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NEXT MEETING:

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th August, 1984. The venue is as usual the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney. Committee meeting will be at 11.30a.m. The General Meeting will commence at 2.30p.m. Lunch is available from 12.30p.m. to 2.30p.m.

Monthly Meeting. July 24, 1984.

It must have been the fine weather we had on Tuesday 24th July 1984, because the meeting was attended by the best gathering of members to attend a meeting for a very long time. Forty-one members including the President and the committee were in attendance.

The meeting opened right on 2.30p.m. with President Alf Carpenter in the chair. Apologies were received from Noel Ford, Allan Lindsay (Treasurer, away on tour) Phil Smith, and Len Smith. Business was mainly routine, mostly dealing with correspondence and various reports submitted by Ken Kesteven on 6th Div. Assn. activities, the welfare report and the editor gave a summary of production of W.O.G. Fred Staggs, our new secretary, experienced his first meeting from the Executive Table. Athol Heath gave brief report on the telephone conversations they had with Graham Woodward, when he and Pat were in England quite recently. This report will appear elsewhere in this issue. Jack Partridge gave a brief summary of the bookings for Gosford Re-union and the Programme involved, also announced the approximate cost of the functions per head. Jack gave us the figure as \$35.00 per head, for dinner Saturday night, B.B.Q. at Old Sydney Town, and the Smorgasbord at the R.S.L. Club on Sunday night. Jack said if the weather is inclement, there is a covered in area at Old Sydney Town that will hold over 500 people.

Ken Kesteven outlined the proposal of the 6th Div. Assn. to organise a tree planting scheme to provide a Memorial Drive on the Hume Highway, past the Ingleburn Military Camp. Ken also spoke on the need for support for the Pevelli Monastery in Crete, which is to be restored to its original condition as a memorial to all who served in Crete. Also told us that a person by the name of Snell won the United Nations raffle first prize, trip to Cypress and the islands. The meeting was marred by the news that Jack (Starvation) Pearce had passed away after a long illness. The meeting closed at 3.20p.m. giving everyone ample time to have a couple of quickies, and then home before the mad rush. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th August, 1984.

Those who attended this meeting were as follows:-

Alf Carpenter, Fred Staggs, Laurie Waterhouse, John Meehan, Ken Kesteven, Cec Chrystal, Harry Wright, Athol Heath, Barney Turley, Norm Auberson, Bill Parry, Frank Ivey, Ken Richardson, Doug Milne, George Mitchell, Jack Partridge, John Hawkins, Ted Fox, "Biscuits" Arnott, Sid Buckley, Gordon Chriss, Bob Leaver, Ron Barber, Jack Eastham, Brian Waring, Nap. Avaloine, Jim Foreman, George Stack, Jim Graham, Harold Bowman, Les Sharpe, "Slim" Powers, Jim Sadler, "Tich" Fordham, Dick Pinson, "Slim" Pollack, Curly Gorman, Harry Gjedsted, and our visitor whom John Hawkins brought, Andrew Phillips of the Engineers. The Committee hope that we will have your company at the next meeting.

GOSFORD RE-UNION.

In the event of anyone having sent a deposit and their name has not been published in the lists, please contact Jack Partridge. As motels require a booking deposit FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE, those who wish or are thinking of attending, please make sure your deposit is paid for your booking, to ensure your accommodation. Also, we need it to record our members for Catering purposes. Please don't leave it until the last minute, after all we have 230 names booked in, so we need plenty of notice in advance. Also, when you arrive in Gosford, please make your first stop the R.S.L. Club, so that you can be officially booked in and your receipts handed to you. No receipts will be posted out, to save on the postage costs. Here is a list of additional names to go with the list printed two months ago:-

Nick Alladice	Adams, Chas and Phoebe	Lawson. Cec & Jc
Bob Lane	Armitage, F	Latimer, Enid
Abraham, W.	Burbidge, Ted & Rose	Lindsay, Harry.
Bowman Chris & Mrs.	Barber, Ron.	Lane, Bim & Roy.
Coles, George	Capper, Wally	Harrison, W.
Coorey, J.	Cutcliffe, Lance & Mrs.	Johnston, Wal & Molly
Cruden J.	Clarke, Lionel	Maczkowiak, Ron.
Dive, B.	Duncan B.	McGillvary, Dave & Nan
Dougherty, Sir Ivan & Lady	Denyer, Roy & Una	McGillvary, N.
Elliott, Henry & Maisie	Ford, Noel	McGregor, Norrie
Foster, George (Spider)	Faulkner, D.	McKenzie, Wally & Betty.
French D.	Grove, Russel & Francis	Mairet, Hilda.
Henderson, J.	Hart, Gary & Joan	Moore, George, Wife & Son,
Haggerty, Don & Enid.	Hawkins, John	Morris, Dick.
Mole, Reg & Phyllis	Nicholson, Merv & Madge	Parker, B.
Parry, Bill.	Pinson, Dick	Pugh, Mr. & Mrs.
Parmenter, D.	Parmenter, P.	Sadler, Jim
Powers, "Slim"	Richardson, Ken.	Taylor, Wal & Mrs
Stewart, Bill & Mrs.	Turley, Barney & Edna	Waring, Brian.
Walker, Wink & Win	Webb, Ken	Whitman, Harry & Ada
White, Arthur & Mrs.	Wright, R.	
Howe, Rosa.		

Report on Graham Woodward.

During our recent visit to England, I contacted Graham Woodward (originally "D" Company) twice by telephone. Further to the last report on his health I am able to tell you that "Woody" has undergone extensive heart surgery, but is now making good progress and sounded very cheerful. Depending on his surgeon's report in January, Joyce and Graham hope to be in Sydney in February or March 1985. He is looking forward to attending a meeting at the Gallipoli Memorial Club and sends his greetings to all.

Courtesy Athol Heath.

Queensland News.

The telephone is too high this quarter, so will put this report on paper. Wally McKenzie has had a nasty month, operation for malignancy in the prostate. Home from hospital only three days, when his pulse cut out, and was rushed to Princess Alexandra Hospital and temporary pace-maker inserted, then to Prince Charles Hospital for permanent pace-maker. Hopes to be home in a few days. Has been visited by Laurie McCosker, Norm Everson, Wink Walker and members of the 6th Div. Assn. The members

of the 6th Div. Assn. have provided Betty McKenzie with transport. Mention of Prince Charles Hospital reminds me of that awful weekend five years ago, it's still very vivid. Max Nerney reports all well in Northern N.S.W. Jack Hinnett may have to come back here for further treatment. Feel sorry for our lung patients like Norm McIntyre. We've had a 14-day garbage strike with dumps on fire and low-lying smog all the time. Must mention Harry Whitman doing "a skite" about his 1,000 whiting catch at Hervey Bay (I still have not tasted any). Harry reports that Herb Hoather is well again.

Courtesy Vera Provians.

A later phone message received on 29th July from Wally McKenzie to let me know how thankful he was for the way he was looked after by Laurie McCosker and his team, also the boys from the 6th Div. Assn. in Brisbane.

Editor.

Mail Bag for May-June, 1984.

The under-mentioned people wrote in to me during the May-June period, the period of time in which our new secretary was feeling his way, before tackling the task of replying to members letters. He more or less left it to myself to handle. However, seeing that July issue of W.O.G. was a large volume, I had to leave out some of the material for the August issue and decided to delay the Mail Bag Column. I did this for two reasons, one was whether the new secretary will be agreeable to continue to do it, and also to see if members at the June meeting wanted it to be continued. Of course, you know the answer to that one, if you have read the July issue (report on the meeting etc.) The second reason being that I had a lot of reports on functions which receive priority, that had to be published. Anyway, it was unanimously agreed to by the new secretary, President and members that the Secretary's Mail Bag Column will continue and all who write in, will get a reply or an answer to their letters. So, to those members who have written in, please note the following:-

That one and only "Dasher" Ken Deacon, now settled down at Armadale, in the hills northwest of Perth, wrote in to say he was in the process of teaching the fundamentals of Aussie Rules Football to grandsons. I think it might be the other way round!! Anyway it is good to know all is well with you and Lily, despite the fact your swimming will be in low key. Glad you are not severing the ties with Rockingham, who knows we may even see you there one day. Good luck in your new abode, Dasher. Whilst we are talking of people in the West, must give our friend Doug Slinger of Perth a mention. Doug wrote over to give me a report on the get-together he and Dasher organised last May for the 2/4th members over there. Must have been good, because they are talking of having one again soon. Doug also sent over some more Profiles to me to see if I could use them, when printing W.O.G. Seems that Doug is coming over for the Gosford Re-union, and is going to have a few days in Sydney as well, before going back. Keep up the good work, Doug. Laurie McCosker of QLD. sent in his report on the doings of our members in Joh's Country. Congrats on your appointment to President, 6th Aust. Inf. Div. Assn., QLD Branch. Many thanks for your report, we hope Wally McKenzie is back on deck. Kindest regards to all.

We received a letter from one Mervyn Nicholson living at Rydalmere. Merv was in "C" Company I think, and he wanted to join the Association. He has just about lost all his sight now, but that does not stop him from getting around and getting in to the meeting. I think we will see more of Merv now he has joined us. Thank you Merv., and your good wife, hope we see you at the next meeting. Another new member of the Association is Wally Mangan of Strathfield. Wally wrote in with his sub and informed me he would be going to Gosford. He has been in touch with Jack Partridge, and arranged his booking etc. Wally also informed me that he was in the process of retiring and is finding the finalisation a little perplexing, but assured me he will keep in contact with us. Welcome to the Association and every good wish for a long and enjoyable retirement, good luck Wally. Bill Loy of Gleninga S.Aust. is our next correspondent. He sent his subs in for the year to keep Allan happy, also at the same time ordering a Tee-shirt. Well, you should be wearing your Tee-shirt by now, probably making the other guys around you wonder where and how you came by it. No doubt you have "Robbie" on your back. Thanks for the letter and subs, we wish you and yours all good health.

Cec Lawson of Bathurst, believes in letting the wife do all the clerical work, because it was his wife Joan who wrote in with a nice sub for our Treasurer, that will keep him smiling. Thanks Joan, for your message of goodwill to the Association members. May we reciprocate by wishing you and Cec long-lasting health.

A letter from our stalwart at Young, Artie Kleem, sending us the bill for the wreath for the late Jack Ormiston's funeral, also giving us a run-down on things in general in his area. Tim should have his re-imbusement cheque by now, thanks for the well wishes and we look forward to seeing you both at Gosford.

For those interested, we published a letter from Esca Riordan of Kempsey, actually, it was a report on a recent trip up in Joh's domain. He mentioned the name Ted Werne, NX71362. Ted is running a Caravan Park at Carbrook, QLD., that is in the lovely Redlands Bay area. Your editor was there last October, and enjoyed every minute even the ferry trip out to North Stradbroke for the day.

So if any of our members are touring with a van, here is a good place to rest up for a day or two. The name of the caravan park is Aquatic Gardens Caravan Park, situated in Redlands Bay Road, Carbrook. Ted has decided to be in the Association.

A letter from Stan Blacksley of Wagga, letting us know he is feeling very good, after his second abdominal operation, and expects to be 100% fighting fit for Gosford. He sent down a cutting on the Cootamundra man, Harold Conkey. He thought I would be interested. Harold has retired from the hurley-burley of commercial life. Stan said he was very pleased to have seen Jack Pearce on Anzac Day. He has only seen Dagwood and Joe Wells on the local scene. Thanks Stan, Joy and I will look forward to seeing you at Gosford.

A letter from Mick Owers of Brighton-le-Sands, asking for Greek Medal form and information. Pays a compliment to the producers of "White over Green" newsletter, with its information and activities of other members of the Association. Thankyou, Mick, for your compliment, its a pleasure to keep all informed.

Must mention a letter from George Sugden of Tamworth, giving us details of the death of the late Frank Frezelle. Must mention to members George and Marney Peters have been constant visitors to the late Frank Frizelle. The Association are indebted to such members as these two stalwarts who have and did much towards making Frank's last days comfortable and endurable. Thank you George and Marney Peters for doing a very worthy and wonderful job.

Thank you to Percy Webb of Parkes, who sent in subs and a big thanks to the Welfare Team.

Bruce Cork forwarded a letter from "Chuck" Sleeman, who is living at Darwin at the moment, and apparently having trouble locating "Rusty" McWilliams. I was asked to publish this letter in its entirety, but space does not permit in this issue. This is to acknowledge Chuck's letter. Thank you Bruce.

WELFARE REPORT.

23 July 1984.



VISITED AT CONCORD.

- NX14089 Webb, Perc. Ward 110 Prostate operation. was feeling O.K. Perc lives at Orange. Discharge.
NX13262. Nichols, Harry Ward 630. Problem with artery in groin, and to have hernia operation.
NX5866. Pearce, John. Ward 3. Very seriously ill. Was transferred to Lady Davidson Hospital where he unfortunately died on 21 July.
NX3952. Honey, Walter. Ward 24. Neck and Leg problems.

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2009. Pearson, George. Ward 230. Aged 95; having severe pains in back, and bowel problems.
Lady MacKay in ward 410, was visited by Cec Powers. Also Ted and Heather Fox visited. In with Sciatic problems. In the bed next to Lady MacKay was Jean Gamble, sister of our late member Ted Gamble. Has had new hip installed.

VISITED AT ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED.

- NX47468, Lynch, Leo. Ward B.P.5. Liver problem, having tests.
NX3993. Bill Andrews of Lugarno. Was very ill, but now home again, recuperating after massive surgery.
Fred Bourke. Back home. Has been visited by Jack Partridge, and Elsie Bradford. Progress reported good.



Ted Barker of Katoomba is now in Tregothan Nursing Home, Megalong St.,
Leura.

George Sugden rang from Tamworth with the sad news, as reported in last month's W.O.G., that Frank Frizell had died on 6 July, and a private funeral would be held on 10 July. George and Marney Peters had been invited, and would attend.

LAST POST.



NX18572	BURGIS W.
NX5191	FRIZELL F.G.
NX5866	PEARCE J.E.



OBITUARIES.

Death took Frank Frizell away from us after a long bout of suffering and depression. This funeral was a very quiet affair and as requested by Frank's sister, it was a private one, with only the direct family members present. George Sugden and Marney Peters attended on behalf of the Battalion. Frank was cremated at Tamworth Lawn Cemetery.

VALE - FRANK FRIZELL

George Sugden.

Funeral took place on July 18th at Rookwood Crematorium of Margaret Forbes, wife of Vic Forbes M.M. Margaret had been seriously ill for some months, and her death was imminent, and died on July 15th. Those attending the funeral representing the Battalion Association were as follows:-

Norm Auberson, Rex Everson, Harry and Hilda Wright. The Association offers its deepest sympathy to Vic in his hour on loneliness.

On Saturday, 21st July, John Edgar Pearce NX5866 passed away after a lengthy period of illness. Jack was well known to most of us especially myself, having enlisted with him at Wagga, and was a well liked and respected member of the Battalion and the Association.

We were all fortunate to see him for the last time on Anzac Day, when he made a supreme effort to be with the "Boys" for the last time. He showed great fortitude and great courage right up to the last. Jack passed away at the Lady Davidson Nursing Home. His funeral took place Wednesday July 26th, and he was cremated at Rookwood Crematorium. Laurie Waterhouse delivered the eulogy and conducted the ex-servicemen's rites. Last Post and Reveille were sounded before the recital of "The Ode". Those in attendance representing the 2/4th Bn. Assn were as follows:-

Phil Smith, Dave Endean, Harry Wright, Norm Auberson, Dick Pinson, Peter Cook and Laurie Waterhouse.

VALE - JOHN EDGAR PEARCE.

Editor.

BOAT TRIP TO GOSFORD RE-UNION.

Now, about this boat trip to Gosford for the re-union in October. You have read Tom Watson's timetable and remarks on the proposed trip. What about a few bookings to make it viable? Surely, we have a few seafarers amongst us willing to make a leisurely trip over the water. Just imagine sitting back in the "Saloon", sipping a liquid refresher, taking in the solitude of the peaceful atmosphere, watching the great expanse of rolling ocean passing by. What a wonderful way to travel. Get it, *getting in* touch with Tom Watson on phone 327 4817 or myself, on 524.2114.

BATTALION MEDAL RIBBON.

We have a small supply of the ribbon for the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Medal on hand. Sufficient lengths can be had from the secretary, Fred Staggs, and the cost is \$1.00 for 6 inches. That is enough to hang the medal on a bar ordinary if you want it court mounted, it takes a little extra. This ribbon is hard to procure in Sydney, we can only get it from a certain source of supply. It has to be ordered from England. That accounts for the high cost, and it takes a while to get it after we place the order.

Editor.

BATTALION TEE-SHIRTS.

Don't forget, I have a supply of Tee-Shirts on hand, about eleven, from size 16 to 22. They cost \$10 each, plus a dollar postage. They are exceptionally good quality and value. They have a green collar and the 2/4 Inf. Bn. motif on the pocket. Don't rush me all at once!!

When Dave Endean and Frank Ivey of our hospital visiting team called into Concord Hospital on the 3rd July, one of the first people they saw was Percy Webb, NX14089. Percy asked Dave Endean if he knew or knows the whereabouts of Jack Morwitch and Harry Nicholls, as Percy would like to get in touch with them. He also enquired of Archie Lewington. So any of you members who know of the above two individuals, please let the Secretary or myself, know, so that we can pass on the information to Percy. We know where Archie is, so no trouble there.

PANCRETAN MAGAZINE.

Since the Celebration of the Greek and Cretan Commemorative Week, held last May, I have received a copy of the "Pancretan Magazine". This is the first edition of this magazine, which has just been published recently. It was published and printed to commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. It is a tribute to all those people who fought in this Battle, the soldiers, sailors, airmen and the civilians of the nations involved. It contains many photographs of the various functions held in Sydney and Melbourne, over the last few years. It also contains a very factual diary of the Battle of Crete, messages of goodwill from the various politicians and distinguished leaders of the 6th Aust. Inf. Division, including our own Patron, Major-General Sir Ivan Dougherty, D.S.O. and Bar, O.B.E., E.D., also from leaders of Grecian and Cretan Community.

The magazine is well produced and apart from the language interpretation, is well done on glossy art paper, with the cover done in a very heavy "glass" surface in colour. It was sent to me as a presentation to the Association, so that it can be included in our memorabilia. Those of us who have attended these Greek and Cretan functions organised by the Pan-Cretan Associations of Sydney and N.S.W. know only too well the high esteem in which they regard the members of 6th Aust. Infantry Division, 2nd A.I.F. and its counter-part in New Zealand. These people really go out of their way to show their great appreciation, in their hospitality shown to us. Your Editor has graciously acknowledged receipt of this magazine in the way of a letter of thanks from the President and members of the 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Association.

Editor

LOST MEDAL.

In this month's Reveille, there was an advertisement re a lost service medal. The medal was found in the area where the Bingara R.S.L. held their Anzac Day Commemoration Service. It bore the inscription of NX9515, G.A. O'Brien. It was handed in to the R.S.L. sub-branch Club, and can be claimed by contacting Mr. Chapple, Hon-Secretary, R.S.L. Sub-branch, Bingara N.S.W. Having checked our nominal roll in the "White Over Green" war history, I find the above medal belongs to one of our members, or was a member of the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Anyone who knows of this chap, G.A. O'Brien, or knows where he lives, please inform him of the finding of the medal. That is, if he has not yet heard or contacted Bingara R.S.L.

For the readers who saw the advert in Reveille and so as to satisfy their curiosity, the owner of the medal was a member of 2/4th Inf. Bn.

Editor.

REMINDER . V.P. DAY AUGUST 15th 1984.

On Wednesday, the 15th August 1984, there will be a commemoration service held at the Cenotaph, Martin Place at 10.30 am to celebrate 'Victory In Europe' Day. Members are requested to attend if possible and not let this day of great significance just pass by without some notice. Don't just leave to the same people who represent the Association each year.

STOP PRESS

The death took place of Jack Wilson of Randwick, on Friday 3rd August 1984. The funeral took place after a service at St Jude's church at Randwick, followed by a cremation at the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, BOTANTY, on Monday 6th August 1984.

Editor.