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**NEXT MEETING:** The August Meeting will be held on Friday 27th at 8p.m.  
at the Gallipoli Memorial Club.

## THE COUNTRY RE-UNION

From Peter Denver:-

**Further Bookings:-** Ferd Pegg & family, Jack & Mrs. Hine, Brian & Mrs. Hill, Hugh & Doris Burgdorf, Arthur & Muriel Kleem & friends, & Ray & Una Summer. All self-arranged accomodation.

**Hotel Canobolas:** H.&. A. Whitman, A. & C. Kirk, J. & J. Hughes & son, Rex & Mrs. Everson, L. & Mrs. McCosker, T. & Mrs. Gorman, Roy & Una Iyer, Arnold & M. Gorman, Mrs. Y. Pearse, M. Sherritt, M. Carpenter, L. Manuel, G. Ings, T. Swadling, S. Venn, T. Hopkins, and J. Graham.

**Other new bookings:-** Mr. & Mrs. Lyn Bloomfield, Bill & Gwen Newth, W. & W. Walker, Joe & Mrs. Wells, George & I. Moore, H. & D. Silver, P. & E Jackson, and Stan & Kath Blacksley.

All members other than those notified are booked into Civic Gardens Motel, Lord's Place. (Centre of City).

Have reserved some units for late bookings. No on-site vans, suggest the Showground Caravan Park to group the 2/4th caravaners together. See you there. Peter Denver.

## A REMINDER

Members are reminded that the proposal regarding associate membership (widows, wives, daughters and sons) put forward by Morrie Porter is due for discussion at the August meeting. The proposal and one of the letters that inspired it were published in the June W.O.G.

Sentiments expressed on this matter have so far been sympathetic. So, if you are for it, uninformed, dubious or anti, show up at the meeting and listen and speak if you wish.

## THE JULY MEETING

The meeting was pretty poorly attended, the worst for quite some time. Most of any discussion that went on was generated from reports. In the Treasurer's report was the item of \$56.10 for the printing of the July



W.O.G., a most favourable comparison to the last bill we had from our previous printer of \$192, who even then was not diddling us! As previously mentioned, we have the generosity of Enderslea Productions and the efforts of the Kesteven family to thank.

Good to see Bert Flynn there again, and one out of the Blue was Trevor Richardson who was Assistant Secretary and Co-editor of W.O.G. in 1958.

Forgot a bit. We are out of Association ties! We are ordering some more, but they will be much affected by the inflation since our last re-ordering. (Gulp!).

Star turn of the evening must have been Morrie Porter falling down the stairs carrying (and you's better believe this) the glass of lemonade he was drinking, and the clumsy fellow spilt some! Gee-Whiz! Fortunately, a skilled stretcher-bearer was at the meeting and he diagnosed a fractured radius and ulna, a lemonade soaked digital watch and a few dislocations here and there, but with larynx and voice-box fully operational! If sufficient members show up to the August meeting, we are sure that Morrie will give a repeat performance in red skin-tight underpants and his Batman suit and all the works. Don't miss this! Morrie has the gliding angle of a house-brick!

#### SECRETARY'S MAILBAG

Things have been very quiet this month with regards to mail, our members must be hibernating until the warmer weather comes. I know one or two of our members who have hitched up the caravan and gone north for the winter.

First of all comes a letter from Jack Hine of Lithgow. Jack has sent in an application and cheque for the Bn. Medal. No worries at all, Jack, you will have the medal in good time. In fact, it will be waiting for you when you get back from that lovely spot of Maroochedor.

Jack is one of those members who have taken the van up to the warmer climes. Hope you have a good time. good fishing, and good luck, Jack. Another short letter from Don Bundy of Narrandera, applying for the Bn. and Greek Medals. You should have received your form for the Greek Medal by now, and your Bn. Medal application has been received. It won't be long before you will be able to confront Jim James and Buck Rogers without embarrassment. Thank you, Don, for the compliments on the new-look White over Green, your Message will be passed onto Ken. You are getting to be quite a correspondent. Anyhow, good to hear from you, and we here send our good wishes to you and yours. Bill Newth of Moss Vale, writing to our Treasurer and sending a cheque to keep him happy, wishes to let everyone know that providing he maintains his present run of good health, he hopes to see us all at the Orange Re-Union. We will keep our fingers crossed for you Bill. Regarding White over Green war history, there is not a copy to be had, and collectors and others are seeking it. If any member of the Association has a spare, well then, Bill Newth will take it off your hands. Thanks for writing, Bill, and our kindest regards to Gwen. Our next letter comes from Laura Wallace of Maclean, sending in subs, and passing on a very favourable comment on the new look W.O.G. Says it is very smart and appealing. Always good to get it and read about well known identities. You will be a friend of Peter's and Ken's for life.

Ron Rayment of Oyster Bay has written in for the battalion medal, with a cheque for subs also. Thankyou, Ron, and for your message of good-will also. Your Medal should arrive in August sometime. It was good to hear your voice over the phone and know you are able to face the days with a smile. Ron has had both legs amputated and is confined to a wheel-chair. Says he sees Ted Hopkins occasionally. Hope all goes well for your future. Keep smiling, Ron.

Len 'Ned' Gardiner of Kingswood sent in a short note saying could we send out a form to him for the Battalion Medal and since that letter We have had your application plus cheque to cover costs. Thank you, Ned, your application is on the way to the makers of the medals.



Hope your new leg is going on well, looks like plenty of exercising now for you. Anyhow, we hope all goes well for you, and that life will be easier. Good luck Ned, to you and your good lady.

John Whitelaw of Bankstown dropped a line or two requesting information on the Battalion Medal, and Ties, and has since his first enquiry forwarded a cheque for the Medal. Very sorry about the Ties, we are right out of stock until we can get some more made. This matter is under control. As you say, you will keep a weather eye on W.O.G. which will let you know when we have them. Your medal should be with you in August sometime.

Alan Manning of Croydon has been in touch with us regarding a member of the Battalion who was a prisoner of war with him, both taken in Greece. His number and name - NX2059, J.C. Avery. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact Alan at "Jesmond" 24 Wetherill St., Croydon 2132 or myself. Thank you, Alan, for your comments on the new look W.O.G. and your good wishes.

Now, before I close, let me say thank you to all those members who took the time to phone me about the new format of W.O.G. and tell me what they thought of it. I am glad that the change has met with your approval. You owe it all to the Kesteven family. Also, I would like to mention that your Secretary will not be around for four or five weeks. My wife, Joy and I are off to Perth for a month, so there will be no mail-bag column in the September issue. In the meantime, my very good wishes, and good health to one and all.

Laurie Waterhouse, Hon. Secretary.

#### WELFARE REPORT

As at 23rd July 1982.

NX5162, Dawson, T. R.G.H.12. After unsuccessful skin grafts his toe was amputated. Discharged 21st July. He is to return for a hip operation.

NX68025, Tanko, T.S.C., R.G.H.6. In for diabetic tests and operation on right hand.

NX2005, Graham, K. (Spanner), R.G.H.630. Has had two operations for infection in the right eye socket. He awaits an operation on his hip. Full of beans as usual.

NX5575, Forbes, V. R.G.H.530. Vascular trouble left leg. Discharged.

NX5834, Gardener, L.N. L.D.H. Doing well.

NX47312, Brest, N. L.D.H. Doing well.

NX5324, Reid, W.J. Is back at the nursing home at Yagoona after some ten days at R.G.H. His name did not appear on the computer, so no-one saw him. Sorry, Bill. I will keep in touch with his sister, Mrs. Pausch.

NX13262, Nicholls, H.S. David McGillivray told me that Henry has a by-pass operation at R.P.A. Hospital some time ago. Now at home and doing well.

NX5186, Hill, P.P. Still at Castlecrag Private Hospital. Cecil Chrystal keeps in touch.

NX5085, Sculley, Charles. R.G.H.110. Prostrate Tests. Discharged 20th July.

NX18572, Burgis, W.C. R.G.H.310. In for check-up on pacemaker. Discharged 20th July. He lives at Bellingen.

I had a call from Thora Harvey (Sailor's Widow) to say how much she appreciates receiving our Magazine. She will not be able to come to Orange, but hopes to go to the 1983 Re-Union. She sends regards to all who know her.



LAST POST:-

McCosker, G.L. of Canberra. Jack Huston rang Laurie Waterhouse to advise his passing. His army number is unknown.

NX5862, Moores, A.C. (Roy) of Adelong. Laurie Waterhouse went to Wagga Wagga for the funeral.

NX161860, Hale, W.B. Chief Health Surveyor of Wagga Wagga-after a long illness. Bob Jackson wrote to Laurie with the sad news.

NX5358, McIntosh, K.I. Both John Hawkins and Ross Smith rang to advise of his death on 19th July. Ross, who is President of the Inverell R.S.L. Club, attended the cremation, he represented the Battalion as well as the R.S.L. Club, 21st July.

Country members are to be thanked for passing this news to us promptly.

From Jack Huston we had the news of Cyril McCosker's funeral which was attended by a representation of 2/4 including Jack and Frank Crutchett and John Falla. A floral tribute was sent to Mrs. McCosker. He was one of those 2/4thers left behind when the Bn. Returned from the Middle East and went into the bag while serving with 2/17 Bn. at El Alemein. His funeral was well attended.

Dagwood Jackson reports that the local 2/4thers attended the funeral of Barry Hales and reports: "I worked with Barry as a fellow Council Officer when I was Librarian and I saw a lot of him down the years. A very fine chap and I recall that he did a good job with us for the Re-unions.

"I sent a card to Carmel on behalf of the 2/4 Association. I touched it up with a fine green border and it looked good as a 2/4 Tribute, especially as there were no flowers 'by request'.

"Hope all is well with you. Sincerely yours, Bob Jackson".

On hearing the news of Roy Moores, Laurie Waterhouse reports: "I travelled to Wagga to attend his funeral. He was the first President of the "Dreadnought Old-Boys Association" (of which I am a member) and when I notified the Secretary of that Association he asked if I would represent them, which I did in conjunction with our own Association.

"It was a big funeral, with Wagga R.S.L. conducting the service at with Adelong and Tumut branches attending. The Wagga boys turned out in force. They included Bruce Steward, Jock Cummins, Perc Dalla, Bill Cozier, Joe Wells, Pat Sydenham, and Stan Blacksley. Bob Jackson and Wal Taylor came over from Cootamundra."

With hearty good wishes from all of us. John Copland.

FOR INFORMATION - MAYBE.

The term "dreadnought Boys" might be lost on some W.O.G. readers, but off the top of the Editor's head is the following information. Sometime between the Federation of Australia and W.W.1, and during the expansion of the Australian Navy to keep our country Australian, patriotic citizens contributed a considerable amount to a fund to buy a Dreadnought - latest type battleship. That the scheme came to nothing was not the fault of the contributors. The money was finally used to sponsor a scheme to bring to Australia young lads of British stock to give them a new life in a new country and to us, a boost.

With Roy and Laurie in mind, perhaps the money was put to a better use after all!

P.C.

+ Correction to page 1:- Peter Denver's address is:-  
51 Admiral Terrace, GOOLWA 5214. Phone 085-55-2252.



LATE NEWS FROM ORANGE

FROM PETER DENVER: As last letter missed the July Edition and August is the last month before the Re-union, these details are an extension of it.

Further bookings: Harold and Noni Bowman, Claude and Nan Raymond, Jim and Mrs. Brown, Alf Schweitzer, Matt Barry, Charlie Yow, Clarrie and Joyce Gorham and family.

FROM RECEIPT OF THE AUGUST ISSUE OF WHITE OVER GREEN, ANY BOOKINGS FOR ORANGE TO BE POSTED TO OUR "B" COY. MATE, CHARLIE (COCKY) GORHAM, AUTUMN STREET, ORANGE, 2800.

PHONE EMERGENCY AT ORANGE, VISITOR'S CENTRE, MRS. BETTY CALLAGHAN.

All arrangements for the Re-union complete and very pleasing except for those we will not be seeing. Or are you going to be a pleasant surprise for the big event?

Pat and I are travelling north and will return to Orange via Sydney. At the Hotel Canobolas from 21/9/82. See you there.

Peter Denver.

COCK'S COLUMN.

While visiting Concord with Slim Powers, met Tommy Dawson again. Tom was "B" Coy 10 Platoon. He was wondering the whereabouts of Bill Wright. Can anyone oblige? He has been visited by Vera Walsh and John Copland.

Also met Kiera Tanks ("C" Coy cook who lives at Sutherland), who joined 2/4 in Wewak. He spoke of a ? Bell who was in the Sigs, he had lived in Erskineville. Also he often sees Walter Moore who lives in Hurstville. We had four Bells in 2/4. After the war one was driving a cement truck to Kandos and gave me a lift to Ilford. I can't remember his Christian name either. I think they all had the nick-name of Ding-Dong but I would like to hear from the one who gave me a ride from Parramatta to Ilford. Kiera has been visited by Vera Walsh and Bill Parry.

Then met Spanner Graham, down from Ashford. Ken was in hospital at Inverell, Ross Smith visited him, and then he was transferred to Tingha Hospital, and was visited by Selby Dean. Well, Ross and Selby, how about those letters you promised?

Then met Vic Forbes. Vic lives at Burwood. He met John Copland at the R.S.L. Congress. Vic will be at the Orange Re-Union.

A ring from Dick Pinson. Sorry to hear that Rene was not well. We all wish you the best, Rene. While in Marrickville Hospital she was visited by Linda Saxby (wife of Les), who is also not enjoying the best of health. I told Dick of my meeting with Keira Tanks, who spoke of Bell in the Sigs. Dick said his first name was Jack, and had shared the same hole with him in Greece. Thanks, Dick. Hi, Jack, please write.

John Copland rang Wally Lambourne about Spanner Graham, and Wally, beard and all, visited him. Both wish to be remembered to the Transport Boys.

Then we visited a W.W.1. veteran, 3037, Arch Brown. He is 86, joined at 19, fought in France and now lives in Cronulla.

Our next call was Stanly 'Digger' Davis. Stan joined us in Syria, he was in "C" Coy. Was down on the river when we called. I went looking for him and called out his name. He answered and when he saw me, he sang out "Cock Robin". He had not seen me for 28 years! Stan wishes to be remembered to Bill Wildman, Bill Bickley and all "C" Coy Boys.

COCK ROBIN'S ADDRESS IS 20 ADDRESTONE AVENUE, NORTH SYDNEY 2060.  
PHONE (02)922-5303.

COCK ROBIN.



SITREPS

From Ken Moses: "Have been very busy. Still writing for the Department of Trade and Resources. In dire danger of being run over by a tea trolley. Sold the Resources paper to Peter Isaacson Publications, he now pays me to write for it. Good thinking, he pays the bills.

"Anzac Day went well down here. I watched them all get blue on T.V. They were about the last to march. The Friday before I joined 2/8th in a do at Melbourne Town Hall, a table was reserved for us. A.N. (Tich) Holliday turned up after many years. His number was VX62442. He died several weeks ago, and Claude and Hugh Burgdhof did the honours. After Anzac Day, got a ring from the past from NX9899, R.W.D. (Dick) Moodie. Used to be in B.H.Q. and was very active in the Victorian Association early. Then got a property at Stawell. Got kicked by a tractor. It hurt! He and his wife now living in Geelong. If he owes any mills to anybody, his address is 276 Parkington St., Newtown 3220.

"Like the new format of W.O.G. Glossy paper is for memories like Playboy and Penthouse.

"Was in hospital several weeks ago. Collapsed, I did. Came out out 100% fit. My office is just behind War Veterans in St. Kilda Rd. I'm working on them. They have given me a thorough overhaul and the Board is to give a decision. I Hope I'M still around when they give it! One doctor asked me if the Greece and Crete campaigns were strenuous. I told him I just sat on a bucket all the time and laughed my head off. The ears man also asked me what campaigns I had been in. I told him, and he ordered me a hearing aid on the spot. Then he tested me. He was in his 50's and must have read the papers. Dick Parry is going through the same mill.

"Eldest daughter Vicki did the right thing last week. Third son. On first appearances looks like a good prospect for Manly-Warringah first row!

"I'm making the journey to Orange with Vic Hill. I hope there will be a good roll up of Sigs. After all, they were the cream of the Battalion. See you all there. Regards to all.

Sincerely, Ken Moses".

From Dasher: "Glad to hear that the Cade Juniors are in full control of the Cade household. I don't have much trouble with my Dutch household; can't understand the language! Had a letter from Peter Cook, always glad to hear from the East. Won't be long before we all meet in Orange. We are going to the north of W.A. for a couple of weeks. Lily sends her regards, also a little article. Regards to everybody. Dasher and Lily".

And, from Lily: "Sandgropers and No-hoppers. Dasher was in Hollywood Repatriation Hospital in Subiaco to have all kinds of tests done. When he came home after eight days, he was none the wiser or better. If possible, he is more dopey than usual.

"Last Friday we went to the Local Bowling Club. My pairs partner, whom Dasher knows well, rushed up to give him a welcome home kiss. I could see that he did not have a clue who she was, but unperturbed, he said "I recognise the kiss, but the face eludes me", which saved a most embarrassing situation. Just like Dasher, I did not recognise Pat Denver in Kempsey after she had been most hospitable to us a short while before.

"You know how contrary Dasher can be. Well, everybody puts on weight when on holidays. Not so Dasher; he lost five kilos. When our youngest grandson saw him, he said, 'Your nose has grown while you were away, Granddad'. 'No, Matthew, my face grew smaller, that's why my nose looks bigger'. Matthew was quite satisfied with this explanation of the phenomenon. So, if you see a slight man with a small face and a big nose, and thick white hair like an African next time in Orange, you will know it's just common old Dasher.

Lily Deacon".

And a P.S. From Dasher:- "While I was in Hollywood, "Pension Percy" finally got his increase. I applied for a DECREASE but Perth had no Decrease Forms, they have to come from Canberra. Percy's cousin, Siddy Shura----- ( can't spell the rest of his name) was in the same ward. He sends his regards to Siddy Buckley."