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NEXT MEETING: The JULY meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th July, 1984, at 2.30p.m. The venue as usual, is the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney. Committeemen please note. Committee meeting commences at 11.30a.m. Lunch can be had from 12.30p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the dining room of the Club.

## Association Monthly Meeting, June 1984.

Venue Gallipoli Memorial Club, Date June 1984.

The monthly meeting of the above association was held in the Gallipoli Memorial Club on Tuesday 26th June 1984. President Alf Carpenter presided over the committee at 11.30a.m., also at the general meeting at 2.30p.m. The Committee Meeting was attended by Ken Kesteven, John Meehan, Laurie Waterhouse, Fred Staggs (new Secretary), Noel Ford, Norm Auberson, Athol Heath, Bill Parry, Harry Wright, Frank Ivey and Barney Turley. Apologies received from our Treasurer Allan Lindsay, away overseas. Cec Chrystal not very well.

President Alf submitted a proposal for the formation of a Committee to look into the various aspects of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 6th Australian Inf. Div., 2nd A.I.F. He mentioned the President, Vice-President, Ken Kesteven, Laurie Waterhouse, Fred Staggs, Norm Auberson and Phil Smith. These names were to be recommended to the members at the General Meeting.

The General Meeting opened by President Alf at 2.30p.m. sharp. Followed by 1 minute silence as tribute to fallen and departed comrades. Those present at the meeting, besides the committee members were as follows:- Norrie McGregor, Trevor Richardson, John Hawkins, "Biscuits" Arnott, Dick Morris, Harold Bowman, Lionel Clarke, Ron Barber, Dick Pinson, Jim Sadler, Slim Powers, Gordon Chrisp, Ted Fox, Nap Alavoine, Bob Lane George Stack, Ken Richardson, Rex Everson, Dave McGilvray, Jim Graham, Bill Fogden, new member Merv Nicholson and John Hawkins brought along a visitor, Andrew Phillip, ex Fortress Engineers, making a total attendance of 35 members. Apologies were received from Ken Kesteven, Cec Chrystal, Allan Lindsay, John Copland, George Mitchell, Jack Partridge, "Tich" Fordham, Bob LeVer and Sir Ivan Dougherty.

President Alf introduced our new member Merv Nicholson, who is nearly blind



and asked the meeting to give him a welcome by acclamation, the same being for our visitor, Andrew Phillips. Main business to come out of the meeting was the adoption of President Alf's proposal of the formation of the committee to look at all the aspects of the 50th Anniversary of our inauguration and formation of the 6th Aust. Inf. Div. The names as submitted to the Committee were adopted.

The Editor outlined the progress made with the printing of "White Over Green" since the Association acquired its own machine in July 1983. When the July issue of W.O.G. 1984 is printed, the savings incurred by the purchase of the machine will have paid for the machine. The cost of production of White Over Green is approximately \$70 per month, plus the postage, which is \$81 per month. Therefore members can rest assured we shall be able to produce W.O.G. without a financial strain.

The Editor wished to thank those people who have helped to make all this possible, the people who help with the wrapping, stapling and of course, our fickle-fingered typist, Allan Lindsay. Another piece of business was brought up by the Editor, that was the retention of the Secretary's Mail Bag column. This was supported by Ted Fox and the new Secretary, Fred Staggs, and it was unanimously voted to maintain the column. President Alf advised the meeting that 210 bookings have been accepted by Jack Partridge for the Gosford Re-Union, thus ensuring the success of the Re-Union.

President Alf advised the meeting that he would donate a bronze plaque to go on the Honour Board, which will be hung in the Regimental Room at the Gallipoli<sup>CLUB</sup>. He had had talks with the Sec-Manager Harry Gjedsted on this matter. Also Doug Slinger was to be complimented for furthering the aims of the Association in West Aust., in his fostering the Spirit of fraternity amongst the 2/4 members over there. Prior to the closing of the meeting at 3.30p.m., Happy Birthday greetings were muscally accorded to two of our members present - Ken Richardson and Jim Sadler. Must point out our attendance figure for the meeting was 35, thus making beyond doubt the success of the daytime meeting. Editor.

Will members please take note, that we have a new secretary, and to assist him, would members who wish to have information on medals, complaints, change-of-address; please address your correspondence to the Secretary, FRED STAGGS. Material and information for W.O.G. - send your correspondence to the EDITOR. ALL SUBS AND MONIES to the Treasurer - Allan Lindsay.

Editor.

WELFARE REPORT 25th June, 1984.

VISITED AT CONCORD.

NX42707 CUNNINGHAM, Des, Ward 130. Has vascular complaint in lower limbs. Des lives at North Rocks and was in "A" Coy and "A/Tank" PL.

NX46601 BARBER, Thomas, Ward 630. Surgery on lung. Discharged. Tom lives at Port Macquarie.

NX36260 HUDSON, H. (Bert) Ward 630. Operation on throat. Discharged.

NX31233, HEALY, Stan. Ward 3. Spinal problem. Discharged.

NX3981, TAYLOR, Henry. Ward 120. Skin complaint. Henry was in "D" Coy, is a half-brother of Roy McNee "B" Coy, both live at Mt. Pritchard.

NX11175, ESLICK, Cecil(Bill). Ward 610. Double hernia operation, also operation on bowel. Discharged. Bill was in "A" Coy and lives at Mt. Colah.

NX42496, PRICE, John. Ward 520. John joined "A" Coy in Middle East. Has had successful operation on right eye.

Stop Press

Have just received news from Harry Wright that Wally McKenzie, who had a prostate gland operation recently, has had a heart attack. We do not know whether it was a minor or a major one. The news came in a hurried phone call to Harry from Vera Provians.

Editor.







NX11372, BLOOMFIELD, H.L. (Len). Ward 430. Also in "A" Coy. Has vascular complaint, to have bone scan. Len was in Hornsby Hospital for three weeks prior to being admitted to Concord.

When visiting at Concord Cec. Powers saw Sir Ivan Dougherty who was there for a regular check-up. Said he was O.K.

VISITED AT W.V.H. NARRABEEN.

NX5866, PEARCE J.E. Bill Parry visited Jack, very seriously ill. Also visited Brian Waring in the Village there.

CHARLES ADAMS, Woy Woy, rang notifying change of address. Is not enjoying the best of health, has breathing and eye problems.

Vera Provians rang from Brisbane with information that JOHN HINETT, who was in Greenslopes Hospital, is now home at Bonalbo, reporting to Lismore Hospital for treatment. Also that WAL. MCKENZIE was in Princess Alexandra Hospital, having had Prostate operation.

FRED FLAY has been transferred back to Queen Victoria Hospital, Picton, from Lady Davidson Hospital.

GREEK & CRETAN BATTLE COMMEMORATION WEEK 1984.

As members are well aware by now, if you read your "White over Green" newsletter June issue, the Commemoration of the Greek and Cretan Battles commenced on the 19th May, and finished on the Sunday 27th May with a Church parade and Commemoration Service at the Garrison Church, the Rocks, Sydney. Unfortunately we were not able to print the report on this function, because the Editor's copy had to be at the typist's place of abode (our fickle-fingered treasurer- now touring America and England.) the day after the May meeting. "White over Green" was being sent out early in June on account of the long weekend holiday and the close proximity of the Association of 4th Battalions' church parade on June 17th.

The Garrison Church parade went off fairly well, though I think, considering the occasion, more members could have been present. However, our Association was not the only one attending. Other Associations of the 6th Aust. Division had poor attendances, also. There was also the absence of Unit Flags. I don't know whether we are becoming apathetic in our old age, but I do think we should stand up and be counted on these occasions. Our new Green and White colour flag was very prominent on display, and aroused quite some comment from one or two visiting V.I.P.'s. Specially at the Cenotaph ceremony, where it was one of only three unit flags displayed.

The Church Service was opened by a march of Unit Flags into the Church, they were played in by the pipes of the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band. Capt. Brook of the R.A.N. read the first lesson, and Sir Ivan Dougherty read the 2nd lesson. The service concluded with the congregation standing whilst the unit colours were marched out to the strains of the pipes.

Morning Tea was served in the Army Hall alongside, the ladies having brought plates of goodies for all. During Morning tea interlude, a cheque was presented to the Rector by the Secretary of the 6th Div. Association for the restoration fund, as we were informed that the roof of the Church is in need of urgent repair. Those who attended this function for the Association are as follows:- Sir Ivan Dougherty and Lady Dougherty, Ken and Fi Kesteven, Laurie and Joy Waterhouse, Alf Carpenter, Peter Denver, Phil Smith, Mrs. Enid Parker, Rex and Olga Everson, Morrie Porter, Vera Walsh, Norm Auberson and his good wife. Peter Denver was over from South Aust. on a visit to relatives.

COMMEMORATION OF GREECE AND CRETAN BATTLES, CANBERRA.

On Monday 28th May 1984, at 11a.m., a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the War Memorial, Canberra, those attending the ceremony included Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty, Ken and Fi Kesteven, John Falla and Ruvie Falla, Jack and Joan Huston. After the ceremony, there was a reception at the Greek Embassy at 6p.m. to 8p.m. that night. This reception was attended by all the abovementioned people, however, they were joined by John Hyles and Reg Holmes. Four Greek medals were presented at the reception, one of these was presented to Mrs. Les Saxby, who now lives with her son Barry,



who is on the staff at the Australian War Memorial. Mrs. Saxby also attended the wreath laying ceremony. She was well looked after, being picked up from Barry's home at Kaleen by Jack Huston, and the ladies attending, made sure she enjoyed the occasion.

Courtesy Jack Huston.

#### CHURCH PARADE.

On Sunday afternoon, 17th June 1984, the Annual Church Parade took place at St. Anne's Church at Homebush, in overcast weather. Some forty members and their wives took part, also the Band of the 4Bn. R.N.S.W.R., Arncliffe. The parade fell in at Beresford Park, and marched to the church, with the band leading, followed by the colour party, and the members of the respective Battalions. They were led by Major General Sir Ivan Dougherty, Major General Ray Sharpe, and the C.O. of the 4Bn R.N.S.W.R., Lt.Col. Graham Fleeton. Amongst those marching were a couple of serving members of 2-4R.N.S.W.R. The members attending were down on last year, but suprisingly members on 2/4 Inf.Bn. Association were well in attendance. After the service, members of the congregation, including the band, serving personnel and visitors partook of a splendid afternoon tea, which, as everyone who attends this function knows, is a most enjoyable time. One must pay a great tribute to the ladies of the Church Auxiliary, for their magnificent effort. Well done, ladies of St. Anne's. Those who attended on behalf of the 2/4 Inf. Bn. Assn. were as follows:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, President Alf Carpenter, Ken and Fi Kesteven, Laurie and Joy Waterhouse, and daughter Sandra, Bill and Gwen MacLennan, Fred and Heather Fox, Morrie and Margaret Porter, Harold and Del Silver, Frank Ivey and his wife, Bob Fergusson, Dick Morris, Wal Honey, Jack Hines, Marj. McCarty, Mollie Irvine, Lady MacKay attended through the Courtesy of Ted and Heather Fox as she is nearly blind. Next year, the Church Parade will be held in December, the 14th I think, as this is the date on which the Parish of St. Anne's Church, Homebush will be 100 years since it was formed. Therefore it will be a good time for it to fit in with the celebration the members of the parish intend to hold, no doubt we shall hear more about it in the next twelve months. Apologies from 2/4th members included Allan and Gloria Lindsay, Vera Walsh, Cec and Phyl Chrystal.

Editor.

#### MORTAR PLATOON 1984 REUNION.

A note to report news of the second successful Mortar Platoon get-together 24th March for about one week. The first time in March 1983, we were in our fourth year of drought, the troops brought 13 inches of rain with them,, the start of the drought-breaking rain, this year they only brought 6 inches!

We had the usual rounds of drinks and meals and get-togethers, with plenty of anecdotes, there are some funny men amongst them! They arrived on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday night dinner at R.S.L. Club, the president insisted on shouting 3 bottles of Champagne, which we altered to large carafes of white wine, an excellent meal.

Sunday - Early Church Parade, on the first tee for golf 0900, barbeque 1300 which was washed out!

Monday - I had to go to Bodalla as I am only semi-retired, on Monday evening we collected At Berry and Vonnice Moodey's for the usual wonderful spread of oysters, prawns etc. Berry and Vonnice are great friends of mine, also Lindsay and Elianne Hope and the troops have made them honorary members of the Platoon.

Tuesday - more golf and sightseeing.

Wednesday - Lunch at Chez Mort, the guests arrived with enough fish to feed a multitude, wrapped in foil and grilled on the B.B.Q., a new trick for me, but very good.

Thursday - Unfortunately, time to go home; we look forward to next year.

Those present, Bill and Gwen MacLennan, Max and Pat Sydenham, Lindsay and Elianne Hope, Lysle and Freda Thomas, Bill and Bonnie Panter, Norm and Vera Gillespie, Paul and Merna Brook, Larry and Yvonne Dooley, Hugh and Doris Burgdorf, Lofty Taylor and fiancée Pauline, Maurie and Winnie Reading, Dave and Edith Lawson, Tom and Peg Tracey, Pat Moulds, Berry and Vonnice Moodey, Tom and Joan Mort. All getting a bit older, but well recognisable as the youngsters we were.



Was great to see Phil Smith who called to see Joan and me at 6.15a.m. in the morning of early April on his way back from Merimbula, the face in the window, cap pulled down over black horn-rimmed glasses and muttering, come out of there, Model, I knew who it was then, we had half an hours' chat in the kitchen while I made early morning tea for Joan. He was doing a Good Samaritan job for his friend Enid Parker, who lost her husband at the same time as Phil lost his Glen.

Courtesy Tom Mort.

REPORT FROM ESCA AND BEV RIORDAN.

Bev and I have just returned from a trip up the east coast as far as Gympie, and then across Queensland, through Roma, St. George, Moree, Inverell and home. We called in to Ballina, but the keen fishermen, (the Whitmans' and Herb Hoather) were out trying to catch the big ones. We called next on Lloyd (Tiny) and Rob Eglinton at Kingscliffe, and had a good natter. Tiny's home is adorned with wonderful presentations he has received from various organisations in recognition of his long and valuable service to the Cane Growing Industry.

Our next find or contact was a long lost member Edwin (Ted) Warne, NX71362 He is managing a caravan park (Aquatic Gardens) on Redlands Bay Road, Carbrook, QLD. We extracted some money from him as he wishes to rejoin the Association again. Will forward money and details to our Treasurer. Further north, I tried to contact Craig Clarke, but was out of luck.

Our next contact was Ross Smith at Inverell. He made us very welcome in the Club and booked us into a Caravan Park. He has just been granted the top war pension. He said Selby Dean is O.K. and doing a good job for the community at Tingha, and is in good shape.

On reaching Grafton, we went to the Ex-services Club for Dinner, and there we found Leo Lynch and Roy Kingsley and wife enjoying the raffles and having a few noggins. Leo is now involved with the R.S.L. GOLF CLUB arranging competitions and playing golf. Roy spends his leisure time at the T.A.B. and gardening.

We apologise for not contacting other 2/4th people on the trip, but that old enemy 'time' did not permit us. As far as I am aware the locals are in good shape. Our former parliamentarian and Association member, Jim Brown, has blown the whistle after twenty-five years in parliament, and has been hosted at a number of civic functions in the area in recognition of his services to the community.

Wishing the Association many more years of success and Goodwill.

Courtesy of Esca Riordan.

GET TOGETHER OF 2/4TH INF.BN. MEMBERS IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

Below is a copy of the names of all those who were at the Anzac Club in Perth on May 4th 1984 as requested. Also some of us requested the address of the Secretary of the 2/4th Inf.Bn.Association so that they can apply for the Bn. Medal etc.

It was obvious to me that all who attended enjoyed meeting each other at the Anzac Club, after all those bygone years, by the simple fact that we arranged unanimously to do it again in three months' time.

With these regards in mind, I shall give everyone a telephone call, say in about two months' time. From there we can arrange a date to suit us all, which will be deemed to be the most convenient to ourselves.

That's about all for now, and thanks a lot for joining in on May 4th. For my part it was great to meet you all and I look forward to the next occasions.

For now my wish is for good health and good luck to you and yours.

Kindest regards, Doug Slinger.

John Storey  
Wally Evans  
Jack Ward  
Cecil Smith

30 Barclay Ave., Padbury 6025.  
23 Sydenham Rd., Doubleview. 6018.  
141 Duffy Rd., Carine 6020.  
122 Lefroy Rd., HILTON 6163.



List of names attending 2/4th Inf.Bn. Get-together in West Aust. (Cont.)

Stan Day	42 Drabble Rd., Scarborough 6019.
Don Guthrie	49 Gilbertson Rd., Kardinya 6163
Ross Elliott	3 Waljerin Rd., Gooseberry Hill 6076
Ken Deacon	49 Dale Lodge, The Grove, Armadale 6112.
Doug Slinger	55 Hotham St., Bayswater 6053.
Joe Myers	
Vern Townsend.	

The above is a copy of the follow-up that Doug Slinger sent out to those who attended the get-together in Perth. In a letter to your Editor, he sent an apology over to Wal Honey, saying that had he known Wal was over in the West he would have made him very welcome, certainly would have seen him in Hospital. Judging from Doug's letter to me, they had a ball. Instead of only being in the Club for two hours, they were there for three hours. He finally adds in his letter, if any member of the Association is contemplating making a trip to the West and they will be in Perth, please let him know, Doug will be pleased to meet you. The "Dasher" gave Doug his support in digging up the addresses of most of the above members. This was the culmination of Dasher and Lil meeting with Doug and his wife on Anzac Day at the Club.

Editor.

PROPOSED BOAT TRIP TO GOSFORD RE-UNION, October 1984.

Tom Watson of Bellevue Hill, who owns a charter vessel - "Coaster" which some of our members know, has come up with a very good proposition to put before members. A proposition that I think, will appeal to a lot of members. Here is the proposition as given to me in his letter to me, received a couple of weeks after Anzac Day.

Following our conversation on Anzac Day, I am willing to take my charter boat 'Coaster' to Gosford for the Re-union. After talking to a few people, mainly on timings etc., I have come up with the suggestion which I am only too willing to change should I not have all the facts. This is it as follows:- The boat will sail on Saturday 7th October, 1984, timetable -

E.T.A. at Public Wharf Double Bay - 0800hrs.  
E.T.A. at Public wharf Palm Beach - 1100hrs.  
E.T.D. Public wharf Palm Beach - 1115hrs.  
E.T.A. Aquatic Club wharf, Gosford - 1230hrs.

The return trip would leave on Monday or Tuesday, whichever is suitable, and the times would be as follows:-

E.T.D. Aquatic Club wharf, Gosford - 1230 hrs.  
E.T.A. Public wharf Palm Beach - 1400 hrs.  
E.T.D. Public wharf Palm Beach - 1415hrs.  
E.T.A. Public wharf Double Bay - 1700hrs.

There are going to be many questions asked, so I will endeavour to anticipate them. Yes, you will be able to park your car overnight at Double Bay, or Palm Beach. Yes, the vessel is in the Maritime Services Board Survey, and is licenced to carry thirty passengers inside. Therefore, only 16 people can book from Double Bay and 14 from Palm Beach. Yes, the Skipper is qualified and is familiar with the course that will be sailed. He has often taken people to the Gosford races from Palm Beach R.S.L. Yes, it is easy to find the public wharf at Double Bay, it is at the end of Bay St., Double Bay. To reach Palm Beach wharf, go past the R.S.L. to a big car park on the left of Barrenjoey Road.

Yes, we need to eat and drink, going up I think we should look after ourselves. On the way back from the re-union, I am sure the Aquatic Club at Gosford would organise a hamper collectively, and of course we shall need a supply of ice.

Now for the negative questions, and I ask people to dwell on these. No, the "Coaster" will not sail if the weather is bad, if there is any doubt ring me on phone number 327.4817 before 0700hrs or day before. Should there be a southerly sea running I would not take passengers across the sand bar at Box Head, but this is a very remote possibility. However, I suggest those contemplating going by boat should plan an alternative travel arrangement.



That is it - five 'yeses' and one 'no' augers for a pleasant trip to the Re-union. It is all up to you, the members. I believe there will be no cost, only the cost of food and drink that you would bring on board.

I might mention that your editor can vouch for this vessel, having been round Sydney harbour on it and enjoyed every minute of it.

Should anyone like to avail themselves of this trip, then let me know (the Editor) as I will make up a list of names of those going and the wharf they will leave from. However, all names will have to be in at least a month beforehand so that Tom Watson gets an idea how many will be going. What about it, all you seafaring types?

#### REPORT ON THE RECENT QUEENSLAND GOLD COAST VETERANS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 1984.

I have been informed by John Meehan, that he has received a letter from the Bruce Cork family at Palm Beach, QLD. They were informing John of the prowess of Bruce and Angela in the world of sport, especially in the sphere of tennis and bowls. It appears up in Joh's country they run a Veterans' Tennis Championship, by veterans, I think you have to be 55 years and over to be eligible to compete. Bruce Cork, the astute tennis player that he is, has entered the competition, and lo & behold, he has played his way into the finals, and now has won the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Championships. This would be no mean feat to accomplish, as there are quite a number of good players up there in that age group. Congratulations, Bruce, on a very fine effort, and I am sure all our Association members will join in to wish you further success.

#### UP-TO-DATE NEWS FROM JOH'S COUNTRY. JUNE 1984.

As I usually pass the information on to Vera Provians, I thought I should write occasionally. During the last few months I have been in contact with Craig Clarke, Frank Gattenhoff, Wally McKenzie, Wink Walker, Stan Sutherland, Norm Everson, John McCarthy, Grodon Bladen, Norm McIntyre, and John Hinnett.

On his trip around Australia, Merv Jones (One of Claude Raymond's boys) and his wife called into Brisbane, and was here for Anzac day. Frank Gattenhoff has been in hospital, but is now out again. John Hinnett has been in Greenslopes, and I believe he has been discharged.

Wally McKenzie is going into hospital for what he describes as "an old man's complaint" and will be out of action for a while.

Wally and myself have been discussing the Battalion Medal and would like to know how we go about applying for one. About the book "The Unnecessary War", I thought it would be of interest to mention the maps and photos were supplied by Wally McKenzie, as he was a friend of the author, Peter Jarlton.

With-regard to the 'grandfather stakes', a member of the 6th division, namely Bill Trapp, who has attended some of our country re-unions, has 29 grandchildren!!

Courtesy of Laurie McCosker.

#### VIDEO TAPE OF THE SOUTHPORT RE-UNION 1984.

Your Editor has received a V.H.S. Video tape from Ron Maczkowiack in South Australia. It also includes the 19th Bde. get-together at Peter Denver's place at Galwa, for Christmas 1983. Anyone with a V.H.S. Video player can have a loan of this videotape. I and our Treasurer Allen have had a look at it. Cannot say there are any budding or up-and-coming film stars to see, however, what's on the tape is interesting & worth a look-at. If you want to see it, give me a phone call, and I will see that you get it.

Editor.

#### Report on the move by Dasher and his 'Circus'.

This is a copy of the letter my wife Joy and self received from the Dasher! We spent some time in hilarious laughter, and then had to calm ourselves down with a couple of tinnies. Here it is, as follows:-

#### STOP PRESS

Very late news to hand, Frank Frizelle passed away at Tamworth Friday 6th July 1984. A private funeral is to be held, we have been advised.

Editor.



Dasher's nit-wit Circus is on the move again, and has taken to the road north to the quiet of the lovely little township of ARMADALE, which lies north of Perth. We wish to be close to our grandsons. I am training them to be Aussie Rules Footballers; (the game that 'Blah' Smith never could play). He thought a 'mark' was a birth! True to my form I can't move the sea to the hills, so I kept the unit near the sea. You cannot swim in the hills, although Alf Carpenter can!

Yours as always, G.L.N.G.B.I.W.  
(Good-looking Nit-wit Grandfather, Best in the West.)

P.S. Next re-union Burg El Arab, closer to Perth than Gosford. Book in at Bookra, C.W.C. (Clifty Whallas' Concession). Dasher Deacon.

At the last meeting in May, I asked Ron Barber to check on a report we received on a 2/4th member, one Ted Barker of Katoomba. This is the report that Ron has sent in as a result of his seeing Ted Barker. "I saw Ted Barker on Wednesday 23rd May, at the Metropole Motel in Katoomba. Ted is sixty-three years old, and in very poor health. He has been in hospital here in Katoomba several times off and on. Went on to say that his complaints would kill him. I take it that means they are not terminal diseases. His living conditions are not the best or most cheerful, but does not like the idea of nursing homes. He is very much underweight, and takes numerous pills, also told me that he has avoided involvement with anything connected with his war service.

Was married, but separated from his wife. Vera Walsh has visited him in Concord Hospital, and Allan Boyle, who was a patient at the time, gave him a few copies of W.O.G.

Perhaps he would enjoy seeing some of his former mates, as I did not know him in the Battalion." Courtesy of Ron Barber.

#### AN APOLOGY,

It was brought to my attention that I had missed out mentioning the name of Ted Burbidge of Henty in my report on Anzac Day in the May issue of White over Green. I thought I had everyone covered, and was patting myself on the back. It just goes to show, in this job one has to be careful not to blot the copybook. Sorry, Ted, for missing you. Had I seen you, I would have had a yarn with you. Next year when you are down, give me a nudge in the ribs.  
Editor.

#### 6TH AUST. INF. DIV. ASSN., QLD. BRANCH.

Congratulations to Laurie McCosker from the 24th Inf. Bn. Assn. Information received at the June meeting was to the effect that our Vice-President for Queensland, Laurie McCosker has been appointed President of the 6th Aust. Inf. Div. Assn. This is indeed a great honour, as this Association is very strong in Queensland. Rest assured that Laurie will give this appointment his full support. It will in no way diminish his interests in the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Assn.; we are quite confident he will add that extra little lustre to the position. Our Secretary, will be in due course writing to Laurie on our behalf, congratulating him, and to wish him every success. Keep the flag flying, Laurie. The same informant gave us a further piece of information regarding Bill Trapp, who, I believe, has been a regular attendee at our Country Re-Unions. He now has 29 grandchildren!! No, I am not a contender in the Grandfather Stakes!! I only mention it to arouse further interest in something Peter Cade started.

#### Un Crie de Cour from Antoine. Courtesy Club Bulletin, Combined Services Club

Monsieur Antoine LeBel of 14 Rue Choinel, 75007, Paris, France, writes to us:-

"I am at present trying to set up in Europe, a private museum (in Switzerland) commemorating the War in North Africa from 1940 to 1943. As the Australian Troops participated with great courage to this important part of World War II, I would like to reserve a special spot to the Australian men of the 6th, 7th, and 9th Divisions.

I would be very happy to correspond with any veteran who went to North Africa, to hear his story, share his pictures that he may have taken, and maybe some of the souvenirs he brought back. Anything you could do to help me will be most appreciated, and remembered."

Here is a chance to foster the "Entente Cordiale", to swap letters with one who sounds an interesting bloke, and to unload some of those bits and pieces cluttering up your garage or up in the attic like a certain person did with a machine gun, and sold the house, forgetting all about his little souvenir. 88mm. shell - stray mortar bombs a NO-NO!!