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NEXT MEETING: The January meeting will be held at The Gallipoli Memorial Club on Friday, 28th January at 8pm.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

FROM THE PATRON, PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE: "BEST WISHES TO ALL MEMBERS, WIVES AND FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR"

FROM HARRY AND MARGE GJEDSTED: "A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS"

"HARRY AND MARGE GJEDSTED."

## A NOTICE OF THE APOLOGETIC KIND

Due in part to being the Christmas period and everybody going faster with more things to do, this months W.O.G. will be a page or so light. A more to the point reason is that Lynne, Ken Kesteven's daughter and right-hand Girl Friday is getting married and won't be available during that hour or so of ceremony to devote her full time to the production of W.O.G. The Association has granted eight hours leave without loss of usual pay.

CONGRATULATIONS LYNNE TO YOU AND LEWIS FROM THE PATRON, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS. (HURRY BACK PLEASE!)

## THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG.

There has been quite a steady trickle of letters arriving this month, some of them have been complaints regarding non-delivery of W.O.G. Let me stress the importance of notifying the Secretary of your change of address, if moving. If you want W.O.G., do this. Most of our problems have been caused by members not informing Australia Post also of change of address.

First is a letter received from Mrs. Shirley Pead, widow of the late John Pead. Shirley takes a great interest in the Association



activities and is one of those ladies who gives us great moral support, especially on Anzac Day. Shirley requested the Battalion Medal so that she could add it too her late husband's other service medals. The form has been sent and as soon as we can get it back the sooner it will be processed and in your keeping. Thank you Shirley, and to you our very best wishes.

Our next letter comes from Chris White of Gordonvale, Q'land. Chris sent us a cheque to keep him square with our Treasurer Allen with a request for the Battalion Medal form. Since receiving this letter I have received his form for the medal plus cheque. This was a bit of speedy correspondence, thanks Chris your medal is in the hands of the processing firm. Chris seems to cram a lot into each day and enjoys it. Does plenty of gardening and fishing and loves his bowls. Of course Gordonvale is a lovely little spot. Apparently he sees John Reynolds in Atherton at times. Chris wants to know if the Guyra Ghost, Perc Landsly is still around. Says he wrote but no reply. Is there any member who can enlighten Chris on the Guyra Ghost. He sends his regards to all and the printers of the new look W.O.G. for a good job well done.

A letter from our new member at Orange, Roy Palmer who writes in saying that the 2/4 Bn. Reunion at Orange created quite an impression with a lot of ex-servicemen he has spoken to at the club. They handle a few re-unions during the year and Roy says ours was the best they have seen. He also sent a cheque and form for the Battalion Medal. These have been duly processed and with the firm doing them. Thank you Roy, we hope to see you in Sydney one day and good luck.

Writing in from Bathurst is Mrs. Cec. Lawson informing us that Cec. was coming down to Concord for a bowel operation. Cec has a property out of Bathurst. Apparently Joan has been at him to get the Battalion Medal so he has forwarded his cheque and sent back the form to be processed. With any luck you should have for Christmas. Cec will be looked after by our Welfare team. We wish him every good wish for his forthcoming operation and hope all goes well.

Our next letter comes from that lovely spot Maroochydore, Q'land where Roy McAdam and his lovely wife Irene are staying until this month when their son Kingsley who is with the R.A.A.F. and currently serving with the peace keeping force in Sinai, returns after 6 month's service. Irene says they like it so much up in Queensland that they may prolong their stay there. Roy and Irene of course lived in Mannum in South Aust. Roy sends us a cheque to keep our Treasurer happy and wants to get hold of a Battalion Medal. Forms have been sent. Get them back soon and you may have it as a Christmas present. Thank you Irene for the goodwill message. By the time you read this I wish you both a Happy Christmas and a happy re-union with your son.

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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE PRINTERS WITH HOPES FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER W.O.G. IN THE NEW YEAR.



Here is another from Noosaville from Alex Milne, who is writing in asking how to go about getting a battalion blazer. His wife has been very sick and I think the warmer climates have been recommended to her. Sorry Alex, there is not a plaque to be had for love or money. Could do with a few with all the enquiries. You should have my reply by the time you read this. Good luck!

In the mail was a beautifully written "thank you" letter from Eileen Hill and her two sisters expressing their gratitude to the President, Committee and members for the tribute paid at their late brother's funeral, also for messages of sympathy received. Peter had been very ill for some time after suffering a stroke.

Frank Crutchett of Canberra writes in to say that Marie McCosker has informed him that she would like her late husband's copy of "White Over Green" book to go to a former member of the Battalion who would value it. We know there are many who have asked for a copy since it has been out of print. Unfortunately we have not kept a list. This request will be strictly adhered to and will be disposed of in a worthy way as the Association sees fit. Frank has offered to collect it and have it mailed. This is a very good gesture by Marie because if members place the same value on this book as I do, then the person who is lucky enough to get it will be very fortunate and highly honoured. Your letter will be replied to after the November meeting Frank. Thank you again.

A letter from Ron Small of Rockdale letting us know he is around and sending a cheque to keep square with Allen. Thank you Ron for the message of goodwill.

Hugh Burgdorf of Pascoe Vale, Vic. wrote in to tell us of two deaths of members of the Battalion. These have been recorded in "Last Post". Hugh wishes to be remembered to all. Seasons Greetings to all in Victoria from all of us in N.S.W.

Must mention that my good wife took a message from Peter Armstrong of Blaxland up in the mountains requesting addresses of some of the boys living in Canberra and down the coast to Eden. Look out you fellows and keep an eye on the stocks in the 'fridge! Don't say I gave no warning. Have a good trip Peter and Maid, let us know how you fared.

Finally, until next year, Joy and I send our very good wishes to all for an enjoyable and happy festive season. Happy Christmas to all.

Laurie Waterhouse,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### VICTORIAN SITREP

(For a journalist, this bloke is a horrible speller! However, he must be given full marks for tenacity of purpose as he kept on typing his copy for W.O.G., earth tremors notwithstanding! November 21st was the date.)



Claude brought out his rusty bugle and summoned all to attend Caulfield R.S.L. on November 6 to celebrate the unit's birthday. The fact that it was 38 degrees Celcius and the neddies were thinking twice about circumnavigating Flemington on the same day notwithstanding, Claude's clarion blast was loud and clear and obeyed.

On such a day, Sid Valentine, "Gunga Din", sat at the top of the table. Others sipping and eating were Russ and Sue Madden, Ken and Joan Williams, Jim and Betty Barrow, Claude and Nan Raymond and Clare Jones, Merv. and Rose Hicks, Leo and Edie Dunn, Ken and Rosemary Moses, Stan Pretty and one, "R" Robins with apologies from Vic. Will, Dick Parry, Bill Panter and Bill Parsons.

Claude with his own little hands prepared the preliminary sandwiches (didn't cut the crusts off!) and the Club graciously provided ample extra munga.

Clause also issued an edict, that in future, only those actually in labour or those being buried, would be excused from future gatherings.

It was a nice get-together in pleasant surroundings.

#### "Wholly Moses"

(Further to the preamble to this Victorian Sierap: Our tubby, happy reporter is no stranger to earthquakes. Apart from the one mentioned and confirmed by Newspapers, he probably experienced the one in Larissa.)

#### WELFARE REPORT

NX68025, Tanko, K.C.S. at Ward A, Lady Davidson. Having therapy on account of loss of right leg below knee about three weeks ago. Says he feels fine.

NX5177, Flay, F. Also at L.D.H. in Ward A. Loss of left leg about the same time as Tanko. Not feeling too good at the moment.

NX160169, O'Keefe, R., L.D.H., same ward. A very sick man. Both legs off. Says he is missing out on W.V., not receiving same at home. (Will fix, Blue. Get well soon. P.C.)

NX39890, Maloney, J. Now lives at W.V.H., Room 7, Anzac House. Settled O.K.

NX5145, Robin, J.J. Jim had a heart attack on 8th November and was taken to the emergency centre, North Shore Hospital. Very sick, only family allowed. However his "cousin" Slim Powers has visited him.

NX7601, Chamberlain, R.H. Called to see Dick and he looks much better. Always interested in the Battalion news. In W.V.H.

NX38805, Cameron, James. Ward 2, Concord. Tests and checks on hardening of arteries. Not feeling well.

NX72610, Blacklock, John. Ward 520, Concord. John is in for an operation, right eye, also renal treatment. John, we all hope that you will soon be better. Best wishes from all the boys.

NX5207, Naseby, Joffre. Ward 430. In Concord for an operation on both elbows for release of nerves that are cr tling a problem with his fingers.



NX2054, Ellicott, D.P. Don now at L.D.H. and slowly improving. Has trouble with left arm, the effects of a stroke. Sends best wishes to all the boys.

NX42194, Lawson, H. Ward 120, Concord. In from Bathurst for checks. Checks O.K. and was discharged towards the end of November.

Bede Keary (4Bn. 1914-18). Botany Bay Nursing Home. Not too well. Fred Staggs is calling in but no visitors at this time.

LAST POST.

NX5144, Guest, J.P. (mentioned last issue). John died at W.V.H. Narrabeen on 30th October. Dick Fenton rang to tell me the sad news. Was buried at Eastern Creek. I could not attend the funeral.

NX1975, Richards, Gordon. The death of Gordon was reported by Frank Sadler of Dubbo to Jim Robin per letter but no date of death.

NX68546, Chidgey, F.T. Report of Death in Nov./Dec. Reveille. No further details as yet.

VX33328, Francis, Norman.

VX38479, Chanter, Ronald.

The deaths of these two Victorian members were reported to Laurie Waterhouse, Harry Bergdorf of Pascoe Vale. No other information available at this time.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

From Bill Parry and Helpers.

#### SITREPS

Being a short issue, there is more copy for W.O.G. than can be printed this month. It will fit into next month's issue.

Mentioned in the Welfare Report is the hospitalisation of Jim Robin. Consequently we have no Cock's Column this month. Most just too. He needs the rest. There is not one man in this Association who would not wish you all the best Cock., so take it easy and have a good rest and come back in your own good time - but fit!

From Jean Jackett, Sandy Bay, Tasmania: "White Over Green" came late afternoon. I enjoyed reading it all and the report of the Reunion sounded as though it was a good one. Have meant to say how sorry I am about John Copland having to give up Welfare Work and why - the letter from Harold Conkey mentioning it reminded me I had not done so. My best wishes to John and congratulations to him for the excellent job he did for so long. With the new format of W.O.G. you are fitting in more news, or so it seems to me. I've already read it cover to cover. I do enjoy it and think you do wonders with it. "

A letter from "A. Reader" was received and the message is clear and much appreciated. Pity it can't be published. Unfortunately the combined skills of spelling, journalism and medical knowledge are not in your editor. Thanks very much, very humorous.

Cheque for sub. from Bert Milner and donation too. Also somewhat later Bert's W.O.G. came back from Hornsby as "Return to Sender". Bert now lives in Nambucca Heads. Well that's one non-delivery problem solved without too much pain. Wish they were all that simple.



Prior to the Orange Reunion, Marie and he had a visit from Doris and Hugh Burdorf and a happy time was had during that couple of days.

Mollie Perram sends a donation towards the printing of W.O.G. Thank you Mollie and thank you for the other contributions too.

From Lance Cutcliffe comes subs and regards to all. Was pleased to hear news of Bill Yow, who was his right-hand man for quite a long time. Thanks Lance, good to hear from you.

Olive Willchams thanks us for sending W.O.G. and sends a donation and an application for Guy's Greek Medal. Laurie has handled this.

#### 1983 COUNTRY RE-UNION

THE 1983 COUNTRY RE-UNION WILL BE HELD IN SOUTHPORT, QUEENSLAND.  
MORE ON THIS NEXT ISSUE.

#### HONOUR FOR ROY MOORES.

Early in October a group of "Dreadnought Old Boys' Association" travelled from Sydney and various parts of N.S.W. to Adelong to present a citation in honour of Roy to his widow, Beverley.

From Sydney came their President, Mr. Arthur Brawn, Hon.Sec. Canon Harold Rawson of Windsor and others from Leeton, Young and elsewhere. Stan and Kath Blacksley and another Dreadnought man, Joe Walton and his wife were foremost amongst the locals. Enid and I were guests for the occasion.

After a very enjoyable dinner at the Adelong Hotel we all foregathered on the Patio of Beverley's home which overlooks nearly an acre of beautifully shrubbed gardens which she and Roy developed over the last four or five years. Here the President read the citation.

It paid tribute to Roy's staunch efforts to keep the Dreadnought Boys together over the years and especially to his efforts to obtain Vice-Regal patronage for their Association in recent years. It was a touching occasion which Beverley greatly appreciated.

All of us who knew Roy will remember him as a good friend, a good "slogger" in the war-time days and a loyal member of our 2/4Bn. Association. It was pleasing to see this gesture and to note the esteem in which Roy was held by his fellow ex-patriots back in the 1920's.

#### "Dagwood"

(This item was for Cock's Column but as mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Cock Robin is a pretty sick chook at the moment and has no column this month. We put it in on his behalf as it would have been important to him. Get well soon Cocka! P.C.)

#### ASSOCIATION TIES

THE NEW BATCH OF ASSOCIATION TIES HAS ARRIVED AND AT A BETTER PRICE THAN WE THOUGHT. \$10 EACH. WRITE TO LAURIE WATERHOUSE.

ADDRESS ON THE FRONT PAGE.