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NEXT MEETING.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 March at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St, Sydney. The Committee meets at 1130 hrs followed by the General Meeting at 1430 hrs. Lunch is available in the Dining Room 1200-1400hrs

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1985.

This very important meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th February at the Gallipoli Club and attracted a large attendance of 57 members. This was the largest attendance at an AG.M. for many years and reflects the interest and importance members placed on this year's meeting. It was most gratifying to the President and Committee to see the large turn-up, some who had come from so far afield as Wagga and Kempsey and other areas along the Central Coast and Newcastle.

esident Alf Carpenter presided at both the Committee and General meetings. He ...Jlcomed all present, especially our Patron, Sir Ivan, Stan Blacksley from Wagga and Jim Brown from Kempsey. Those attending were as follows:-

Sir Ivan Dougherty, Alf Carpenter, Allen Lindsay, Fred Staggs, Laurie Waterhouse, John Meehan, Cec Chrystal, Ferdi Pegg, Ken Kesteven, John Hawkins, Ted Fox, Harry Wright, Norm Auberson, George Stack, athol Heath, Bill Parry, Barney Turley, Frank Ivey, Trevor Richardson, Ken Richardson, Jim Foreman, George Mitchell, Jack Partridge, Bob Fergusson, Dick Morris, Merv Nicholson, Biscuits Arnott, Sid Buckley, Lim Graham, Bob Lane, Gordon Chrism, Slim Foreman, Hannier, John Dingson, Chrism, Standardson, John Dingson, Chrism, Carpenter, John Dingson, Chrism, Chrism, Carpenter, John Dingson, Chrism, Carpenter, Landardson, Chrism, Carpenter, Landardson, Chrism, Carpeter, Landardson, Chrism, Chrism Jim Graham, Bob Lane, Gordon Chrisp, Slim venn, Norm Harries, John Ringrose, Curly Borman, Noel Ford, Dave Follington, Alan Bohle, Ron Williams, Slim Powers, Ron Barber, Lionel Clarke, Jack Hine, Brian Waring, Dave McGillivray, Norrie McGregor, Slim Pollock, Dick Pinson, Peter Cade, Bill Fogden, Jack Maloney, Nap Alavoine, ilec Maxwell. Jim Brown and Stan Blacksley.

lpologies were received from: Bob Lever, Rex Everson, Bob Jackson, Harold Silver, Charlie Howe, Harry Gjedsted, Bill Mac Lennan and Esca Riordan.

Correspondence was dealt with by the Committee and included letters from Doug Slinger, Peter Denver and Claude Raymond affirming their support for the proposed coach tour to Western Australia. All other correspondence will be answered in the Mail Beg' column. There were no Noticec of Motion, however there was a recommendtion for Honorary Life Membership to awarded to Bob Jackson of Wagga, known to all and sundry as 'Dagwood'. This recommendation, unanimously endorsed by the committee and put before the general meeting, was passed with acclamation. the big topic and main piece of business of the day was the motion to proceed rith the organising of the coach tour to W.A. The motion was passed without dissent. resident Alf outlined the main details to the members, emphasizing that there ould be no travelling at night, all accommodation would be in motels, afternoon

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and morning teas would be served, as well as breakfast and evening meals. There will be a re-union dinner at each capital city (Melb. Ade. & Perth) organised by the respective Vice-Presidents, to be paid for separately. There will be free days in each capital city and there will be sight -seeing tours at the various places en route to and from Perth. The coaches carry 48 to 50 passengers but it is planned to take 44 to 46 per coach, thereby leaving some seats available at the rear for the sick and wounded as and if they occur. The seats are reclining and there will be a toilet on board to be used in cases of dire emergency only as regular comfort stops will be made. Coaches will be carrying Esky's so there will be cool drinks available en route. These are the main details to date, there is still a lot of organising to do however we have twelve months in which to get things done. We anticipate that the first bus load will be booked within three months and, hopefully, the second in a month or two after that, so book early and avoid the rush. The cost of the tour (coach accommodation and specified meals) is at present estimated at \$1200 per person plus a little spending money for lunches (optional) 'shouts' (compulsory) and other incidentals. Now that the trip is official arrangements have been made to pay the deposits on booking. They are \$120 per person to be paid to '2/4th Aust. Inf. Battalion W.A. Tour Fund.' Send it with your booking to Alf Carpenter, 66 Chatham Road, Georgetown. 2298. An account for this purpose has been opened at the N.S.W. Building Society with the President, Secretary and Treasurer as signatories. Interest earnings from the account to date of departure will be applied towards the original stocking of the 'Eskys'. BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN.
President Alf went on to give a run-down on a progress report sent to him from Bob Jackson on thr Wagga Re-union. Judging from that report everything seems to be well in hand and bookings are now being taken. A very good itinerary has been formulayed and the organizers have covered a fair bit of ground to try to make this re-union a good one. Now it is up to the individual members to do their bit, book early.

Election of Officers for 1985.

The President declared all positions vacant and Norm Harries was elected as Returning Officer, who then called for nominations for the various offices of the Association in the order (more or less) that they appear on page 1 of this publication. With the exception of the committee all officers were re-elected unopposed. There were 12 nominations for the Committee and after a ballot(conducted under the scrutiny of Sir Ivan, assisted by Jim Brown and Noel Ford) the following 8 members were elected to the Committee:- Ferd Pegg, Ted Fox, John Hawkins, Norm Auberson, Cec Chrystal, Harry Wright, Ken Kesteven and George Stack. Harry Wright was then elected Welfare Officer and Harold Silver- Auditor. Both unopposed. With the election of the office-bearers over, President Alf resumed the chair and asked Sir Ivan would he kindly come forward and unveil the Honour Board of all Executive Officers of the Association since its formation. This Honour Board was the brainchild of Alf, who, with the help of Barney Turley supplying information, and together with his wife, Marj, donated the Board to the Association. The Board will hang in the Regimental Room of the Gallipoli Memorial Club and will preserve, in our memories, those members who, over the years, have given their time and efforts to serve on our behalf. Sir Ivan, after unveiling the honour Board, spoke of the high standard of service and dedicated loyalty set by the past and present committee which was so evident in the present meeting, judging by the large attendance. He said that while we have members who are prepared to give unstintingly of their time and effort then the 2/4th Battalion Association will move into the future with the same success it has enjoyed in the past. President Alf responded appropriately to Sir Ivan's address. Jim Brown of Kempsey followed by thanking the incoming President and Committee and praising the work

done in the last twelve months by the outgoing committee. He paid special tribute to those who produced 'White Over Green' because that is our lifeline to all association members throughout Australia. Athol Heath retiring committeeman, spoke to members prior to the close of the meeting, saying he welcomed the incoming President and Committee and wished them every success. He was a little sorry at not going back on the Committee especially as he had served on it for 21 years straight, but looked forward to serving the Association in any capacity in the

forth-coming year.

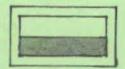
There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1615 hrs. The members were then invited by the President and Treasurer to be guests of the Association at a very "Happy Hour" (and a half).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 1984.

Gentlemen:

It is my privilege and pleasure to present my first report as your President, on the activities of the 2/4th Battalion Association during the past year It has been my endeavour to keep your association a happy and caring one. Happy, as members to meet together in the friendly atmosphere of comrades with whom we were privileged to serve for the freedom of our great nation... and each of us caring mutually for the welfare and health of the other and those near and

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Wagga Wagga '85...

2/4th INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION RE-UNION to be held 12-14th October, 1985.

Dear fellow members:

From the information already sent out through WOG, most of you will know of our Association Re-union to be held in Wagga later this year.

Our local committee (consisting of about ten 2/4th-ers) is looking forward to welcoming you and your wives, children and friends to what will be, we hope, a happy and convivial gettogether. It will be the fourth function of this kind to have been held in Wagga Wagga.

We thought that the following information might be of interest to you, and perhaps helpful in encouraging you to join us at this Re-union. Among our bookings already received we have ten who were here in 1971, and earlier: and it has been noticeable in recent years that many ex members of the Battalion are attending these re-unions for the very first time - thus renewing friendships which were made over forty years ago.

Format:

Will follow much the same as in previous years. Saturday and Sunday: registration, informal gathering, march, dinner, barbeque and smorgasbord.

This year we are also planning a coach trip to Tumut and areas of interest in the vicinity of the Snowy Mountains scheme on the Monday, 14th October.

Accommodation:

There is a wide variety in Wagga - hotels, motels, caravan parks, etc. There are seven motels in the "inner city" area which are of high standard and convenient to shopping areas: These include Koala, Zebra Club, Prince of Wales, Old Wagga Inn and Town House - all licenced, and ranging from \$45/52 (single and double respectively).

Accommodation, continued:

Others include: The Astor, Zebra Park: \$30/40.

A little out of town, but still very accessible, are
The Carriage House (\$42/48) Allonville, Mercury, Ashmont
and Burringa (at Kooringal) and others in the \$32/41 range.
Romanos Hotel (right in town) and recently renovated and
very comfortable, we believe, is well priced at \$18 per
person per night (including bed and breakfast).

We shall be glad to make your bookings anywhere you especially wish. Your NRMA directory (if up-to-date) will give you full details where required.

General:

Wagga Wagga is located about half way between Sydney and Melbourne, and is therefore well accessible to NSW, Victoria and S.A. Its population is approaching 50,000. Further information on tourist attractions and other points of interest will be sent out to you (or at least, to all attending our re-union) later in the year.

Mid October is a pleasant time of the year, with spring well advanced and climate steady in the mid 20s (c).

We welcome any enquiries about the re-union, accommodation, transport and travel. Please don't hesitate to ring me (area code: 069 - Wagga 22 6914) for any particular information, but NOT for bookings - please use attached NOMINATION FORM.

Best wishes to all ... see you in October ... and remember, BOOK EARLY, and avoid disappointment!

NB: Many thanks to those who have already sent in their bookings. They may, of course, disregard the attached nomination form.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Jackson,

Chairman,

Wagga Re-union Committee,

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President's Report. (continued)

to us. It is these bonds which have and will keep our association strong. To all those who have suffered bereavements during the year I extend my

deepest sympathy.

One of my projects during the year was to produce an Honour Board of the members who have so diligently served this association since it's inception in 1943, when Bob Cook, President; George Russell, Secretary; John Morrison, Treasure: with others, formed our association. Later during the meeting this Honour Board will be unveiled by Sir Ivan. Marge and I have much delight and pleasure in donatir it to the Association, to preserve in our memories, those, who over the years have given time and effort on our behalf.

The Gosford Re-union, organised by Jack and Mary Partridge and their band of helpers, must go down in history for attendance. Not only those regulars at re-unic s, but also the number of new faces, all of whom, vowed that it would not be their

last attendance even if it was their first after forty years.

In March, 1986 we will conduct a coach tour to the West, via Melbourne and Adelaide to Perth. I have had enthusiastic replies back from all centres, with all systems go, for re-unions in each capital city. A 50 seater air-conditioned coach with toilet and video (is the video in the toilet, Alf?) has been tentatively

booked with another standing by, if necessary. So this is our project for 1986.

I cannot submit this report without some mention of our 50th anniversary in Novemner, 1989. My Senior Vice-President, Allen Lindsay is chairman of the organizing committee. It has been decided to forego the Country Re-union for that year and to have our 50th Anniversary celebrations in the City of Sydney, commencing on Friday 3rd of November 1989, the exact date of the formation of the Battalion.

The Committee will, I know, plan a bumper re-union.

The 1985 Wagga Re-union is well ahead on planning. "Dagwood" Jackson and his mmittee have everything under control for a most enjoyable time for all. Ross

Smith has the boys at Inverell working already for our enjoyment in 1986.

My thanks must be recorded to all Association members for their loyal support at all our functions: The Anzac March and Re-union Dinner, especially our own wreath laying ceremony, Gosford Country Re-union, Monthly meetings, Church Parades and other commemorations which they attended during the year.

My special thanks must go to all Office Bearers and your Committee who have

given their all to make your Association function so efficiently.

Last, but by no means least, my thanks to Sir Ivan, our Patron and to the Gallipoli Memorial Club for their help and support during the year.

In closing I wish every member Health and Happiness for the forthcoming year;

and the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association, every success.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve you as your President. Alf Carpenter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT for 1984.

Having taken over the position of Secretary in mid-year (more or less) there is little for me to report.

Not having done this type of work before I was, at first, all at sea. With the villing and capable help from our past Secretary Laurie Waterhouse and the patience of his good wife, Joy, in answering the phone, I was able to keep my head above

water. A big 'Thank-you' to both those good people.

All correspondence requiring an answer and other business arising from the Secretary's office, has been attended to and no complaints have been forthcoming to my notice, therefore my errors could not have been numerous and not very significant cant. To assist in the smooth running of the Association, may I suggest the following procedures be adopted by all who write in:

1. All correspondence and enquiries........................POST TO SECRETARY.

All Subs and Donations etc......POST TO TREASURER. 2.

All articles and information etc.................POST TO EDITOR. 3.

Secretary ... Fred Staggs.

EDITOR'S REPORT for 1984.

It has been quite a challenge to undertake a job, whose previous bearer had set a high standard in his work and his writing. I had many qualms and fears at first, but as confidence was gained I began to lose that sense of ineptitude that seems to take over when you attempt something new for the first time. I have learnt many things in trying to present a monthly news journal, that will give news, information and an accurate overall description of what transpires within the Association, so that we satisfy our member readers, who, like myself, like to know what is going on and what the fellows are doing within the sphere of membership.

There have been times of frustration, when things do not go right (especially with a tempermental copying machine); the little failures that seem to dog you, when least expected. However, despite these little setbacks, I have managed to meet the obligations demanded. (Hooray for Laurie - The Typesetter).

One thing though, in editing, typing, printing, colating, stapling, folding and wrapping, along with the sorting of the journal to suit the demands of Aust

Post, no one man can do this job and retain his sanity, without assistance. This I am very fortunate to have, in an able and competent team. First of all, my good wife Joy, who sees that I have the strength to carry on, is my right hand and colouring expert. Our fickle fingered (!!!!) typist - Allen Lindsay, who never says no to a request to alter a mistake (his- not mine). Vera Walsh and 'Slim' Powers who do the collating and stapling. Peter Cade and 'Slim' Pollock who do the folding and wrapping. Without these people, 'White Over Green' would never get to Aust Post on time. One has only to pick up the phone and say, can you be here at such and such a time and the answer comes back straight away - 'Yes, no trouble at all. To these people I say 'Thank you' for your help and time. To Ken Kesteven my many thanks and appreciation for organizing the paper and ink supply in our efforts to keep our costs down and finally to our readers who every now and then send in compliments on the efforts we make to improve 'WOG'. So when you receive your next copy just think of what is involved and thank those people I have mention ed. My resuming office of Editor of this important journal is in your hands, I rest on the work done and the reputation of knowing I have at least tried.

Laurie Waterhouse - Editor. (Needless to say and following the tradition of the many great Editors that this publication has been fortunate enough to have, viz: Rusty McWilliam, Dick Morris, Bill MacLennan, Peter Cade,...etc...Laurie was elected unanimously to the post-of Editor for 1985. Congratulations!!! Laurie. from the Typesetter and all the rest of the mob.)

Newcastle News.

Newcastle members of the association met for a get-together in January at the Hamilton RSL. Those present were Alf and Marge Carpenter, George and Heather Mitchell, Doug and Deidre Milne, Dick Morris, Ivonne Pearse, Don and Enid Haggerty and Doreen Manuel. Uur next get-together is at Stockton R.S.L. at 2pm 24th March. Heath and I accompanied by Mary and Jack Partridge travelled to Tamworth for the Country and Western Musical Festival and met up with three 2/4th boys from Tamworth -George Foster Dave Peters and George Sugden. Alf and Marge Carpenter have just returned from a cruise on the 'MICHAIL LEMONTOV'. Quite a re-union of 2/4th bods, with 'Slim' Venn and Ray Campbell at the Bar at 1030 hrs each morning. Courtesy of George Mitchell.

Anzac Day Arrangements - 2/4th Ladies.

This is a special paragraph for our wives, girl friends and well wishers of the opposite sex, who will be coming into the city on Anzac Day, also for all our country girls who may be making the trip down. The "Camelia Restaurant" in George St. between Market and Park Sts, opposite the Queen Victoria Building, has been booked for the 2/4th Ladies Luncheon, Anzac Day, 1985. If you are desirous of going to the luncheon then please contact Hilda Wright on phone number 871-5312 to make a reservation. It is advisable to let Hilda know as soon as possible, as last year the place was crowded.

Northern News.

Heard at the Annual meeting that Qld. VP Laurie McCosker has now retired and we

may see him at the Anzac Day Re-union.

Also heard, was that Esca Riordan and his wife are cruising on the 'ORIANA'. A snippet given to me over the last ale of the day - certain comrades aboard the ship 'MIKHAIL LEMENTOV' where seen to be collaborating well. One particular comrade asked his wife to take him home and they went to the 'Nevesky Bar' at 1030hrs. Alf Carpenter entered the Singles competition for Deck Quoits, trained by 'Slim' Venn and ably managed by Ray Campbell - think they did most of their training at the bar. Believev 'Slim' gave a very spirited redition of that old favourite 'Lucky Old Son' which won him second place in the ship's Amateur Hour. Editor.

ASSOCIATION OF FOURTH INFANTRY BATTALIONS. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The above Association held its annual general meeting on Friday evening 8th Feb. at H.Q. 4 RNSW Regt, Arncliffe. Some 19 members turned up, those representing the 2/4th were, as follows: Ken Kesteven, Athol Heath and Ron Barber, with apologie from Allen Lindsay, Laurie Waterhouse and Slim Powers. Cliff Horsley was in the chair, an apology having been received from Maj-Gen. Gordon Maitland. In his Annual Report, the President said he was most concerned at the very poor attendance at the Christmas get-together and put forward a sugg-

estion that the function be changed. Also reported to the meeting was the successful reunion held recently in South Aust. of the 4 R.A.R. over 100 members attending Afuture reunion will be held in 1989. Membership of the Association remained steady throughout the year, apparently the drive for outstanding subscriptions was very successful. As usual, Harold Smith of Bourke - onetime swashbuckling camelier of 1914-18 vintage kept his usual correspondence flowing, giving a touch of humour

to the proceedings..... Just received news from Laurie McCosker, 2/4th bods up there had a lunch & get together on Bribie Island 27th February 1985, Attending were Wink Walker, Braig Clarke, Jack Hughes, 'Snow' liott, Norm Ever n, Wally McKenzie, Bruce on Bladen, Laurie McCosk and their Wives.
Lans, Frank Gattenhoff, No. Mc Intyre, Mert Herris, Cork, Harry Whitman, Apologies from Vera GOOD DAY HAD BY ALL VERY SUCCESSED

LAST

POST.



NX46371 NX35097 NX18259 NX46396

(Reveille) Mitchell O. F. Francis C. (Chaplain) " Holdsworth J. A.

Johnson G.

LEST WE FORGET

Fred Staggs represented the Association at the funeral at Pine Grove Memorial Park of the Late John Allan Holdsworth. Camden R.S.L. conducted the service, John's brother, NX200076, N Holdsworth was also in the Battalion.

WELFARE

REPORT.

Visited at Concord (as from 25th February)

NX9808 Stafford(Mick) Ward 17. Blood clots in right leg and chest Bickley, problem. Discharged.

NX47 Pegg, Ferd Ward 630. Infected foot. Now discharged. NX127149 Anelzark, Ward 130. Operation for removal of disc from spine. John

Now discharged. NX5294 Roberts, Henry Ward 310. Breathing problems. Not at all well. NX15371 Saunders John

Ward 110. Prostate operation. Discharged. NX5162 Dawson

Tom Ward 12. Ankle problem.

Percy(Jack) Ward 12. Perc comes from Parkes. Was in B Coy.

Has had a stroke. POW Greece. Transferred to Lady Davidson NX14089 Webb

Hospital. 25th February. Cec Ward 330. Was in B Coy, lives at Bathurst. In for NX42194 Lawson tests on heart.

Bob Lever rang to say that he had visited Ted Barker at Tregothan Nursing Home, Leura and that he was reasonably well.

Doug Slinger wrote to Laurie Waterhouse informing him that Ken (Dasher) was in Hollywood Repat Hospital (Perth) with back and neck pains. (Must be all that training for the America's Cup, Dasher). Doug, his wife and Fred Stanwell visited him.

Gary Hart is at home progressing well after his recent illness. Allan Kirk recently spent a weekend in Lismore Hospital, being admitted to intensiv care with chest pains. Heart checked out O.K. problem was Hiatus Hernia, says he is feeling well again. His wife Carma is in St. Vincents Hosp, Lismore, with vertigo. Hope you are both well again.

Association of 4 Infantry Battalions - A.G.M. (continued from page 4)
Sir Ivan Dougherty conducted the election of office bearers for 1985, the result
of which was very little change. Maj-Gen Gordon Maitland, President: Lt-Col. Vin Hallinan, Secretary: Mike Delahunty, Treasurer: Matt Vertzonis, Assis. Secy: Richard Morris, Editor: Cliff Horsley, Historian: Norm Harries, Marshal: the Committee was re-elected intact with a further member, Brian Dooley, being added. From and by the courtesy of:-The Wagga Daily Advertiser.

"Old Diggers Re-unite at Wagga."

At 12.30pm to-day, 10th January 1985, it will be exactly 45 years since the first convoy of troops sailed from Sydney Harbour in World War II. Thet were all men of the 6th Australian Division, 2nd A.I.F. and included many who enlisted from Wagga barely two months previously.

Their detination was unknown until after they left Freemantle on 20th January, 1940. It was to be the Middle East, where this Division made history being the first Australians in action at Bardia on 3rd January, 1941 and Tobruk on 21st January, 1945 Some of these men, formerly of the famous 2/4th Australian Infantry Battalion, will gather at the Wagga R.S.L. to-day to commemorate this historic occasion. It will also be the forerunner of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Country Reunion, to be held in Wagga, later this year.

45 years? More than a lifetime for some of us: but the spirit of these young and enthusiastic troops on the RMS'Strathnaver' and other famous ship names of that first convoy, lives on.

West Australian News.

Our Battalion representative over in Perth, Doug Slinger, Wasted no time in getting his pen to paper as soon as he read the article in February's White Over Green relating to the proposed coach trip to Perth and return in 1986 (March). One could almost see the wheels' turning in Doug mind, as he read the article through and digested it's contents. Could imagine the various ideas that floated through his

West. Aust. News (continued).

head as he pondered how best he and his fellow 2/4th members could entertain a coach-load or two of people. Doug has already been in touch with the local boys, he sent out a circular to each one of them. They are going to meet on 13th March to discuss the proposal and the best ways and means of putting on a reunion dinner for the occasion. Anyway, Doug has assured us that he and his band of 2/4th people will play their part to see that the coach trip will be enjoyed to the utmost in West. Australia. Doug will be in constant touch with usand keep us up to date with the plans they formulate. In the meantime he informs us that 'Dasher' and Lily are over in Alice Springs in his role of Western Australia's most travell citizen. Doug mentioned Dasher having spent some time in the Repat Hospital and how he was constantly visited by Fred Stanwell, Doug and Wilma who saw to it that I was well looked after and wanted for nothing. Another matter that was also mentioned was that they had received an official invitation to join the 2/11 Battalion Association on Anzac Day, to march and afterwards partake of their hospitality. Doug was to attend their meeting in February and report back to the get-together of 2/4th members on 13th March. He reckons 'Dasher' may come up with some 'grandiose' plan when he gets back from the 'Alice', when he finds out about the coach courtesy Doug Slinger.

News from the Far North Coast.

Jack Hughes rang me yesterday and told me that NX46396, George Johnson, had passed away in Ballina, the first week in February. He enlisted at Lismore and was in the Transport Platoon. He had been suffering from lung cancer. I was in Ballina early January and went to see him. Could see that he was not too good. Went to Jack Hughes' son's wedding at Ballina, then back to Southport with Jack and Joan to spend a few days with them. On the way home, I called in at Lismore to see A. n and Carma Kirk. Allan was not looking his best. Tim Ellis called in last week to see me and told me that Allan was still not the best, his informant being his daughter who is a Sister at the hospital where Allan was and was looking after him. Since I have come home I have seen Jeff(Spike) Galvin, he is on a diet and is down to 4 schooners a day. Also seen Bill Shearwin. He and his wife have just arrived back from Darwin where they have been staying with their daughter for three months. Bill looks very well and is not drinking these days. We have a few 2/4th widows here, Billy Bennett, Mary Mann, Alice Clough and Ken Rubie's wife.

Margaret, my wife, was talking to Allan Kirk last night (13th Feb) and he said he was feeling O.K. again. Hope to see you all at Wagga, but that is a long way off, my regards to all!

Apology for Omission of Names.

My apologies to Mrs Jack Hawkins and Sheila McIntosh: I missed your names in the Christmas Party roll-call at the Gallipoli Memorial Club...was having too good a time.

CASH REGISTER.

The Treasurer reports having received subs and/or donations from the following:-

Bill Shearwin Cec Calver Alan Manning Harry Russell Ray Campbell Merv Nicholson George Mitchell \$7 \$8 Don Hine Roy Cole Dave McGillivray \$10 Des Finch Jack Eastham A (Tony) Gibson Mick O'Regan Doug Slinger Jack Whitelaw George Coles John Wood John Copland Roy Andrews Bill Newth Des Loydell P.A.Lane Bub Graham Ken Richardson Lionel Clarke Alan Bohle Dick Morris Jack Huston T.J. Taylor \$12 N.R.Rogers Monty Siems \$20 Charles Stillwell C Gillard Eric Jones Roy Findlay Tom McNamara Bob Lane Mick Green \$25 Brig McAtamney \$40

Stop Press:

Merv Hicks.

'Lofty' Gibson Rang to say that he had received word from Bill MacIshnan to the effect that G.J. (Norm) Gillespie died on Sunday 3rd March 1985, whist playing golf. Norm lived at Resevoir, Victoria. That is all the imformation to hand. Condolences have been sent on behalf of the Association.

Editor.