

REMINISCENT!

There is not a day that passes, but brings back to my mind some incident that happened in those days we left behind, when we were facing Rommel's lorde and Tojo's yellow japs; And cussing diving Stukas and lodging booby traps.

We can laugh, now it's all over, but oft a tear will fall As we think of those who stayed behind at Duty's Solemn Call.

"They" wouldn't want us to be sad. I like to think, somehow, That every joke we make to-day, 'They're' laughing with us now.

So come on all you fellows who were "White over Green", Write those things you remember for our new magazine. So here's a toast we all can drink, and shout it to the skies... Long live the 2/4th boys, the Battalion never dies.

-- Ces Burwell

(Ces says this is "just a little effort"; Congratulations, Ces, a splendid start. --Ed.)

CHARLIE COMPANY CALLING

"C" Coy lays claim to what was probably the first AIF battlefield magazine. While the unit was resting (?) at El Gazala after the desert push Vol 1, No. 1, made its appearance. Jim Burrows conceived the idea, co-opted Harry Watts and Rocky Fearall and the publishing company got down to business.

Much scrounging produced paper and materials and the company typewriter. Rocky's tent was the "office", and if you remember, a terrific "Khamseini" was blowing; while enemy bombers flew overhead. The lighting system consisted of a cloth stuck into a tin of fat. When the tent was not blowing down, the editorial staff were weeping from smoke clouds...and Rocky's language was terrific!

However, about 40 copies were produced. One was presented with due ceremony to the C.O. and one to Bn records. The remainder were distributed among the company at Mersa Matruh. Vol. 1, No. 2 was being typed out when the Bn moved to Greece, so it never saw the light of day.

Has anybody got a copy of that historic document?

--"Whack"

P E R S O N A L I T I E S

Back from Malaya for discharge, Major Harry Gjedsted blew along to meet the stalwarts who marched on Victory Day. He was a Company Commander in the 9th Pn, Royal Sussex Regiment who were fresh from their victories in Burma. Welcome home Harry!

He brought news of two more Second Fourthers. Mick Grey, 2/2 Camerons, is in Singapore looking after the Nips in the War Crimes Commission.

And Keith Beatty? (D Coy) is in Penang on Special duty.

"Scotty" Anderson has been a patient in Ashfield Mesonic Hospital, but hopes to be up and about again soon.

The 2/4 Bn Sheriff - the Red Steer - Keith Beatty, our first unit Policeman at Julis, is farming at Bonalbo, NSW.

He sends greetings and kindly offers a holiday to anyone who cares to eat buckshoe butter, pork and fowl at his expense.

Aubrey Priest is also in the Bonalbo district. He is a cream carrier.

Ces Burwell and his 3 year old son have hit the news. They are featured in Fox Movie Magazine News. Bomerangs are their weapons down La Perouse way. Fancy Ces Burwell putting anybody on a charge sheet for a dirty boomerang?

From "Smiler" Burridge comes news that he is well and battling along in Trundle. At Orange, where he attended the RSL Western Districts Conference as a delegate, he met Wally Johnstone, Bunny Anderson, Vic Forbes and Artie White.

Peter Denver, Ex-HQ Coy, is now living in Adelaide. He is married, has one boy, and we have it on good authority that this little boy is expecting a little brother - or sister - soon. Good luck to you all in Adelaide, Peter.

Many "B" Coy boys will appreciate the thoughtfulness of Mrs Keating ("Cheeky" Charlie's Mother) who placed a wreath on the Cenotaph in honour of our late clobber, Ted Tindell.

N. I. (Do) Howard, "A" Coy, has set up an Estate Agency at Panama - near East Hill. Says he hasn't much to sell, but would certainly see any of the 2/4 well looked after. Go out and see him or ring JYL782.

(Thanks, Doc, and thanks also for the fl which you sent as a donation towards the expense of the "rag".

-- Ed.)