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### NEXT MEETING.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 February, 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

### MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 22nd, 1985.

Despite the train strike and the hazzles and inconveniences caused by it we were able to hold the monthly meeting, find a little time to enjoy a good lunch and a couple of ales and thus push aside the cares and woes of the strike. President Alf Carpenter is to be commended for his effort in getting to Sydney to attend to the Association's business.

Ten members of the committee attended followed by six other members of the Association for the 2.30pm General Meeting.

Those who attended were: Pres. Alf Carpenter, Senior V.P. Allen Lindsay, Editor Laurie Waterhouse, Ass Secy. John Meehan, Welfare Officer Harry Wright, Athol Heath, Ken Kesteven, Bill Parry, Barney Turley, Cec Chrystal for the Committee Meeting at 11.30am, these members were joined by Bob Fergusson, Biscuits Arnott, George Stack, Peter Cade, Jack Maloney and Harry Gjedsted, making a total of 16 members at the General Meeting. Apologies were received from Fred Staggs, Norm Auberson, Slim Powers, Ted Fox, Brian Waring, John Copland, Jim Graham, Ferdi Pegg and Dave McGillivray.

Business of the meeting was mainly matters relating to the Annual General Meeting, such as the acceptance of the Balance Sheet for the year 1984 (this appears on page 6), consideration of the proposed recommendation for Life Membership (one only), the acceptance of the agenda for the Annual General meeting and the viewing of the Association Honour Board, which is to be presented and unveiled at the A.G.M. on Tuesday, February 26th, 1985. Also Discussion on the proposed Association coach tour to Perth (details elsewhere in this issue) and, of course, the corresponance, which always seems to be heavy at this time of the year. Most of it will be answered in the "Mail Bag" column. There was a letter which I feel should be brought to the attention of the members it is from Colonel (retired) The Hon. W.D. Abbuthnott M.B.E. of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch, Perth, Scotland, answering a letter from Pres. Alf Carpenter re the record of the R.S.M. of the Black Watch Battalion with whom Alf exchanged W.O.1 badges on Crete. This letter will be in the hands of Jim Graham, should anyone wish to see it. Quite interesting indeed.

The Treasurer, in presenting his Balance Sheet for 1984, explained that the total of monies in hand would have been higher except for the payment in December of a large quantity of paper and ink for WOG, sufficient to last us until July 1985.



### January Meeting continued.

Harry Gjedsted in his capacity of Secretary-Manager of the Gallipoli Memorial Club addressed the meeting and expressed his admiration of the Honour Board of all past and present office-bearers, thanking the President and Barney Turley for the magnificent work in making such an undertaking possible. Harry also mentioned the fact that the office of Treasurer has been in the hands of our present Treasurer, Allen Lindsay, for 17 years. That, indeed, is great service to the Association, which should not go without notice. President Alf replied by thanking Harry for the service given by the Club to the Association during the Christmas season and for allowing space for the honour board to be hung in the Club after its unveiling.

Bob Fergusson spoke on the values of our traditional way of life, of what the Association stood for and what it has achieved. That we should not be backward in making ourselves heard, if we want to keep those values, that we so dearly cherish, before the public and to give more thought to our past and our actions and thus keep our values alive for all to see.

Thus ended our meeting for January at 3.30pm.

### The Importance of the Annual General Meeting.

This very important meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th February at 2.30pm. It will be held irrespective of train or any other strike that may impede transportation. Therefore we request every member able to make his best effort to attend. Don't forget! It is a Daytime Meeting, not an evening one as in the past. This is your opportunity to vote the individuals, you think will serve the Association best, into the various positions of office. For those financial members who reside well outside the Metropolitan Area and will not be able to attend the A.G.M. for your benefit, here is the constitutional rule governing your voting rights.

Section 7 - Para (F) of the Constitution of the 2/4 Infantry Battalion Assn.

"Financial members outside a radius of 30 miles from Sydney, notwithstanding sub-paragraph (B) of this Paragraph, may forward nominations for office and votes on same to reach the Hon. Secretary not later than forty-eight(48) hours before any Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting."

That is it, it is up to you, we the retiring committee ask that you support this meeting and give voice to your desires.

### NEWCASTLE NEWS.

This snippet of news arrived the day the January WOG was posted. However no matter how late some news may be there is always somebody interested.

The Newcastle fraternity of 2/4thmembers gathered together to hold a Christmas function at the home of George and Heather Mitchell on Sunday, 16th December. It took the form of a Bar-B-Q lunch and from all reports it was a beaut. Those who attended were: Alf and Marj Carpenter, John and Margaret Rae, Jack and Mary Partridge, Joe and Gwen Bohle, Doug and Diedre Milne, Dick Morris, Bill Hayes, Yvonne Pearse, Mary Mann with daughter Caroline and Grandsons John and Peter, Guy and Kath Mitchell, Jean Palmer, Don and Enid Haggarty and Doreen Manual.

Cliff Curran was unable to attend as he was a patient in Royal Newcastle Hosp. having undergone surgery on his leg. He is now home and making progress. Bill Hayes is a patient at the William Lyne Hospital having bed rest.

Congratulations are the order of the day for Dick Morris, who is now a great-grandfather. He now has 13 grandchildren and one greatgrandson. How do you get a word in with that lot around you all at once or even a seat at the meal-table.

Courtesy: Geo. Mitchell.

### GRANDFATHER STAKES.

From time to time we have claimants among our members for the record number of grand and great grandchildren. During his recent visit to Wagga Wagga our Senior Vice-President, Allen Lindsay uncovered the following startling information. Local inhabitant and staunch member, Stan Blaksley, at last official muster, had 31 grandchildren and 46(!) greatgrandchildren, almost enough to form your own rifle company. We reckon this is the top of the wzzer. No further correspondence will be accepted on this subject unless you can beat this record.

### WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

Our very able and constant correspondent in Perth, Doug Slinger, says that the New Year started in rather a low key, owing to the weather being unkind. They had planned a Bar-B-Q at Doug's place at Mandurah on 16th January and only a few of the crowd managed, or should we say braved, the weather. Those that did turn up enjoyed themselves, being fed with tender juicy steaks, huge chops and sausages, crisp salads and fruits and, of course, there was the usual supply of cans of Swan Lager and a flagon or two of "white". The only regret was that the renowned Mandurah crabs were not yet running. However they had a good day despite the bad weather and lack of crabs. They agreed to repeat the function during April in time to give S.V.P. Allen Lindsay and wife Gloria a welcome.



West Australian News continued.

Doug says they are looking forward to the visit of Jack and Mary Partridge, also. Those who attended this Bar-B-Q at Doug's place were: Dasher and Lily Deacon, Stan and June Day, Edna Ding, Doug and Wilma Slinger, Dasher's two grandsons went along with him, also. Apologies were received from Dog Elliott. Doug also mentioned the article on Les Jones and the Jap breakout. Says there could be an "outsider" looming up to take out the youngest in the Battalion stakes. He is Merv "Bluey" Jones of Blairgowrie, Victoria who is also in the under 60 bracket. Merv and his wife Clair, visited Doug and Wilma last Sept. whilst on a caravan tour around Australia.

(Doug. Allen Lindsay says that he will be in Perth from 9th to 19th April and will be available for whatever you plan on either Sat. 13th or Sun. 14th April.)

WAGGA WAGGA RE-UNION. 1985.

We have been advised by "Dagwood" Jackson, convenor of the above re-union, that the re-union committee is now ready to accept bookings for accommodation. They are planning an official three-day re-union, however members may book for Sat and Sunday only if the Monday is inconvenient. The dates for the re-union are Saturday, 12th October, Sunday 13th and Monday 14th. A deposit of \$10 per person is required and as well as stating how many days you intend to stay, you must stipulate whether single, double or shared accommodation is required. Also whether Motel, Hotel or Caravan Park. No receipts will be issued by post but lists of persons who have booked in and where will be published in WOG from time to time. As you may not be aware, Wagga is a place where accommodation can be scarce, despite the many motels and hotels. This is due to the geographical location of the city, the large floating population due to the many Government Service depots and Armed Forces stations located in the area. Therefore it is strongly advised you book early to avoid disappointment. To book, simply make out a cheque or send a Money Order for \$10 per person booked, state your requirements and forward to

Mr. P.R. Jackson  
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WAGGA WAGGA.  
N.S.W. 2650

Cheques and/or Money Orders to be made payable to: 2/4th Infantry Battalion Re-union Committee. Judging from what has been heard over the phone, plus info gathered by our S.V.P. Allen during his recent visit to Wagga, This re-union will be worth attending as a very interesting program has been arranged, including a bus trip to part of the Snowy River complex on Monday. We make a special plea to all our Victorian and South Australian members to attend this re-union and take the opportunity to meet the NSW members. It is not all that far from Melbourne and Adelaide to Wagga and the roads are good, there is a local airport with services to all capital cities and there may even be train services from Sydney and Melbourne and intermediate stations.

PROPOSED WEST AUSTRALIAN COACH TOUR 1986.

A proposal for a coach tour from Newcastle - Sydney - Wagga - Melbourne - Adelaide - Perth; (via Esperance and Albany) returning through Kalgoorlie - Port Augusta - Broken Hill (via Wilpeena Pound) - Wagga - Sydney - Newcastle, has been put forward by President Alf Carpenter. The committee discussed the matter and decided to recommend it to the members as a very feasible and viable project. It is proposed to commence on 9th March, 1986 from Newcastle/Sydney and return Sydney/Newcastle on Monday 31st March, 1986. being twenty-three days inclusive. Estimated cost at to-days prices = \$1235 per head. All accommodation will be motel-type (twin-share). Cost will include:- Transport, sight-seeing tours (where applicable), dinner, bed and Breakfast. Free days in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Afternoon and morning tea breaks will be at the discretion of the coach captains. It is planned to have Eski's and tea-making facilities aboard. The coach firm requires a firm guarantee of a full capacity coach of 44 people, we are hoping for two coaches in convoy, however if the full complement of 88 is not achieved the first coach will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. It is hoped that the V.Ps in Melbourne and Adelaide will give their support to this project and organize a "Country Re-union" style dinner and evening in their respective cities during the tour's visit. The whole idea behind the tour is to meet with our fellow members in these states, who otherwise cannot travel to N.S.W. each year to attend Anzac Day and/or Country Re-unions. If the reception of the project by the members at the Annual General Meeting is favourable a trust account will be opened into which deposits for the trip, of \$120 per person, will be paid. Subsequent regular payments could be made by the participants prior to March 1986 to alleviate a large lump sum payment prior to departure (if you so desire). We ask members to give this proposal <sup>thorough</sup> serious before the Annual General meeting, because if it is approved the account will be open for deposits



Coach Tour continued.

immediately after the meeting. There it is to chew over. If accepted a full copy of the itinerary of the tour will be printed and published in WOG.

SUPPORT FOR 2/4th INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION CANDIDATES.

As members are well aware we have, more or less, adopted the Gallipoli Memorial Club as our "home." Consequently we have an obligation to give it the best of our support by, initially, endeavouring to have as many of our members as possible become members of the Club. At present we have a number of Association members who have joined the club plus a few who have been members for many years. In a few weeks time, elections take place for the Board of Directors and I believe one or two or more Association members will be nominating for the Board. It is in the interests of this Association that members give the utmost support to those 2/4th nominees by voting for them. Do this by attending the A.G.M. of the Gallipoli Memorial Club, if you are a member. If you cannot attend then send a postal vote, but don't waste your membership by not voting. Remember postal vote applications close on February 21st, 1985. See Ron the doorman, for particulars.

6th Division Association Annual General Meeting 1985.

A reminder to Association members, the 6th Aust Division Association Annual General Meeting takes place on Monday 18th February at 2pm at the Combined Services Club, Barrack St. Sydney. Presidents and Secretaries of member units are invited. At a cost of \$2 per head, sandwiches and a couple of ales will be supplied after the meeting.

The MAIL BAG.

What a variety of mail received by the Secretary and Editor this month, so of it to put our Treasurer in a good frame of mind on his way to the bank. First letter out of the bag is from the Grafton District RSL Club. They thanked Secretary Fred for sending them our plaque. This completes their display. They have the 2/1st, 2/2nd, 2/3rd and now the 2/4th Battalion Plaques together in a showcase with the caption:

"The Second First, Second, Third and Fourth Infantry Battalions of the original 16th Australian Infantry Brigade - the first infantry Brigade formed in the 2nd Australian Imperial Force formed in November, 1939."

Our second letter comes from Ron Small of Rockdale sending in his subs for the year and his best wishes to one and all.

The third letter is from Wally Mangan sending back his form and cheque for a Battalion Medal. Wally was worried recently, he missed his WOG, however all is well now and Wally is happy again.

Next letter is from Craig Clarke of Beachmere Q. he was reporting the sad passing of Ron ("Pop") Lillyman of Scone N.S.W. He sent down quite a lengthy cutting from the local paper "Scone Advocate" dealing with the life story of the late Ron Lillyman. no doubt all our ex-signal platoon members remember "Pop" Thanks Craig.

A letter from Cec Loughran of Salamander Bay N.S.W. also notifying us of the death of Ron Lillyman and could we advise Brian Waring who apparently worked with Ron and they joined the Army together. He said Ron passed away at Scone at the age of 74 years. Thanks Cec for your information, good wishes to you.

A letter from Charlie Evans of Lidcombe, very brief and to the point. Sending our Treasurer a cheque and a message of good wishes to all. Thanks a lot, Charlie. Another person who believes in brevity is Cec Stillwell of Kiama who sent along a donation and a brief message of goodwill. Thank you Cec.

Rusty McWilliam of Darwin N.T. is our next correspondent, giving news of himself and that he had a couple of letters from "Snow" Elliott and his good wife, letting him know that they had settled in their new home and enjoying life to the full. Last we heard of you "Rusty" was that a search party was out looking for you, as they could not find your place of "abode." Good to hear from you. Must mention that we received a couple of Xmas cards from Sir Ivan Dougherty to the President and all members of the Association.

Also received Xmas cards from Rusty McWilliam and Dasher Deacon (Dasher sent a photograph of Lily and himself sailing on the Swan river on S.S. Hardship, training for the America's Cup, so he says).

The sister of the late Urban (Herb) Hoather, Mrs Lillian Rogers, sent a "Thank you" card to the Association Members for their expressions of sympathy and the way we carried out the ex-serviceman's funeral rites.

We also received a card from Dick Pinson expressing appreciation for the Association's attendance at his wife's (Rene) funeral and for the many messages of sympathy from the members who attended.

Also received a card from Mavis Humphries from Houston, Texas, USA. Her son, well-known sports writer, Rod is seeking father's (Jack) war service details and will be in touch Mavis says she will be back in Sydney in March and hopes to join the ladies on Anzac Day. Sends her regards to all.



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NX13386	Francis	G.W.	Jan/Feb Reveille
NX36260	Hudson	H.J.	do.
NX1191	James	L.W.	do.
NX41609	Miller	J.H.	do.
NX72601	Miller	R.C.	do.
NX1976	Shelton	L.J.	do.
VX136772	Rau	E.A.	do.
NX1969	Lillyman	R.H.	do.



WELFARE REPORT 21st January 1985.

There has been no one in Concord over the last few weeks. Only the one below:

- NX3007 CALDER James Ward230. Was in C Coy and lives at Eastwood. Had Hernia operation.
- NX47 PEGG Ferdi Reported to be in Concord with injury to foot at time of this report.
- NX1965 HART Gary suffered blackout through loss of sugar. Taken to St. George Hospital. now back home.

Laurie McCosker rang from Brisbane with news that Wal McKenzie had been fitted with a new pacemaker. Norm Everson and Norm McIntyre recovering O.K. from their mis-haps. Vera Provians is home, progressing well, reports to hospital each two weeks.

Mary Mann was in hospital for observation, heart complaint. Now back at Nambucca.

Mail Bag. continued.

Last letter, and it came from George Gartrell of Orange who had a T-Shirt that fitted him like a nightgown, could we change it for a much smaller one (we did). He has retired from forty years of apple growing and is now learning to come to grips with retirement in general. Hopes to catch up with all of us at Wagga. So till the next issue good luck to you all and good health. Editor.

BATTALION T-SHIRTS and TIES.

On the matter of T-Shirts, there is a good supply of them, in sizes 16,18, 20, 22, with one 24. They have a collar and pocket and are good value for \$10 or \$11 posted. Ideal to wear for Bar-B-Qs and they look quite attractive. Another thing, don't leave getting a new tie till right on Anzac Day. There are plenty in stock and no trouble to pack and send through the post, we are 'flogging' them off at \$10 or \$10.50 posted.

CHANGES of ADDRESS.

Quite recently we had three or four copies of WOG returned and last week we had one returned from Monty Seims address, marked unknown. They are all addressed to well-known identities, I know a couple of them are going to scream when they didn't get their WOG. The point is if you are going to change your address, please let us know, so that we can record it. If you don't tell us then you can't blame us for non-delivery.

NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of 2/4th Battalion Assn.

To be held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club 12 Loftus Street, Sydney on Tuesday, 26th February, 1985 at 1430 hrs.

AGENDA.

1. One minute's Silence in memory of Fallen and Departed Comrades.
2. Apologies. *2. WELCOME TO MEMBERS & GUESTS*
3. Minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting. *CONFIRMATION*
4. Business arising.
5. Correspondence.
6. Presentation of the 1984 Financial Statements. ✓
7. Annual Reports - President's, Secretary's, Welfare Officer's and Editor's. ✓
8. Nomination for Life Membership. *Robert JACKSON*
9. Notices of Motion.
10. Election of Officers.
11. General Business. *UNVEILING OF PLAQUE*
12. Closure. *(BREAK for Collection of \$2.00) Per Head.*

REPORTS.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT for 1984.

Visits have been made to Concord, when any of our members have been there, every week. This would not be possible without the dedication of a few: our thanks to George Stack, Slim Powers, Dave McGillivray, Frank Ivey and Dave



2/4th INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION.  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS.  
for the year ended 31st December, 1984.

General Account.

Receipts.

<u>Balance:</u>	1.1.1984.	
Bank	2316	
Aust Guarantee Cpn.	2000	4316
Subscriptions - Life	495	
- Members	163	
- WOG	817	1475
Functions - Receipts		941
Donations Received		965
Sales: Ties, Pockets, etc.		295
T Shirts		883
Battalion Medals		578
War History		12
Interest Received		374
		<u>\$9839</u>

Payments.

White Over Green - Printing	1621	
- Postage	889	
Functions - Costs	1463	
Purchase - Battalion Medals	408	
Classified Adverts.	113	
Postage, Telephone & Stationery	220	
Purchases - T Shirts	880	
Subscription - Assn. 4 Bns	10	
Floral Tributes	15	
Tax on Bank Account	10	
<u>Balance:</u>	31.12.1984.	
Bank	2210	
Aust Guarantee	2000	4210
		<u>\$9839</u>

Benevolent Account.

Receipts.

<u>Balance:</u>	1.1.1984.	
Bank	768	
State Buildind Socy.	7248	8016
Interest Received		810
Donations Received		100
		<u>\$8926</u>

Payments.

<u>Donations:</u>		
Prevelli Monastery	50	
Greece & Crete Week Cmtee.	50	
Welfare Payments	134	
hospital Visits Expenses	289	
Tax on Bank Account	1	
<u>Balance:</u>	31.12.1984.	
Bank	368	
State Bldg. Socy.	8034	8402
		<u>\$8926</u>

Alf Carpenter President.

Allen Lindsay Hon. Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate:

I have examined the books of account and supporting vouchers of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association for the year ended 31st December, 1984. From such examination it is my opinion that the above accounts are full and fair statements of the Association's financial affairs for that period.

(signed) H.H. Silver  
H.H. Silver.  
Honorary Auditor.

Welfare Officer's Report continued.

Endean. Also to Bill Parry, Norm Auberson and John Ringrose who have visited other than R.G.H. Concord. Also thanks again to Larry Dooley for supplying the Xmas gift for the computer staff at R.G.H. Larry has been doing this for some number of years. Special mention must be made of Laurie McCosker and Vera Provians of Q'land who keep me supplied with welfare news of members up there. At the time of writing this report we have just received word that Laurie McCosker has suffered damage to his home. Also the same with John Shingles and Wally McKenzie couldn't walk around the house in bare feet because of broken glass. All this happened in the recent storms in Brisbane. We have been notified that Service Pensioners can only obtain Pharmaceutical and Hearing Benefits on your Pension Card along with Medicare. The Service Pension does not include Repatriation Doctor Services or Dentists. These services are now covered by Medicare. You must apply personally for the Treatment Entitlement Card at Grace Building or your Repat. Centre in other cities, if you want to be covered by Repat. for doctors and dentists, etc.

Harry Wright Welfare Officer.

Editor's Note.

Due to lack of space the Annual Reports of the President, Secretary and Editor will be published in next month's issue.

Laurie Waterhouse.