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NEXT MEETING

The JANUARY MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1984 at MID-DAY.
The venue as usual is the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney.
Lunch will be available after the meeting for those wishing to stay.

***** A HAPPY, HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR *****

to all our members and their families

from the Patron, President and members of the Committee.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER. Dec. 16, 1983.

Quite a gathering of members, their wives, daughters and friends assembled at the Gallipoli Memorial Club for an informal Christmas get-together, on Friday, 16th December.

It was quite an enjoyable function and had the atmosphere of a real end of the year social event. Surprisingly there were people attending who we do not normally see throughout the year. I speak of such people as Mrs Dot Coughlan and daughter Pat. (Widow and daughter of the late "Fangs" Jerry Coughlan). Also Harry and Rachael Wheeler who reside in Colorado, USA and are, at present, on a visit to Australia and are currently staying with Ron Schwartz. Harry Wheeler was a Sgt. in "B" Company and thus was seen in lengthy conversations with Cec Chrystal and Ken Kesteven. No doubt a lot of ground was covered, they not having seen each other for years.

Those attending the function were, as follows:-

President Ted and Heather Fox, Cec and Phyl Chrystal, Ken and Mi Kesteven, Laurie Waterhouse, Alf Carpenter, John Hawkins, Harold and Noni Bowman, Harry and Hilda Wright, Harold and Del Silver, Alex "Biscuits" Arnott and his wife, Ron Schwartz, Harry and Rachael Wheeler, Vic Forbes, Dick Morris, Cec Powers, Phil "Blah" Smith, Mrs Dot Coughlan and daughter Pat, Rex Everson and friend, Gary and Joan Hart, Peter and Maude Armstrong, John and Joyce Ringrose, Athol Heath, Enid Latimer and Les Fox.

Apologies were received from Harry and Marge Gjedsted, John Meehan, George and Marge Stack, Allen Lindsay, Jim Graham, Vera Walsh and Brian Waring.

Laurie Waterhouse.

Secretary's Mail Bag.

Now that the festivities of Christmas are over and having recuperated from the aftermath of too much eating and drinking, one can settle down to the tasks that have been thrust aside during this once a year happening. Hope everyone had a good time and avoided the hazards of the road. Before answering the letters received may I, through this column, thank all those members who took the time to phone me to wish myself, Joy and the family the compliments of the festive season, to you all I say thank you. Our first letter out of the bag comes from Queensland from the pen of Vera Provians, sending down the news that Norm. McIntyre had gone into Greenslopes R.G. Hospital for an operation, which proved to be successful. Vera also goes on to extol the work that Norm Everson and his wife Jean do in carrying out the various welfare visits they undertake to bring a little cheer and comfort to those unfortunate enough to be sick. Vera mentions that Selby Dean has made it into the Aust. Womens' Weekly, Nov. issue. Apparently Tingha hosted a T.V. drama team and Selby, as a local councillor received mention in an article about this happening. Finally, Vera mentions that Joan Chaseling is in Tasmania greeting the arrival of a new grandson, also has tried to trace Wink Walker, however his phone was not answering. Thanks a lot Vera, for the festive greetings and for the local news items, I am sure I speak for all when I send you best wishes on behalf of the Association. Looking forward to hearing from you again soon.

The second letter comes from the lovely city of Adelaide and it comes from Sar-Major "Robbie", the one-time scourge of the lax or lazy infanteer, now our great friend and Association supporter. Robbie has taken time off from his wood turning and carving to write of the get-together of the 19th Brigade people who reside in the area. The venue for this get-together was at Peter and Pat Denver's place at Goolwa. They had 40 people attending and, according to Robbie, yards of snags and steaks were laid on, cooked by Peter and helped by George Walton, a well-known identity from the Mortar Platoon. George also played chauffeur to Robbie and supervised his pill popping. Robbie goes on to say it would take too ^{much} space to name all those who attended, but wished to mention Ron Maszkowiack with his video camera who filmed the whole of the party. Also would like it known that the most outstanding thing that he liked was the way the young people fitted in with the "oldies". Robbie pointed out that the wives, daughters and friends were out of this world and as for the husbands, one short phrase - Conduct Perfect. Thank you Robbie for a very interesting letter and for the well-wishes to the Association committee and the members. I am sure you will have enjoyed yourself during the festive season; for the New Year good health to you and yours.

Our next letter comes from Hurlstone Park, from one well-known to me and the late Danny Karanges. He is Allan Manuel who was a Sgt. with the AASC, later joining 19th Bde HQRS and then being attached to the 2/4 th Bn. Allan was asking about joining the Association and gave a resume of his war-time history. He was a pupil in his school days of Sir Ivan Dougherty, when Sir Ivan was teaching in pre-war days. Allan is an ardent golfer and plays at the Lakes club, so he informs me. Anyway Allan, you are on the Treasurer's books and the mailing list, so you will be reading this. Hope we will see you at the January meeting so that we can welcome you. Will be glad to renew old acquaintances.

Over to West Aust. for our next letter, from Doug Slinger, who wrote to say thank you to me for sending him the Bn. medal and tie. Also for helping him to join an Association whose members and their war-time activities will always be in his memory. Doug is a friend of another 2/4th member over there, Wally Evans. Both served in "C" Company. The way that our members are now migrating to the West it won't be long before the "Dasher" has a full contingent of company strength. No doubt as the W.A. Company Commander Dasher will be entitled to the honorary rank of Private-Major. Anyhow Doug, thank you for the seasons greetings and best wishes.

Up to Bathurst for the next letter, from the pen of Jack "Major" Kean, who is determined to keep on the right side of our Treasurer Allen. Thanks for the cheque and the Xmas greetings and may I reciprocate on behalf of the Association to wish you well for the New Year.

Secretary's Mail Bag (Continued).

Whilst around the Bathurst area, a short letter from Fred Morrow to say thank you for the medals and to enquire about the Greek Medal which he applied for on behalf of his late brother-in-law "Porky Whalan". Sorry to say, Fred these Greek Medals are slow in arriving, no doubt one day, soon we hope, you, or the 6th Div Assn. will be notified. You are one of many waiting. Hope you can make it down to a meeting one day.

Well its happened again, the old Camelier from Bourke sent down another of lengthy epistles. He thanked us for publishing his last letter. He said that he was waiting for notice to appear before the Pension Tribunal, apparently he has been having a real old battle to get a disability recognised. We wish you the best of luck, Harold, in your claim. I'm sure will win out in the end, with the tenacity that you have. All the best for the New Year. Gordon Chrisp is our next correspondent. Gordon has now retired and is living at Umina. He has written an account of his trip back from the Southport re-union. Like your secretary, Gordon and Olga stayed on for a week or two and spent quite a lot of time with Joy and myself. Gordon spent some time coming back from Southport, looking up various people along the track. There was one person he made a special call on, that was Frank Frizelle who is in a nursing home at Tamworth. I'm sure Frank would have appreciated it, very much. Personally I'm pleased you did that because Frank leads a very lonely life in that nursing home and a visit from any 2/4th member would surely be a highlight. Thanks for the letter Gordon and I hope you enjoyed a lovely festive season with Olga. See you in the New Year, I hope.

Just prior to Xmas I received a letter from Bill Fogden. Bill informed me that he has moved from Kurrajong to St. Ives, so if anyone wants to get in touch with him I have his new address and phone number, thanks Bill. I received a Christmas card from Sir Ivan Dougherty, who sent his good wishes for the festive season to all members of the Association. Also received Christmas cards from "Rusty" McWilliam in Darwin, who sends his regards to all. Another card from Dick Morris who wished to be remembered to all. That's it for 1983, let me hope the New Year will be a better and brighter one for you all, in the meantime good health to one and all.

Laurie Waterhouse Hon. Secretary.

WELFARE REPORT. 28th December, 1983.

At R.G.H. Concord.

NX14123 Tearall David, Pancreas operation. Now discharged.
 NX2092 Harrison Hilton, Was in C Coy. Prostate operation. Now discharged.
 NX3959 McNee R.J. In with bronchitis and ulcer. Now discharged.
 NX4048 Hyem Raymond, To have hernia operation, was in Mortars. POW Greece.
 NX5241 Key Bill, Stomach triubles. In for tests.
 NX31233 Healey Stan, In for blood tests to do with iron content.
 66101 Miller Arnold 4 Bn. WW1 86years old In for tests. Frail and run down.

War Veterans Narrabeen.

NX9681 Driscoll Fred, George Stack called on Fred. Frail, not too well. Also saw Brian Waring. OK although having breathing troubles.

Bellingen Hospital.

NX18572 Burgis Bill, Bill's daughter rang Bill Parry informing that Bill was in Bellingen Hospital with a broken hip after recovering from a stroke. Contacted Esca Riordan who was arranging for him to be visited.

Sutherland Hospital.

Vera Walsh has been in Sutherland Hospital with a viral infection Now home but still not feeling 100%. Hope by the time you read this that you are fully recovered, Vera.

LAST POST.

NX14111 Shaylor Norm from "Salute" T.P.I. Journal.
 Butler K ditto.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

TO Jim (Walky-Talky) Brown MLA. Jim recently announced his eminent retirement from the NSW State Parliament of which he has been a member for an unbroken period of 28 years (1956 - 1984) first as the member for Raleigh and then Oxley. Well done, Jim! Once again, CONGRATULATIONS, and a happy retirement.

1983 YEAR - END GET-TOGETHER: LISMORE.

This annual event which is now becoming an institution on the social calender of the Association was held at the East Lismore Bowling Club on Saturday, 26th November where over 60 members, wives, families, friends and guests attended. Allan Kirk, our Far North Coast Vice-President presided and welcomed all to the gathering. Official guests were Bob Ellis, President and John Stewart Vice-President, both of the East Lismore Bowling Club. Allan was also pleased to welcome Laurie McCosker, Queensland Vice-President. A wonderful evening was had by all with plenty of good food, ample supplies of liquid refreshments and good company, with several extensions of the official closing time.

Those attending (as reported) were:-

Sid and Flo Young, Pom Wallace, George and Heather Mitchell, Jack and Mary Partridge, (plus two brothers and their wives) Dick Morris, Leo and Eileen Lynch and family, Jack and Joan Hughes and family, Doug Groves, Laurie and Evelyn McCosker (Qld. V-P), John and Belle Shingles (Southport Re-Union Committee), Roy and Dorie Andrews and family, Morrie Wilson, Alf Schweitzer, Bill and Une Sheaffe and friend, Dave and Ella Crossthwaite, Doug Stebbings, Fred and Laureen Varley, Ian and Edna Wallwork, Jack and Joyce Lister, John and Doreen Hughes, Mel and Lyla McInnes, Tom and Freda Clarke, Ken Andrews and family, Vic and Beryl Slade, Nancy Slade, Jack and Molly Schiebel, Bill and Amy Facey, Allan and Carma Kirk.

Allan Kirk Vice-President.

Skite Column.

Perc Lansley of Guyra, now 70 years of age, can boast of nine granddaughters and two grandsons.

44th Wedding Anniversary.

Nella and (Gentleman) Jim Graham celebrated the above event in Ward 2 of the Canterbury District Hospital. They weren't trying to get into Guinnesses Crazy Anniversaries Records, but Nella was in with a broken ankle.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Our annual meeting will be held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club at 8pm on Friday, 24th February, 1984. In addition to the business usually conducted there will be a special motion relating to day and night meetings, moved by Cec Powers, notice of which will appear in our next issue.

CASH REGISTER.

The Treasurer reports having received letters containing donations and subscriptions, as well as the usual seasons greetings, during the months of November and December, from the following members:-

\$6

Ron Small Allan Manning Ken Watt

\$10

Fred Morrow Jack Kean Bill Poplin John Whitelaw Cyril Barwick

£10 Stg.

Monty Siems as usual a nice Xmas card from the "old Dart" Thanks Monty.

\$20

L Moon

\$40 Norm Johnstone

I take this opportunity to thank all the members for their solid financial support of the Association during 1983. Allen Lindsay Hon Treas

PS Question to Cyril Barwick: Cyril, where did you get and how long have you had that English 5p stamp you put on your subs letter? AFL.

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