Bertram, P&B Dalla, Elsie Bradford, H&M Elliot, F&E Crutchett, Ross & Jean Smith, R&Y Maczkowiak.

PLEASE NOTE: DEPOSIT \$10.00. PER.PERSON.

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# CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Sid Young's new address is:-

SID YOUNG.

103 RIVER ST,

MACLEAN.N.S.W.2463.

A special thanks, also apologies to Jean Maxwell. I have been informed that Jean was the main organizer for the catering on the Ferry Cruise, so sorry I missed you in the Harbour Cruise Report Jean. A job well done and appreciated by all.

I reported in Dec "W.O.G." "Igleburn Re-visited" (A flag from the Assn. was presented to 4th/3rd Bn. by John Meehan) should have read presented by Pres. Alf. Carpenter.

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SITREPS:-From Jack Partridge Gosford.

While at Tamworth attending the 2/18th Battalion P.O.W. Re-Union, I visited and enjoyed a good yarn with Dave Peters and Hilton Burt and his good wife Mavis.

I also visited "Snowy" Mooresin North Gosford Hospital, who is recovering after an operation for sun spots on the face. "Snow" also informed me that next day 20th. October 1989. was the 50th. Anniversary of him joining the army. (To Jack, please accept my apologies for this late report which was given to me I think, the first week I became editor.) Ed.

VICTORIAN NEWS FROM BILL PANTER.

How opportune it happened to be Remembrance Day when the Melbourne contingent got together at the Caulfield R.S.L. to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our wonderful White over Green, and when Vice President Claude Raymond proposed the toast to our departed comrades, I am sure each one thought of one of our mates from all those years ago or perhaps one who has passed on in recent times.

We had quite a good roll up with Claude and Nan Raymond, Lance & Gwen Cutcliffe. Jim and Betty Barrow, Ken and Joan Williams, Merv & Rose Hicks, Russ & Sue Maddern, Bill & Phyll Stevens, Merv & Claire Jones, and yours truly and Bonnie Panter.

Those who had travelled to Sydney for the Re-Union were able to relate what a wonderful week it was and a credit to the Committee for the hard work and planning they must have put in over the last 12 months for our benefit.

Personally, I have never felt so proud as I did when George Walton and myself were asked to carry the Banner at our march, it was indeed an honour. I would also like to thank Pat Bruty for making that beautiful shield which I was fortunate enough to win at the Dinner. I will treasure it for life and I took it with me for our Melbourne boys to admire. We were also very proud of Doug Christian for his part in the Church Service. Merv Jones and Claire were very busy the whole week with their new Video camera and we are looking forward to seeing the results of their effort. Russ Maddern said he would have dearly loved to go to Sydney but unfortunately his health would not permit this. Jack Lyons is quite content living in the R.S.L. Village at Frankston and is about to take a holiday trip to Thailand.

Finally, a big thank you to Alf. Carpenter and his hard working Committee for their wonderful hospitality to make our stay such a memorable one.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS FROM DOUG SLINGER:-

Most of our 2/4th. Battalion Members and their Ladies who live around Perth and Fremantle attended our W.A. Xmas Party and luncheon, held at the Perth Anzac Club on Wed. 29th. November, and everyone who was there seemed to have a very enjoyable afternoon together.

Our Ladies bought lots of nice things for us to nibble on whilst we had a few drinks, and Raema Guthrie provided a Christmas Cake decorated with the White over Green colours, and as Ross Elliot was the only Crete Veteran in attendance, He was given the honour of cutting the cake. Raema also made gifts of very attractive pot holders for each Lady in attendance. I take this opportunity to thank all of our Girl's for their part in creating a Festive Season atmosphere for the event.

Everyone who was at the Party were delighted after reading "W.O.G" that the 2/4th. 50th Re-union in Sydney was a big success, and we congratulate all who were involved in organizing the various functions. We were unable to come to the reunion, but, we are proud to have served with the Battalion.

The following 2/4th. Members and their ladies were in attendance; June Day, Lily Deacon, Edna Ding (Sister of the late Jack Chaseling), Ross & Mona Elliot, Wally & Thela Evans, Don & Raema Guthrie, Jim & Betty Lawrence, Ted & RITA McDowell, John Storey, Ces & Thelma Smith, Doug & Wilma Slinger, and Babs Robinson/

Apologies from "Dasher" Deacon, who is not well and I am sorry to report this, also apologies from Vern & Loris Townsend.

DOUG REPORTS: He is very busy lately, and in his letter, mentions that in the three weeks prior to Xmas, has attended seven different luncheons and dinners, including a special "do" with the 2/11th. Assn., also the T.P.I. Association.

(Keep up the good work DOUG, because without your communications to us here in the East, we would be at a loss, to know what was really happening in the West.)

Thank again Doug, a great effort. (Editor)

THE LISMORE CHRISTMAS BASH FROM PETER CADE:

PREAMBLE: At the BBQ at the Kirks' on the Sunday a bloke told me to make sure that I wrote up the week-end for "W.O.G". This Bloke is a Past Editor and a Past President also a past Officer, well perhaps not quite not that far past as he habitually still gives orders to the right and to the left. When I asked him how much he said, "As you see fit". Actually, I saw fit to tell him to do it himself but my courage evaporated.

Hopefully, Allan Kirk will send in an official report with the home front type details and allow this to be a sort of visitor's observation thing.

The official dinner was held at the East Lismore Bowling Club and official guests were John and Mrs Singh and Peter and Mrs. Leslie of the Golf Club but Peter is part of us anyway. The dinner was in the form of a smorgasbord with a large selection, and very tasty and a credit to the club and ladies that prepared and served it. The bar service was of equal standard and the 80 or so

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THE LISMORE XMAS BASH (Cont)

people attending showed their appreciation with acclamation.

Missing from the gathering was Bob Gardiner of Kyogle, laid up in Lismore Base Hospital following major surgery. Several members visited him during the week-end. Hope we weren't too much for you Yappy- get well soon.

About 40 people showed up to the BBQ at Kirk's on Sunday and that was understandable considering the charm of the hostess, Carma.

Cooking duties were taken over by Alf Carpenter and Peter Leslie of the Golf Club and if it comes to a vote they will be cooking next year too.

Observations: Host ALLEN, deposed from the cooking job talked and mixed with the guests and even sat down whenever Bill Mitchell and Mel McGuinness weren't knocking his chair off.

With the table service the Ladies did a fine job allowing us lazy louts to sit there and lap up the attention.

Harry Wright and Alex Maxwell kept telling Peter Cade to "Go bag your head". Not very couth at all, those blokes.

Listening to Bruce Cork telling a joke is like running a video tape backwards, you get the punch line first.

And as a personal note, Carma would not allow me to call a cab to catch the train home. She drove me up to the station herself- same as last year. Thank you Carma. Guess who will be at Lismore again, next year.

NEWCASTLE REGION XMAS DINNER FROM GEORGE MITCHELL.

Sat. Dec. 9th. Newcastle held its annual Xmas Party at the Hamilton R.S.L. Club, those in attendance were: George and Heather Mitchell, Doug and Deidre Milne, Alf Carpenter and Doreen Manuel, Pat & Gwen Bruty, Jack & Mary Partridge, Lionel Clarke, Wall & Connie Mangan, Ian & Enid Ferguson, Alex & Meg Arnott, Mervyn & Doreen Brown, Joe & Gwen Bohle, Harold Tresidder, Bill Phillips, Ron Green, Kath & Kobe Mitchell, Robbie Robson & Mona, Les Jones, Esther Owens, "Bo Bo" Bertram and Joyce. Apologies from: Chris and Shirley Geelan, George & Joan Thompson, Alec & Jack, Guy Mitchell, George & Margaret Friend, Cliff & Aileen Curran, Alec Miller, John & Margaret Ray and Bill Lloyd.

After a sit down dinner, the raffle was drawn by Mary Partridge and Doreen Brown, and some of the winners were Connie Mangan, Gwen Bruty & Meg Arnott.

Reflections; A good time was had by all in attendance, and our thank's must go to Heather and George for organizing the dinner, also, to Hamilton R.S.L. Swimming Club for their generous donations.

All Members of the 2/4th at the dinner would like to thank the Members of the Artillery who attended, also our visitors, from Sydney, Gosford & Denman.

There is one sad note- on Thursday 28th. December we had a severe earthquake in Newcastle, and by all accounts Hamilton R.S.L. suffered structural damage and at this point of time is closed. As readers of "W.O.G." know, in particular Newcastle Members, we have our Monthly "get together" at Hamilton R.S.L. We are at present waiting for word of the extent of the damage, so Newcastle Members who come to our Meetings on a regular basis will be informed by George Mitchell as to the venue of the next "get together" on 2nd. February.

2/4TH. BATTALION ASSOCIATION. XMAS "GET TOGETHER" GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB.  
12-14 LOFTUS ST. SYDNEY. 6TH. DECEMBER 1989.

the year 1989 draws to a close I attended the 2/4th Xmas "get together" at the Gallipoli Memorial Club and those in attendance were:- A. Carpenter, D. Manuel, T & H Fox, J & Y Dooley, W & C Mangan, J & N Hawkins, R & O Everson, A & M Arnott, J & E Sumner, A & J Maxwell, H & H Wright, V. Forbes, M. Fraser, N & N Auberson, K & F Kesteven, P & M Cade, J & J Ringrose, L. Jones, A. Good, H. Newhouse, A. Heath, P. Bruty, R. Williams, "Slim" Venn, F. Rowell, F. Staggs, R. Smith (Water Board) Dick Pinson, "Tich" Fordham, Ferd Pegg.

Molly Irvine, Phyl Chrystal, Joan Hart, Marj. Tomlinson, Del Silver. Paul Murphy C.O. 4th/3rd. Battalion. Bob Galea Veteran Affairs Department. (John Ringrose official nametaker wishes to apologise if any names are missed.)

All people in attendance soon settled down in the usual 2/4th. friendly way, & after lunch at a special table reserved for the 2/4th, partook of a tasty meal served by the caterer's from the club.

After lunch it was time to announce a dry till which proved popular with all "troops" and their ladies in attendance.

The oldest veteran in the group was Harry Newhouse, now 94, he is looking forward to the Gallipoli trip in April: Harry then recited to me one of his short "ditty's" which he is famous for, and it goes as follows.

"If your face want's to smile, let it,

If it bloody well won't,

make it". Signed "Young" Harry.

Moving to the Bar area of the club all in attendance were served with sandwiches, pies, sausage rolls etc, by the Kitchen Staff of the Club, who in their efficient and friendly way made the party a success.

During the "get together" Pres. Alf read a special apology from Sir. Ivan, who through ill health was unable to attend.

The President then welcomed Lt. Col. Paul Murphy C.O. 4th/3rd. Bn. and Bob Galea from D.V.A.

Paul Murphy responded by saying "Thank you for the invitation, to which I am deeply honoured. The events of the week during the 50th, has instilled a certain amount of esprit de corps in the Soldiers of the 4th./3rd. Battalion, and the morale of the troops has risen greatly since that occasion, also the wearing of

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of the White over Green colour patch has worked wonders with the troops.

A presentation of a 50th Anniv. spoon and beer can holder, to Bob Galea of D.V.A was then made by Les Jones.

Bob Galea responded; "Thank you for inviting me to your "get together", It is certainly a honour." Also, he thanked Treasurer Les for the presentation.

Alf then thanked all for their attendance, both to the Xmas "get together" and the 50th. Celebrations.

He (Alf) then remarked "I can hold my head up high on being a Member of the Association, because, whatever we do or wherever we go, the 2/4th is always held in the highest esteem."

RINGROSE'S RING- A - ROSIE CLUB MIXED DAY DEC.7 1989.

In spite of the Xmas gathering on the previous day sixteen W.O.G's showed up for the December show. Hilda Wright brought a cake for the birthday boys, (Alex Maxwell, Athol Heath, and her own Harry.) It had coloured icing on it. I bet no one can guess the colours.

Five prizes came to our table, the winners being: Hilda Wright, Tricia Heath, Ken Kesteven, Heather Fox and Edna Pegg. An enjoyable meal, our genial compere Dee Donovan, and entertainment and the pleasant company, all for \$6 a head, made for us another successful day.

Reports from two Ladies of the 2/4th. with their impressions of the 50th.

From Nell Hawkins: First and foremost, I feel that it was a feeling of pride, in belonging to the 2/4th Battalion that was so evident in the bearing- the speeches, and last but not least the standard of dress and behaviour of our boys that really made the Anniversary so outstanding for "we ladies".

The effort put in to make all the functions that I attended, work so efficiently is certainly a glorious tribute to all who helped in the organization of these events.

The feeling of "togetherness" was so evident at all functions, that there is no wonder we regard ourselves as part of a family and are duly proud to be so.

The 50th. was really something that will live in my memory for a long time as I am sure it will in all who attended. Thank you all for a wonderful week, I thoroughly enjoyed it.

From Molly Irvine: What a wonderful week we had for the reunion. The Auditorium was filled with happy sounds of the men greeting old friends.

"How do women feel about reunions". I think I can speak for all the women, wives and widows, when I say it means just so much to us. It gives us the chance to experience that feeling of mateship the men have for each other, and to understand what it meant to them all those years ago. We have also made many friends. To the widows it means we can talk about our husbands, and to the men who they shared those years with.

You make us feel special, and for that we thank you. We share your pride, and your sorrow when we lose a male. We are part of it all.

The "W.O.G." Newsletter keeps us all in touch but, the reunion of the 50th is the bond that brings us all together, something to look back on and remember.

In spite of failing health, and advancing years I hope the reunions will last a few more years.

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make the 50th. Anniversary possible. May the years ahead be kind to us. (Many thanks Nell and Molly for your effort, it was grand..) Editor.

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TREASURER'S TRIBUTE TO CRUISE ORGANISER.

I would like everyone to know that "Larry" Dooley was solely responsible for the donations of 18 bottles of whisky, 6 casks of wine, 28 cartons of beer, 24 bags of ice, a large supply of wine glasses, a discount in excess of 100% on the beer can holders, the loan of an urn and carafes etc. Larry and his bar team worked like Trojan horses, not only on board the ferry, but immediately after the Church Parade ended, when they made a dash to Concord R.S.L. to pick up the "supplies" that were most demonstrably enjoyed by all.

CENTRAL COAST'S NEW YEAR PARTY 10 JAN. 1990.

I must say that, when Gosford puts on a show it is always a success. That is my thought's on the recent party at Gosford R.S.L.

The meal was in the form of a smorgasbord. Sixty people were in attendance, coming from Denman, Newcastle, Central Coast and Sydney.

Wally Mangan as chairman, welcomed all and called on Geoff. Green to say Grace.

A Toast to Fallen and Departed Comrades by Wally Mahgan.

Jack Partridge, in his welcome thanked all people for their attendance, a special thanks also from Jack to Wally & Connie who, by a lot of hard work, made the party a success.

Pres. Alf in his response thanked all people for their 'phone calls after the earthquake which devastated Newcastle and the surrounding suburb's.

"To day is a special day because, 50 years ago the 2/4th sailed for the M.E. on Strathnaver". He (Alf) then gave all details of the trip. Closing, Alf wished all a happy and prosperous New Year.

S.V.P. Norm Auberson spoke of the trip. and said "Adventure was on all people's minds" Norm then presented Doreen with a bunch of flowers, in appreciation for a job well done in all phases of the 50th. Anniversary Celebrations.

Jack Partridge closed the function with a "thank you" to everyone in attendance.

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