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### NEXT MEETING.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th November at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St, Sydney. The Committee meets at 1130 hrs followed by the General Meeting at 1430 hrs. Lunch is available in the Dining Room 1200-1400hrs

### THE 1984 COUNTRY REUNION - GOSFORD.

The name of Gosford:- synonymous for the 1984 Country Reunion of the 2/4 Aust. Infantry Battalion Association, held on the week-end of the 6/7th October, 1984. What a week-end it was! One that will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to attend. They came from every State in the Commonwealth and from all parts of N.S.W. There were those who were attending a reunion for the first time and, of course, those who had never missed one. Approximately two hundred and forty members, wives, as well as, in some cases, families and friends, attended the reunion, making it one of the most successful reunions yet held. What made it so was the atmosphere that was created from the affability between the members themselves, as well as our hosts, the Gosford R.S.L. from whom great hospitality was received. One cannot speak or write too highly of the organizing committee, headed by Jack Partridge and his wife Mary, assisted by George and Heather Mitchell and their respective families. Other people who gave their time and energy included Elsie Bradford, Len and Nina Hart and a number of other young people. One can say sincerely, well done and thanks for a wonderful week-end.

The week-end began, for the early arrivers, on the Friday. They joined in the RSL Club activities, such as raffles, pokies, restaurant, etc, as well as the many and varied assortments of refreshments available. Some struck it lucky - Betty Dalla was seen receiving a tray of meat, which I think finished up in someone else's fridge. Doug Slinger, from W.A. was seen renewing his acquaintance with NSW beer, whilst many others were just renewing acquaintances and old friendships. So it went on into Saturday when the tail-enders started to arrive. The atmosphere built up for the evening when the official dinner was held, at which the Mayor of Gosford gave the Association an official welcome to Gosford.

The main highlight of the reunion (and there were many) was the attendance of the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band. Some weeks ago they decided to join us at our reunion in order to assist in the success of the function. This was greatly appreciated by all concerned, especially the Organising Committee.

The band, resplendent as ever, commenced proceedings for the reunion by assembling at the front of the Gosford RSL., at 5pm. 107 2/4thers formed up in "Column of Route" behind the Battalion Banner and, led by the band, marched through the spacious grounds of the RSL Club to the memorial flag-stand area where there were three flags flying, the Australian Flag, the Union Jack and the Battalion Colours. Here a wreath-laying ceremony was carried out by Sir Ivan Dougherty, President Alf Carpenter and the President of the Gosford RSL, Mr Tom Prosser.



After the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille" President Alf recited the "Ode". Captain Phil Smith MBE MC MID then delivered a short address on the formation and history of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion, 2nd A.I.F. At the conclusion of this ceremony the Pipe Band played the marchers back to the front of the RSL Club where President Alf dismissed the parade.

The main function commenced at 1900 hrs, taking the form of an official dinner, followed by entertainment by the Parramatta Pipe Band who excelled themselves and earned the appreciation shown by the members of their efforts.

The Reunion Dinner was held in the main auditorium of the club, the decor was, as usual, white and green, each table bearing a floral arrangement in those colours. The stage front was one mass of colours from the floral arrangements, which must have taken hours and great pride in arranging. Once again our thanks go to Len and Nina Hart for their magnificent efforts.

The dinner was commenced by the Master of Ceremonies, George Mitchell, calling on Dick Morris to recite "Grace", followed by the proposal of the Loyal Toast by Phil Smith. This then was followed by an address of welcome to the guests, members of the Association, their wives, families, friends and visitors by the Chairman of the Gosford Reunion Committee, Jack Partridge, who expressed the following sentiments:

"Our Associationis, this year, celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the formation of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion, 2nd A.I.F. The fact that it has survived for 45 years and indeed, goes from strength to strength, as witness the large gathering here this evening, is testimony to the loyalty, pride and comradeship which were originally fostered by our Patron and former Commanding Officer, Sir Ivan Dougherty and were forged in those desperate years, 1939 to 1945. This comradeship has never waivered and indeed strengthens as the years roll by. It is my sincere wish that our guests here this evening absorb some of this spirit of comradeship that is so deeply embedded within our Association." That was the theme of Jack's welcome. Afterwards Jack announced the apologies which were numerous and in the interests of conserving space are not printed here.

Our special guests included our Patron, Sir Ivan Dougherty, Alderman Peter and Mrs Coleman - Mayor of Gosford, The President of the Gosford RSL Sub-branch - Mr Tom Rosser and Mrs Rosser, Messrs Jack Ryan and Harry Newhouse - Gallipoli veterans of the 4th Battalion 1914-18.

Then came the Address of Civic Welcome to the township of Gosford by the Mayor who spoke highly of the Battalion when at war and of the Association, which, he said, had created a great "Esprit de Corps" which had stood the test of time. He then went on to invite the Association to enjoy the many sights and recreational areas that the Gosford District offered.

Harry Wright, our Welfare Officer, followed by reading the Last Post of recently departed comrades and reciting the Ode.

Then came the President of the Gosford RSL Sub-branch, Mr Tom Rosser, an ex-RAAF pilot of 1939/45 War. He proposed the toast "The 2/4th Infantry Battalion". He expressed his pleasure at being invited and hoped that the Association enjoyed their stay and that we would return in the future to stage another reunion. President Alf then responded on behalf of the Battalion, expressing his desire to see the friendship so evident at this reunion, to be carried on for all time. After President Alf came the Occasional Address delivered by Sir Ivan Dougherty. He spoke of the District of Gosford, how he had fond memories of it and what a great place it was to hold a reunion. He also stressed a hope that the friendship created at Gosford would endure through the years ahead, wishing all present a happy and memorable week-end.

Allen Lindsay, Senior Vice-President of the Association, was then called upon to give the last official speech of the night, that of the "Toast to our Official Guests" to which Allen responded in true form and pleasing brevity in view of the number of preceding speeches.

One of the highlights of the dinner was the presence of two of the 4th Battalion 1914-18 veterans, Jack Ryan and Harry Newhouse, Army numbers, 24 and 1453, respectively. Both gave "off-the-cuff" speeches and certainly had not lost the art of handling a middy or two (or three, or four....) of beer. Jack is aged 92 and young Harry is 89. Both these veterans of Gallipoli and France had some nostalgic tales to tell. Seeing as their drinks had been "on" the Association they expressed great interest in attending all our future reunions.

During the evening Dick Morris presented Mr Tom Rosser with a 2/4th Inf. Bn. Plaque in memory of two of Gosford's sons and past members of the Association and the Gosford R.S.L. Capt. Wal Daven and Lieut. Bill Parsons.

Sunday, the second official day, commenced in beautiful weather, which put everyone in a good frame of mind to enjoy the program arranged for us through the courtesy of Old Sydney Town and the reunion committee. It was a fantastic day. Everyone enjoyed the re-enactment of the old time days and what life was like in those early years of the penal colony. The Bar-B-Q was a beaut! The steaks big and juicy. One thing marred it - the Tavern was too far away. Nevertheless it was enjoyable, the singing by the roving minstrel, with Phil Smith joining in the act



with a little melodius singing and, as always, one or two yarns. A raffle was held during the BarBQ to bolster funds for the reunion.

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| 1st Prize - A hand-knitted white and green rug  | Won by Bill Poplin    |
| 2nd Prize - A Xmas Cake                         | Won by Joy Waterhouse |
| 3rd Prize - A Tin of Danish Shortbread Biscuits | Won by Gloria Lindsay |

The afternoon passed all too quickly and we returned by bus to our motels for a freshen up and more socialising before partaking of the last official function - the evening smorgasbord in the RSL Club auditorium. What a meal to finish with! Of course we had to put up with some speech-making, but that is a must at all well-run functions. As a finale, Dagwood Jackson of Wagga gave us a gentle reminder - 1985 Reunion will be held at Wagga - "So stay alive for '85." Thank you Jack Partridge and your Committee for a wonderful week-end!

#### Anecdotes of the Reunion.

Bill and Gwen MacLennan doing a few fancy steps on the dance floor - was it a hark-back to the Trocadero or just a weight-reducing exercise? Athol Heath and ....? doing a little jazzing around also, whilst Jim Brown has, in his retirement, transferred his dash and flair for politicing to the dance floor. Saw Morrie Wilson and Alf Schwieter having a chin-wag from a distance, not good enough yet to lip read, but it must have been interesting. For a moment I thought Bob Ferguson and Sid Cherry were going to give us a demonstration, turned out it was Bob trying to get Sid into a chair and a safe landing. Heard how some of the 2/4 people at the Hamilton RSL win raffle prizes, "Bully" Hayes is the chief barrel turner. Like to have heard the theme of the conversation between "Dasher" Deacon and Sir Ivan. Was "Dasher" trying to learn a tactical manoeuvre or was he explaining one to Sir Ivan? What a dashing figure Jim Graham was in his slouch hat! - complete with colour patch and pugaree. One could go on and on but space does not permit.

#### THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING.

This meeting was held at the usual venue - the Gallipoli Memorial Club and was well attended. According to our Attendance Book, some 45 members, including the executive were present. The Committee Meeting commenced on time with President Alf in the chair, John Meehan and Noel Ford sending in their apologies for their non-attendance. Main business was the big volume of correspondence received, there being no meeting held in August due to the train strike. This meeting closed at 1300 hrs.

The General Meeting commenced at 1430 hrs with President Alf in the chair. After the usual 1 minute's silence in memory of fallen comrades apologies were received from Ken Kesteven, John Meehan, Noel Ford, Len Smith Slim Pollock and Nap Alavoine. Those in attendance were: President Alf Carpenter, SVP Allen Lindsay, Secretary Fred Staggs, Editor Laurie Waterhouse, Cec Chrystal, Ferd Pegg, John Hawkins, George Mitchell, Jack Partridge, Jim Foreman, "Biscuits" Arnott, Bob Ferguson, Trevor Richardson, Merv Nicholson, Phil Smith, Norrie McGregor, Dick Morris, Vic Forbes, Dick Pinson, Sid Buckley, Jim Sadler, Slim Venn, Harold Bowman, "Tich" Fordham, Ringrose, Harry Gjedsted, Lionel Clarke, Rex Everson, Jim Graham, Ron Barber, George Stack, Athol Heath, Bill Parry, Brian Waring, Slim Powers, Frank Ivey, Dave McGillivray, Harry Wright, Barney Turley, Doug Milne, Norm Auberson and visitor Andrew Phillips.

The resignation of Noel Ford from the Committee, due to his move to the country, was received with regret. Congratulations were extended to Doug Milne whose birthday it was and to Phil Smith for having recently won the over 70 years of age swimming championship in the National Swimming Titles.

SVP Allen Lindsay put on his Treasurer's hat and gave a detailed report on the finances of the Association, which show an overall cash balance at the end of September of \$12,534 - 00 as well as stocks of ties, 'T' shirts, badges, etc. A motion by Athol Heath seconded by Jim Graham congratulated Allen on the healthy state of the Association's finances, to which Allen gave his usual response that it should be the members who are to be congratulated for their continued support, as he only kept the score.

Editor Laurie Waterhouse reported all well with the production of the monthly newsletter. He pointed out that there is a possibility of an increase in the cost of W.O.G. next year due to anticipated increase in postal rates. He also stated that there would be no issue in October due to his (and his Wife, Joy) holidays during that month, immediately after the Gosford reunion.

Allen Lindsay addressed the meeting on his forth-coming participation in the A.B.C's T.V. documentary (now to be called) "World War 11 in the Pacific - The Last Year." He asked the meeting to give him some guide-lines as to what was the battalion's viewpoint, rather than his own, on some of the leading questions that would be put to him during the program. (It is anticipated that the program will go to air sometime during the first quarter - 1985)

Jack Partridge gave the latest information on the Gosford Reunion saying it was all systems "go" - all they wanted now was a fine week-end (and we got it -Ed). Ferd Pegg gave the meeting a resume of his trip to England and Canada, how he visited Frank Mallett in Norwich, Eng. who was quite well and sent his personal



greetings to all in the Association and gave Ferd a cheque for his subs and a donation. Ferd also spoke of visiting the Calgary Ex-servicemen's Club (Canada) where he was made an honorary member. He said that they celebrated Anzac Day with all the traditional ceremony as we do here. Our Secretary was asked to send a letter to the Calgary Ex-servicemen's Club thanking them for the hospitality shown to our member Ferd Pegg. Allen Lindsay then gave a short talk on his recent visit to the USA. Among other things he said that in view of the average American's complete lack of knowledge of, and indifference to, Australia, as well as an ingrained isolationist policy, it was his opinion that it would be foolish of our defence planners to rely too heavily on the ANZUS treaty.

Harry Gjedsted informed the meeting that the Gallipoli Club had acquired a board of all the latter-day medals, 1939-45 and onwards, plus all the new Australian Orders and Medals. Fred Staggs complained to the meeting on the way the names of departed members appeared in the Last Post in Reveille and urged all members to bring it to the notice of the RSL when attending Sub-branch meetings.

Bob Ferguson informed the meeting that he had visited Ted Barker at the Nursing Home at Katoomba. Mentioned that Ted was most uncomplaining despite his depressing environment. Ted said he would love to see some of his old army mates.

The Editor was asked to place a big THANK YOU! NOTICE to the COMPUTER ROOM STAFF at CONCORD HOSPITAL in W.O.G.

President Alf before closing the meeting asked members to keep in mind the date and venue of the 2/1st Field Regt. Association Dinner being held on Friday, 2nd November at the Gallipoli Legion Club, HAMILTON near NEWCASTLE and to get in touch with George Mitchell. Like to see a few 2/4th members there. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1615 hrs.

#### THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING - 1984.

Both Committee and General Meetings were held on Tuesday, 23rd October, at the Gallipoli Memorial Club at 1130 hrs and 1430hrs, respectively, President Alf Carpenter presiding at both meetings. Apologies for the Committee meeting were John Meehan and Cec Chrystal and for the General Meeting, Ken Kesteven, Peter Cade, John Copland, Len Smith, John Meehan, Slim Pollock, Phil Smith and Jim Sadler. Those present at the General Meeting were: President Alf Carpenter, SVP Allen Lindsay, Secretary Fred Staggs, Editor Laurie Waterhouse, Welfare Officer Harry Wright, Cec Chrystal, Bill Parry Athol Heath, Frank Ivey, Barney Turley, Bill MacLennan, Ted Fox, Vic Forbes, Harry Gjedsted, Bob Ferguson, Dick Pinson, Ron Barber, George Stack, Slim Venn, Slim Powers, Sid Buckley, John Hawkins, Jack Partridge, George Mitchell, John Ringrose, Jim Foreman, Curly Gorman, Norrie McGregor, Merv Killeen, Gordon Killeen and Andrew Phillips. Thirty-one members in all, making it the smallest attendance this year and the commencement of the day-time meetings. This was no doubt due to there being no October WOG published and therefore no notice to members.

After the usual one minute's silence and the apologies the correspondence was dealt with. The main business arising out of the minutes was on the controversial title of the ABC documentary "The Unnecessary War". President Alf cut discussion short on this matter when SVP Allen Lindsay informed the meeting that the ABC had apparently re-thought the situation and the latest proposed title for the documentary is "World War 11 in the Pacific - The Last Year."

The letters read out came from Dasher Deacon, in his usual humorous style, letting us know how he enjoyed the reunion. The second was from Doug Slinger (West Aust) in a more serious and emotional vein, saying that it was his first reunion and now he knew what the Association stood for and that it meant so much to him, adding that he will be looking forward to future reunions. (Whilst on the subject of Doug it can now be announced that our SVP Allen Lindsay can no longer lay claim to being the Association's youngest member, Doug is still "only" 58 years of age which made him a very young soldier indeed when he joined the Battalion at Wewak.) Treasurer Allen summarised the financial report, which pleased all present, as our present balance on hand is the highest yet. Allen was able to do considerable business in "T" shirts, Bn ties, badges and car-stickers. In fact he sold our whole stock of "T" shirts at the reunion and, unfortunately had to turn prospective customers away. However a new batch are on order so keep the orders rolling in.

A report was received on the finances of the 6th Div Association - Cretan Committee who had appealed for funds to pay for the Battle of Crete Week activities. They have \$200 in hand, which came from units of the 6th Div and of which your Assn. contributed \$50. The 1985 Battle of Crete Commemoration Week will follow the same format as in previous years, except that the Church Parade and Service will be televised live from the church by ABC Channel 2.

Ken Kesteven's report on the activities of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions was read out. Thirteen people were present at their last meeting when a run-down of past and future activities was outlined. Future exercises - Saturday 3rd November the Regiment to march through the City of Wollongong, exercising their right to the "Freedom of the City", Parade to start at 1215hrs and pass the Saluting Base at the Town Hall steps at 1230hrs. Our Association will be officially represented by President Alf Carpenter, Senior Vice-President Allen Lindsay and



their wives. The Battalion will be involved in a beach-landing exercise in December embarking at Woolwich and landing in Broken Bay. We hope the weather keeps calm for them. In 1985 the Regiment celebrates the centenary of the receipt of its first Battle Honours - the Sudan, 1885. Date 9 - 22 June to be confirmed. There will be a special postage stamp series and First Day cover, a set of cards, and a medallion struck, at £10 a set, to commemorate the occasion. A detachment from the Grenadier Guards Regiment is being invited out by the Royal Agricultural Society, and will possibly attend this function. (Whose fine hand do we perceive behind this operation?) There will be a special chapel at the Garrison Church to be dedicated plus a memorial window, also various dinners to attend. A Ladies Night will be held at Arncliffe Drill Hall on Friday, 14th December, Supper will be served at a cost of \$3 to \$4 per head, drinks to be paid for as ordered. President Alf has requested SVP Allen Lindsay to officially represent our Association as he is otherwise engaged that evening. He also requests as many members and their wives, as possible, give Allen their support by attending this function.

Jack Partridge gave the meeting a very comprehensive report on the Gosford Reunion finalisation, said he would write a letter of thanks to all responsible for the caring and catering of members attending. He was able to refund the £500 advance received from the Association, plus a donation of \$20. This was a very worthy effort in view of the unexpected number of last-minute cancellations which cut a large slice off Jack's budget. He formally thanked all his reunion team for their sterling efforts and invaluable assistance.

President Alf outlined the format for the Xmas get-together, which is to be held on Wednesday, 12th December at 1400hrs at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. Sandwiches, biscuits and cheese will be provided, drinks to be paid for as ordered. Wives, widows and girl friends most cordially invited. Members are reminded that the club restaurant supplies an excellent luncheon so come early and make a day of it on 12th December!

President Alf reminded members of the dinner being held by the 2/1st Field Regt. Assn. on Friday 2nd of November (details are not supplied here as it will be over by the time you read this).

Bill MacLennan gave an outline of his efforts to try to get the late Vic Frances' widow - Eileen, now in Rachael Foster Hospital, a War Widow's pension and asked for members with information re the late Vic Frances to contact him as all of Vic's documentation appears to be missing.

Gordon Killeen, brother of Merv Killeen of Lismore, thanked the President and members for the invitation to join them in the meeting and wished all members good health in the future.

There being no further business, President Alf reminded the members of the next Monthly Meeting, 27th November and closed the meeting at 1545 hrs.

# L A S T P O S T.



NX9670  
NX5207  
VX92634  
NX3993  
NX14376  
NX72601

Ken Moses  
Joffre Naseby  
Lyle M Thomas  
William E Andrews  
Len R Wilson  
Roy C Miller

Died during September  
ditto.  
ditto.  
Died during October  
ditto.  
Died during July (late info.)

## OBITUARIES.

Ken Moses - well known to most of us in the Association, joined the Battalion in the early days, served with it, in the Signal Platoon, until returning to Aust. in 1942. After the War he pursued a career as a journalist, completing a distinguished career in this calling as a feature writer with his own by-line in the Age Newspaper, Melbourne. Ken contributed many interesting and humorous articles to this publication. He forsook NSW to live in Victoria, now and then travelling to other states to see old comrades. No doubt Tom Mort recalls his visit of some years ago. It was whilst on one of these trips - to Queensland, that he suffered a severe stroke, at the township of Buderim during the week-end 8/9 September and was rushed to Greenslopes Repat. Hospital Brisbane. He died on the week-end 15/17 September and was cremated in Brisbane. Those who attended the funeral and cremation service on behalf of the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Association were as follows: Peter Denver, Laurie McCosker, Wally McKenzie, Gordon Bladin, Jack Hughes, "Tiny" Eglinton, Bruce Cork, Craig Clarke, Henry Elliott.

VALE! KEN MOSES.

Bill Andrews of Lugarno died on 1st October, 1984 and was cremated at Woronora Crematorium, where a well-attended service was held. Bill, another early recruit to the Battalion in 1939, served through the Libya, Greece and Crete campaigns,



left the Battalion and was transferred to the 2/25th Inf. Bn. which fought at the El Alamein battle. Returning to Australia, he joined the motor industry employed by Stack & Co. Later he entered the taxi-cab industry becoming Secretary-Manager of the Legion Cab Coop until his retirement. Sir Ivan Dougherty gave an Address at the service. Laurie Waterhouse delivered the eulogy and conducted the RSL rites on behalf of the Association. Bill will be sadly missed, he had a great sense of humour. Those who attended were, as follows:-  
Sir Ivan Dougherty, Cec Chrystal, Ken Kesteven, Slim Powers, Slim Pollock, Harry Wright, Wally Shaw, "Curly" Gorman, Norm Auberson, Rex Everson, Bill Fogden, Barney Turley and Laurie Waterhouse.

VALE! BILL ANDREWS.

Joffre Naseby,

another early recruit to the Battalion in 1939 had been sick on and off for a long time with a terminal complaint. He died on a cruise early in September and was buried at sea.

VALE! JOFFRE NASEBY.

Lyle "Baldy" Thomas of Mount Beauty, Victoria died on September 9th whilst driving his car. Lyle had been a sick man for quite some time and was restricted to his home. No further details of his funeral to hand.

VALE! LYLE THOMAS.

Len Wilson of Gosford joined the Battalion just prior to the desert campaign. He was not a member of the Association so we do not know much of his background. He died just prior to the reunion at Gosford. Some of the members staying on after the finish attended the funeral, the local RSL carrying out the ex-serviceman's rites. Those who attended were:- Alf Carpenter, George Mitchell, Ted Fox, Peter Denver, Ken Kesteven, Jack Partridge, "Wimpy" Wilmott, Dick Morris and Harry Wright.

VALE! LEN WILSON.

Ron Miller of Gloucester, died in Sydney and was cremated at the Beresford Crematorium on 22nd July, 1984. Served in C Company and after the War served in the Occupation Forces in Japan. This information was late getting to the Association.

VALE! RON MILLER.

Jean. The wife of Harry Hamburger of North Haven passed away and was cremated on 3rd October at the Pinewood Memorial Garden Crematorium. Joe Low, John and Dawn Robertson, Ewen Wood and Gladys Twist attended the funeral, John and Dawn making a special trip from Broken Hill. Deepest sympathy to you and your family, Harry, from all your mates in the Association.

#### WELFARE REPORT. SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER. 1984.

Hereunder is the list of members the hospital visiting teams have seen during the month of September, at Concord Hospital.

NX72861 Hoather U.E.(Herb) Ward 520 Was in for 6 weeks, was having tests for weight loss, now discharged.  
NX5241 Key W Ward 610 Gall operation, now discharged.  
NX42707 Cunningham Des Ward 310 Lung problem, now discharged.  
NX5162 Dawson Tom Ward 12 When called on, had been discharged that day.  
4th Bn. 1914/18. No.287 Jessop, Maurie Ward 120. Eye problems.

Visited at Calvary Hospital Kogarah.

NX3993 Andrews, Bill Very seriously ill (since passed away)

Visited at Canberra Nursing Home, Lidcombe.

NX3981 Taylor, Henry Not too well, suffered a stroke and would appreciate visitors from the Association.

Hereunder is the list of members the hospital visiting teams have seen during the month of October at Concord Hospital.

NX15534 Robberds R Ward 610 Hernia operation, since discharged.  
NX8746 Richardson Ken Ward 110 Prostate operation, since discharged.  
NX127149 Annelzark J.C. Ward 610 Slipped disc, having tests.  
NX46504 Varley Fred Ward 2 Having respiratory treatment, has been transferred to Lady Davidson Hospital. Allan Kirk wrote advising of Fred's admission.  
NX5162 Dawson Tom Ward 12 Infection in right ankle, having scans.  
NX72861 Hoather Herb Ward 8, Further treatment for weight loss.  
NX42707 Cunningham Des Ward 17 lung problem, under observation.  
NX73906 Davies John Ward 110 prostate operation.  
NX39890 Maloney Jack Ward 11 stomach problem, having tests.

Visited in Raechel Foster Hospital - Eileen Frances has had a hip replacement. Wishes to be remembered to all. Enjoys W.O.G.



Welfare Report (October) continued.

Information received from members at the Gosford Re-union.

- Nx47468 Lynch Leo of Grafton. At home. Very seriously ill.  
 NX33868 Wallace F (Pom) of Maclean. at home, pancreas infection.  
 NX13551 Rae J (Bookie) of Newcastle. at home, had slight stroke.  
 NX5206 Moores A (Snow) of Gorokan has leg problems.  
 NX4050 McIntyre Norm of Brisbane, was knocked over by a truck and badly smashed about, no further details to date.  
 QX7069 McKenzie Wal had a slight heart attack whilst at Gosford Re-union and spent night in the hospital. Ken Kesteven drove Ted Fox, Harry and Hilda Wright to see him. He was discharged the following morning. Laurie McCosker and wife Ev drove him and his wife, Betty back to Brisbane. Laurie has since notified us that he is alright now, but is awaiting further tests.  
 "Dasher" Deacon called in to see George Sugden whilst he was at North Haven. George's back is not too good, prevented him from driving down to the re-union, otherwise he is O.K.

From the Welfare Committee.

One of the most important things our hospital visiting teams receive is a list of members who are hospitalised each week, in Concord Hospital. This they acquire by phoning the Computer Room at the hospital, who, in turn, have a copy of the "print-out" of all 2/4 Bn. members ready for them when they call. The girls who man the computer do this without any fuss or bother. Without this list, our teams would be faced, each visit, with a lot of unnecessary walking. The 2/4th Infantry attalion Association recognises the importance of the work these girls do and that we owe them our gratitude. So here we say THANK YOU! GIRLS for a job well done. This is why we stress the point that when you are admitted to Concord, in the future, always tell the Admission Centre that you belonged to 2/4th Inf. Bn. This will be entered into the computer thus assuring you of a visit from our Welfare team.

SITREPS.

In the middle of August, 1984, Phyl and Cec Chrystal made a surprise flight to Hobart to give sister Jean Jackett personal delivery of a gift to celebrate her 70th birthday. Cec reports, "Her daughter, Clare McShane had organised a birthday luncheon and this is where we met Jean. We then stayed on and had a most enjoyable week in Hobart. Whilst in Hobart gave Em Butters a ring who is very well and sent her regards to the members. She told me that her son a WO has been in Malaya in the Permanent Army for two years and will be retiring back to Australia in Dec. 84. Em's daughter, Caroline, had a baby daughter in May and Em is very thrilled at the arrival."

Cec Chrystal.

Ernie Swain, President of the Bundeena RSL Club is reported to have written to President Reagan of the USA asking him to be Patron. Would you believe he actually received a reply from the President, saying that he appreciated the honour of being asked, but graciously declined, because he already was patron of some two hundred or more servicemen's clubs in the USA and elsewhere. (Wonder who was Ernie's second choice?)

Norm Everson, in a rare moment, decided on a get fit exercise program, obtained a bicycle to do a few miles per day, or so he thought. What happened - he had an accident whilst on the machine, fell off, broke a leg, an arm and a couple of ribs. So much for the fitness jaunt - better off sitting at home looking at T.V. with a "tinnie", eh Norm?

It was fair dinkum about Harry Whitman and the 1000 odd whiting. Whenspeaking to Harry at Gosford, he said it was 2000 or more (don't know how many middies he had) but he swears that's the truth (Allen Lindsay has now lost his crown as champion fish-storey teller of the Association).

Following Allen Lindsay's offer of a can of Tooheys to the first person at the Reunion to tell him exactly where Pincher Creek was in Canada it is announced that the can "went off" prematurely. The first member Allen saw when he entered the Gallipoli Club for the September Meeting was Doug Milne who said, "You owe me a can" Doug immediately informed him exactly where Pincher Creek was, saying, "I know a bloke who lives there." Small world, isn't it, Allen?

A reminder from Allan Kirk, Far North Coast Vice-President. The FAR NORTH COAST XMAS GET-TOGETHER will be held this year at the EAST LISMORE BOWLING CLUB on SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1984, commencing at 1900 hrs. Prospective attendees are requested to ring Allan (for phone number see front page) good and early so that catering arrangements can be made on a timely basis. Any member within, at least a two hundred mile radius of Lismore who does not make the effort to attend has got to be nuts as this is one of the best functions on our social calender.



The CASH REGISTER.

The Treasurer reports having received subs and donations during the period 1st September to 31st October, 1984, from the following members, friends and supporters

\$6

A Harradine  
Jeff Galvin  
Bernie Mahy  
Bill Sheaffe

Gary Hart  
Alf Schweitzer  
Sid Young  
Ken Webb

Sid Buckley  
Ellis White  
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Vic Pike  
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Vera Walsh  
Perc Dalla  
Jack Cummins

Craig Clarke  
Molly Irvine  
Keith Taylor  
Bill Poplin

\$12

W Loy

\$20

Lance Cutcliffe  
Tom Dawson

Lyn Bloomfield

Owen Harrison

\$25

Cliff Curran

\$40

G Gartrell

Tiny Eglington

\$50

Life Membership. Ernie Swain.

SITREPS (continued)

We have been led to believe there has been a mighty change in and around 'Cades Country' at Caringbah. The old bloke has gone and done it, joined the league of leisurly gentlemen. Yes, Peter Cade has thrown down the 'tools of trade' and retire. Heard someone say he will have to double the size of the home-brew from now on. We wish Peter long life so that he can enjoy the leisurely life of retirement. Heard that Bert Milner had a big win in the State Bowls Championships just recently this was confirmed by Jeff Galvin of Bowraville.

Also heard that the Mayor of Tingha - Selby Dean is on the mend after his accident. Selby, as you may not know is a councilor on the local council and a very ardent worker. Our good friend, President of Inverell RSL Ross Smith keeps an eye on him and assures me Selby will come back fighting fit.

NEWCASTLE NEWS.

This snippet of news is late, I know, but I think the people concerned deserve a wrap up. The Newcastle branch of our Association held a get-together on 14th September, getting into trim for the Gosford Re-union. Those who came along and enjoyed the night were: - Alf and Marj Carpenter, George and Heather Mitchell, Jack and Mary Partridge, Cliff and sister Aileen Curran, Dick Morris, Doug and Diedre Milne, Joe and Gwen Bohle, Bill Hayes, Doreen Manuel, Don and Enid Haggerty. There was an apology from John "Bookie" Rae, who had suffered a slight stroke, but is now making good progress. Yvonne Pearse once again a grandmother, another boy, the third son for her daughter Margo and son-in-law Phil. George Mitchell.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I have been specifically requested to make known to all those members in the Brisbane area and elsewhere the contents of a letter I have just recieved from Mrs Rosemary Moses.

"My family and I would like to express our gratitude to all 2/4 Bn members who were present at Ken's funeral in Brisbane on Sept, 19th. It was very comforting to me to see them there.

Our thanks also to Vera Provians for her many phone calls, and to Laurie McCosker, and the many others who showed their concern and feeling for Ken and his family at this very sad time.

It was terrible being so far away from home, but we were fortunate in having so many wonderful friends and relations who came to our aid in time of need.

Friendships made in the 2/4th battalion meant a great deal to Ken and 'White Over Green' became a significant part of our lives, both the journal and the colour combination.

I would be very grateful if you would pass on our most sincere appreciation through the columns of 'White over Green' "

Yours sincerely,  
Rosemary Mose