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NEXT MEETING.

The September Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25th September, 1984. The venue is, as usual, The Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney. Committee Meeting will be at 11.30. am and the General Meeting will commence at 2.30 pm. Lunch is available from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm.

Cancellation of August Meeting, 1984.

It was unfortunate that the monthly meeting for August had to be cancelled. This was due, of course, to the train strike thrust upon us. President Alf Carpenter in consultation with the Secretary, Fred Staggs and the Editor, Laurie Waterhouse, per phone, decided against holding the meeting. No doubt many of us living near to the city could have attended, however the majority live in the outer suburbs and car parking was impossible in the Circular Quay area. There was no pressing business, only the routine correspondence and reports, which can be attended to calling an extra committee meeting, after the strike, if necessary. We ask members to bear with us until the September meeting. Editor.

Welcome Home to the Treasurer.

The cancellation of the August meeting denied the Committee and members a chance to bid our Treasurer - Allen Lindsay and his wife, Gloria a "Welcome Home" greeting after being away overseas for just on twelve weeks. We were expecting to hear many wonderful tales over the usual glass or two, however I guess a traveller's tale always keeps. From us all, Allen and Gloria, nice to see you back again. We all hope that you, Gloria, feel a lot better healthwise.

October Issue of White Over Green.

Seeing that my chief back-stop and "colouring expert", my good wife - Joy and self will be going to the Gosford Re-union and afterwards on to Shoal Bay and other places for two to three weeks holiday, it will be impracticable to edit, print and distribute the October Issue of WOG. Therefore the next issue will be in November, covering the September meeting, the Gosford Re-union and other items of interest. If I don't have a break in October life will be unbearable at the Waterhouse abode. Catastrophic it will be, and it is no use arguing, I can never win. Better to "join 'em" than be "agin 'em", Editor.

The Gosford Country Re-union.

Advice has been received from Jack Partridge of the allocation of accommodation for the Gosford Re-union, as follows:-

Galaxy Motel - R.S.L. Club.

Arnott A&M	Amies D	Bradford E	Carpenter A&M
Chrystal C&P	Copland J	Dalloway T&V	Everson R&D
Ferguson B&N	Fox T&H	Francis E	Forman J&J
Fox R	Haggarty D&E	Hughes J&J	Hayes B
Heath A	Irvine M	Kesteven K&F	Lindsay A&G
Lynch L&E	Mitchell G&H	Mitchel G&K	Manuel D
MacLennan W&G	Meehan J	Morris D	Nicholson M&M
Pearse E	Peters D&Mrs	Silver H&D	Sugden G&Mrs
Wright H&H	Waring B	Wallace P	Walsh V

Rambler Motel

Allardice N	Armitage E	Abrahams W	Bloomfield L&E
Blacksley S	Bowman H&N	Bowman C&Mrs	Burbidge T&R
Cork B&A	Crutchett F&E	Foster G	Ford B
French D	Ford N	Coorey J	Cruden J
Capper W	Clark C&E	Deacon K&L	Dalla P&B
Dive B	Denver P&P	Denyer R&V	Dougherty Sir Ivan & Lady
Duncan B	Elliott H&M	Gjedsted H&M	Groves D
Groves R&F	Gorman C&M	Graham B&M	Henderson J
Harrison W	Hart G&J	Jackson D&E	Kleem A&M
Lindsay H	Lawson C&J	Latimer E	McCosker L&E
McLaughlin J&A	Moore G, Mrs&Son	Macqueen J	Mairet H
McKenzie W&B	McGregor N	Newth B&G	Potter G&E
Poplin B&B	Parker B	Parmenter D	Parmenter P
Pugh Mr&Mrs	Parry B	Pinson D	Slinger D
Summerfield R&V	Sadler J&B	Smith P & Friend	Turley B&E
Taylor W&Mrs	Waterhouse L&J	Wright R	Walker R&J
Walker W&W	Wells J&B	Webb K	White A&Mrs Young S&F

Gosford Motor Inn

Barber R	Faulkner D	McGillivray D&N	McGillivray N
Power C	Richardson K	Whitman H&Mrs	

Olympic Motel

Bate M	Brown J&G	Coles G	Campbell T&P
Chaseling MrsJ	Chaseling B&D	Follington DS&O	Howe R
Kean J	Maczkowiack R	Milnr D&D	Mahy B&Mrs
Pegg F	Sheaffe B&U	Schweitzer A	Wilkinson R&J
Wilson M	Graham J&B	Watson T&N	

Hill Haven Caravan Park

Bladen G&Friends	Cutcliffe L
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Buses will take members to Old Sydney Town on Sunday, so you don't have to take your car. Drinks can be had within the grounds, but you can still B.Y.O. in an Eskey. This should take care of any worries (?!). Like to see medals and decoration for march on Saturday and Battalion T-Shirts (if owned) worn on Sunday.

This is the final reminder for members who have not made up their minds about attending the Re-union yet. If you intend coming and have not booked you had better do so quickly. Rush your \$10 deposit urgently to Jack Partridge 38 Serpentine Road Erina Heights, Terrigal, for accommodation before it is too late otherwise you may miss out. If you are coming by caravan or have booked your own accommodation please report to the Gosford R.S.L. Club when you arrive. I repeat, please report to the GOSFORD R.S.L. CLUB when you arrive. This is to give Jack and his committee a chance to check the numbers for catering purposes.

2nd/1st Field Regiment. 2nd A.I.F.

In an effort to sponsor an all-out liaison between our Association and the 2nd/1st Field Regiment to further the friendships that we formed with that unit over forty years ago President Alf Carpenter has asked that we print the following: The 2nd/1st Field Regiment are holding a get together on November 2nd (Friday) at the Gallipoli Legion Club, Beaumont St. HAMILTON (NEWCASTLE) commencing 8.15pm. The cost is \$16 per head (includes 3 course meal and drinks). Now what better than that for the money and a chance of a great old "natter". For bookings and any further information get in touch with George Thompson on Phone 049-558456.

Get-together of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association - Western Australia.

The lads over in the west had another get-together. It was held on the 10th August at the Anzac House Club in Perth and like the one held last May was very informal. On this occasion some of the wives attended. The manager of the club produced plates of snacks to nibble on during drinks. Doug Slinger, in his letter to me, said they all had a very enjoyable time and all look forward to the next one. Those who attended were: Wally Evans, Ross Elliott, Dasher & Lily Deacon, Don & Ralma Guthrie, Stan & June Day, Doug & Wilma Slinger. Apologies were received from Fred Stanwell, Jack Ward and Bob Smith. Another face missing was that of John Storey who Doug thinks is over in New Zealand. They discussed next year's Anzac

Day arrangements, whether to march as a unit or join in with the 2/11th Inf. Battalion Association, where they are most welcome. They have requested our(Sydney) guidance in this matter. Doug Slinger.

Newcastle News.

The Newcastle boys and their wives and friends met at the Stockton R.S.L. on Sunday August 12 to celebrate Cliff Curran's 70th Birthday. Those present were Alf & Marge Carpenter, Cliff and his sister Aileen, John & Margaret Rae, Dick Morris, Bill Hayes, Jack & Mary Partridge, George & Heather Mitchell, Yvonne Pearse, Doreen Manuel, Don & Enid Haggarty. Apologies were received from Joe & Gwen Bohle who were away at the time. Doug Milne has returned home after a stay in hospital with a blockage in the Carotid artery and is now making good progress George Mitchell.

WELFARE REPORT.

AUGUST 1984.

Visited at Concord.

- NX42707 Cunningham Des. Ward 7 in with pneumonia. Also has vascular problem. Des was in the Anti-Tank Platoon.
 NX123835 McNamara Les Ward 19 Some years ago Les had amputation of leg below the knee and now has had further surgery on the leg. Les was also in the Anti - Tank Platoon.
 Nx72861 Hoather U E (Herb) Ward 520. Throat complaint - by-opsy was negative. Also has weight loss, having further tests. Herb was in "A" Coy and also Anti - Tank Platoon. Lives at Ballina near the Whitmans.
 NX1994 Shaw Walter Ward 230. Hernia operation. Wal was in "C" Coy.
 5241 Key W.H. Ward 610. Gall bladder operation.

visited at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

- NX47468 Lynch Leo Ward BP5. Serious liver complaint. Has been discharged, went back home to Grafton. To report back to R.P.A. Hosp. 10th Sept.
 Information received via Laurie Waterhouse that NX5587 Bill Loy was in Royal Adelaide Hospital having had a heart attack and continuing angina problems. Also NX11200 Sar-Major "Robbie" Robbins is having out-patient treatment for eye and angina problems. As a result has been unable to visit Bill. We believe "Robbie" will be having his 80th Birthday before Christmas.
 Nx3993 Andrews Bill of Lugarno is home after being in Prince Henry Hospital. Whilst there he was visited by Curley Gorman and at home by Cec Chrystal. Bill is very seriously ill.

4 Battalion WW1.

- 7542 Towner Aubrey Ward 130. Aged 88. Could only whisper, so unable to obtain much information. Not at all well.
Lady Mackay Ward 410. Was visited by Frank Ivey and Dave Endean. Since discharged,

LAST POST.

NX5527 Wilson. J.
 NX46630 Lamond. M.C. (Tim)
 NX13270 Major. J.
 NX26150 Bell. H.W.
 QX56020 Peters. J.



Obituaries.

On August 2nd, 1984, death claimed one of our members living at Randwick. His identity - Nx5527 John Wilson. I think Jack served in "C" Company. He was one of those quiet, unobtrusive fellows, until something really upset him. Jack had suffered with marital problems with his first marriage, which may have upset him in latter years. His funeral took place on Wednesday, 6th August 1984 with a service at St. Judes Church at Randwick followed by a crematorium service at the Eastern Suburbs Cemetery, Botany. Laurie Waterhouse carried out the ex-servicemen's rites in the absence of the R.S.L. representative. Those who attended on behalf of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association were: "Slim" Powers, Harry Wright, Dick Pinson, Bill Parry and Laurie Waterhouse.

VALE! JOHN WILSON.

It is with regret that I report the death of NX46630 M.C.(Tim) Lamond of Kyogle. His death took place on Saturday, 11th August, 1984 at his property and he was buried in Kyogle on 14th August. Tim, as he was known to all, came from a highly esteemed family who were pioneers of that area. This was in great evidence by the very large attendance of people from the Kyogle district who attended his funeral.

He was an old school mate of Vera Provians whose family also came from around that district. Those attending the funeral from the Association were: Fred Varley, Eddie Miller, Mel McInnes, Roy Andrews, Bill Sheaffe, Alf Schwieter, Maurie Wilson, Jack Lister, Reg Murphy, Doug Grove, Max Nernay, Hugh Wittleton, Tom Clarke, Bob Gardiner, Bill Facey, "Pom" Wallace, Sid Young, Jim Flowers, Ron Ellem, "Tiny" Eglington, "Chubb" Crossthaite, Eddie Slade, "Ragsey" Butler, Wally Graham and Allan Kirk. Joan Chaseling, Joyce Lister and quite a few other wives of the above members also attended. This will give our members an idea of the great respect and liking Tim Lamond had, and it is certain that his passing will be a great loss to the community of Kyogle and surrounding districts.

VALE! TIM LAMOND.

MAIL BAG for JULY - AUGUST 1984.

From Wally McKenzie, Indooroopilly, QLD. Wally, as you may recall from the July issue of WOG has been very ill indeed for some time. He is now back home again with a new pacemaker and now looks forward to rapid improvement. The reason he wrote (he also rang your Editor) was to ask me to let it be known to one and all how very grateful and most thankful he is to the 2/4th members up in Queensland and the Qld 6th Div Association for the way they looked after him whilst in hospital and for providing the transport to enable Betty, his wife, to travel in to see him each day. Also thanks to John and Ruve Falla who arrived in time to take him home after his first operation. Thank you John! I am sure I can vouch for all members when I wish you a speedy return to good health.

Our next letter comes from Curly Gorman of St. Marys. He writes of having visited along with his wife Maureen, Prince Henry Hospital to see Bill Andrews of Lugar. "Curly" said Bill was extremely pleased to see them - told them that the visit brightened his day. Bill is a very sick man, however we are all hoping for the best. The Association is grateful for Curly and Maureen to have given their time to go out to see Bill. If any other members could spare their time to go out to see Bill we would appreciate their efforts. On behalf of the Association a big "Thank you" "Curly" and Maureen.

Letter from Bill Loy of Glenunga, a suburb of Adelaide. He wrote to let us know that he had been in and out of Royal Adelaide Hospital with angina, etc. He had made two or three attempts to notify "Robbie" or, at least, his wife June did. He found out that "Robbie" had been visiting the outpatients section of the Repat Hospital or tests on his eyes. Robbie is having trouble with his right eye and may have to have an operation. Robbie is also suffering from angina but Bill says he looks remarkably well, considering the old b.... (I think the letter says boy, Ed.) Bill will be 80 before Christmas. Best of luck, Bill, take it easy, and our regards to "Robbie" and all the South Aussie boys.

Ray Walker of Orange writes in to let us know that he has been in hospital for a few weeks, but is now back on deck again. He was enquiring about the Gosford Re-union. You should have all the clues now Roy if you phoned the number I gave you. Trust to see you at Gosford, but put a lock and chain on the wallet this time. Good luck, Roy.

Our next letter, or should I say a very lengthy report on the doings of members over the West, comes from our worthy friend, Doug Slinger of Bayside, W.A. Apparently the boys around Perth and their wives met again for an informal gathering (see report elsewhere in this issue) and Doug decided to send us the details. Doug booked into Gosford for the Re-union and has booked accommodation in Sydney so that he can have three or four days sight-seeing around this fair city of ours. Now settle down Claude!) Doug has been in consultation with the "Dasher" and his lady, Lily. He informs me that Dasher is working on a campaign, whereby he intends to "invade" the Netherlands, cannot say whether there is an urge to relocate the Dutch or to sponsor Alf Carpenter for a swim in the canals of Holland. Look forward to a further episode of Dasher and his frolics, Doug. Thank you for a very interesting letter, looking forward to meeting you at Gosford. Best wishes to all in Perth.

It is over to the A.C.T. for the next letter and it is from Eric Jones of Canberra. He is writing in to say congratulations to self and the team who produce and distribute WOG. Wants a T* Shirt sent and regrets that he will not be able to attend Gosford, because of family commitments. Said he had made a pilgrimage to the Tablelands whilst staying at Cairns. However he found it very hard to locate the exact places of interest (join the club Eric!) it has changed so much over the last forty years. Sorry about the T Shirt, waiting for new stocks of size 20, a popular size. Thanks Eric for your message, will pass on your good wishes.

Our very good Vice-President for the Far North Coast of N.S.W. is the next correspondent, sending in the sad news of Tim Lamond's death, whose obituary appears in the Last Post. Also he reports having had brief visits from members of the Association (this appears elsewhere in this issue) Thanks for the report All

A letter from Mrs Phoebe Adams of Ettalong who sent in an order for a T shirt. I think Charlie might be getting a surprise for his birthday. Charlie's health is not the best and he cannot travel far. However Phoebe has assured us that they will be at the Gosford Re-union. She says Charlie has lost 90% of his sight and his good eye is failing him. Both Phoebe and Charlie felt sad at the news of Frank Frizelle's death. You should have your T shirt of Fathers' Day, I think I beat the Train Strike with it. See you at Gosford, Good luck to you both.

Have two letters to answer for our next correspondent who lives in the Cairns area. Namely, Chris White, who lives at Gordonvale. Chris and his wife are very ardent gardeners. They entered their lovely garden in the local Shire competition and won it. Enclosed a cutting from the local paper to prove it. His second letter came via Vera Provians. Apparently Chris and his wife, Patricia, are over in Canada, visiting their daughter, who married a Canadian and has just presented them with a grand-daughter, their ninth grandchild, so that's why they made the trip over. They said they were able to fly from Cairns to Vancouver direct. Thank you Chris and Patricia White, we hope you are back safely. If you had an opportunity to visit the beautiful Bchart Gardens on Vancouver Island no doubt you received enough new ideas for your garden to enable you to repeat your competition win. Congratulations on the new arrival!

This is all the correspondence for this issue. When Fred Staggs and I meet again no doubt I will have a bundle to reply to in November. See you at Gosford! Editor.

Further to the GOSFORD RE-UNION.

The following is an area map (which we hope will reproduce clearly) supplied by Jack Partridge detailing the location the main areas of accommodation.



LETTERS OF INTEREST.

This is a letter received from "Chick" Sleeman, it was forwarded to me from Bruce Cork of "Joh's Country". It was read out at the last meeting and it was unanimously decided to print it, because of its interest.

'Dear Bruce,

Here I am in Darwin living out at Casuarina, a suburb. Have tried to locate your old mate - Russ McWilliam. The office girl at the Police Barracks said he used to be their gardener and gave me a map that was supposed to lead me to his flat in Tenura Crescent. The girl said the Crescent runs around the old Darwin hospital - which is now a complex of abandoned large old buildings and dead-end roads. Needless to say I have not yet located him but will try again later. I have been approached by officers of the Darwin Museum - a lovely building overlooking Fanny Bay - to give them all the information I can about war-time experience in Darwin. I told them we were camped at Pell Air-strip and they are going to drive me down there to look over the old battalion area in a couple of weeks time. I would like the Battalion to have its fair share of recognition in any display that is presented to the public by the Museum. I am doing all I can to get the information to Peter Dermondy - the officer carrying out the research. I promised to send Peter my Battalion War History when I return home in about six weeks time. I am wondering about sending him a copy of Doc's biography - what do you think? I have written to Jim Forman as it was a mate of his who constructed the radio on Timor in order to establish contact with Darwin H.Q. and, hopefully, Jim will have his address. I sat down to write this to Laurie Waterhouse but I only have his phone number with me - your address loomed large so you get the drum. Perhaps you could pass the word around anybody with an experience could write to Peter Dermondy, Darwin Museum, DARWIN.

"Chick" Sleeman continued.

One matter I was trying to recall was our "amphibious training" around Darwin Harbour. I can remember fooling around in collapsible boats while anti-aircraft guns fired over us from the cliff tops but I cannot remember details of the boats or why we were undergoing the training. Guess I should ask "Paddles" as only batmen would have that kind of information. Anyway Bruce, if you think the matter important I am sure you and John (Meehan) could remember a great deal. I am enjoying every minute of my stay here, with one of my twin sons, Garry. It will be with great sorrow to have to leave to go back south again. I guess I could move up here permanently, Best wishes to you and yours, Chick Sleeman.

This is part of the letter Allan Kirk wrote when reporting the demise of Tim Lamont. 'Had a brief visit from "Lofty" and Pauline Taylor who were passing through Lismore on their honeymoon, it was great to catch a quick glance of them. Hugh and Doris Burgdorf have been wintering in Ballina for a couple of weeks. Carma and I had the pleasure of their company also that of Doug Groves for a BBQ luncheon. Hugh had photos of the "Mortars" last get-together plus others of the Battalion, of course I had to show them some that I also have. Great was the "nattering" in that four or five hours, believe me!

Herb Hoather was going to Hospital (Concord I think) and could not be with us. Harry and Ada Whitman have been hibernating up at Hervey Bay again this winter, had a report that Harry had not been too well of late. Rang Leo Lynch (Grafton) and I am sorry to hear he has just returned from hospital (Sydney) and has to return soon for further treatment. That's all from the Far North Coast. On behalf of the mob up here my kindest regards to you Laurie and your fellow associates. Allan Kirk.

We have had a request, which should interest many of our members..... Members of the Association (who are not already members) are requested to give consideration to becoming members of the Gallipoli Memorial Club. There are many advantages for doing so but mainly we should give our support to the Club. It is our home we enjoy the use of all club facilities without the loss of revenue. Another reason it is convenient to get to, as train and bus services are at the front door. Also it could result in an increase on the Club's Board of our members thus assuring ourselves the tenure of our "home." Cost is negligible, approx \$10 joining fee and then \$10 annually. There are not too many comfortable places to meet or hold a function in the city area these days. Therefore better the home we know than the one we don't. Fill in a form at the desk the next time you come in, Ron the doorman will be only too pleased to help you.

Welcome Back.

Further to our welcome back to our Senior-VP and Treasurer, Allen Lindsay on page 1 we have now had an opportunity to discuss some of his travels with him. One of the best stories is the occasion when his wife, Gloria caused the evacuation of the entire population of an eight storey hotel in Boston at 12.30 in the middle of the night. Arriving late, Gloria was feeling like a cuppa and, as usual, no tea making facilities were available. So she lit their portable spirit stove to boil some water. Unfortunately she lit it right under the smoke and fire detector. During their wanderings in Canada they found themselves in a small town called Pincher Creek. There they visited the local branch of the Canadian Legion of Ex-Servicemen. Allen was made an honorary member and has the cap to prove it. Allen says that the first member to tell him, at the Gosford Re-union, exactly where Pincher Creek is in Canada will win a can of ice-cold Toohey's. Allen said that from time to time they met, in the U.S.A., the usual smart-ass Yank who would ask the some-what down-putting question, "Exactly where is Australia? To this question Allen devised the equally down-putting answer, "Where the Americas Cup is, mate!"

CASH REGISTER.

The Treasurer reports having received, during the period 25th May to 6th September, the following subscription and/or donations.

\$6	Merv Nicholson	Wally Mangan	Ted Werne		
\$10	Percy Webb	Wal Johnston	Bill Newth	Don Bundy	Jack Morgan
\$20	Cec Lawson	Bert Milner	Gordon Robbins		
			Thanks, mates.	<u>Allen Lindsay.</u>	

REMEMBER! OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL BE NOVEMBER, 1984. SEE YOU ALL AT GOSFORD!

STOP PRESS

7th Sept 1984. Received a phone message this morning from Vera Provians to say that Ken Moses, whilst visiting at Buderim, Q'land; had suffered a stroke. He is now hospitalised at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and no further information is to hand regarding his condition. Welfare Officer Harry Wright will endeavor to seek news later on. Laurie McCosker will be seeing Ken, when he visits the hospital today.

LATE NEWS FLASH - KEN NOT TOO GOOD.

9th Sept 1984. - TOM ART of NAROOMA (and BILL MACKENNA) TO SAY THAT LYKE "BALDY" THOMAS of TAUTY. VIC, DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK WHILE DRIVING HIS CAR THIS MORNING.

Editor.