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NEXT MEETING.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 JUNE, 1985. 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 1200-1400 hrs.

EDITORIAL

Liaison Officer to the Gallipoli Memorial Club: Athol Heath

Now that Anzac Day and the Battle of Greece and Crete commemoration week are past, we pause to think, what has happened what has been accomplished by those in power in far eff countries, who so often and so eager to cry 'Peace' and yet are so war like in their actions. We wonder if what we went through and endured has been a lesson that is being ignobly ignored.

Our Patron and former commanding officer, Sir Ivan Dougherty is now over seas visiting Israel, Crete and Greece as the representative of the Aust.

R.S.L. These counties are holding separate ceremonies, to mark their involvement in the hostilities of World War 2. Prior to his leaving, Sir Ivan was interviewed by the media and his response

was, Quote- War cemeteries should be the venue for World Disarmament conferences and the headstones of the I8 year old soldiers a required conferreading. He went on to say 'If they would only get around the conference table in the centre of one of the many War Cemeteries and read the thousands of headstones of soldiers aged 18 and 20 years old, they would realise the dreadful losses of war and the lesson would sink in! We can only hope the message will sink in when Sir Ivan addresses the various conferences he will attend during his brief stay in these countries.

Editor

The Commemoration of Battle of Greece and Crete Week.

The weekend of the 17th and 19th May proved quite a busy one for some of our members, specially Ken Kesteven , who is one of the most ardent of workers behind the scenes of this commemoration week. The weekend commenced with an imformal night at the Cretan Association of N.S.W. Club at Marrackville on Friday evening, Alf Carpenter and Ken Kesteven attending on behalf of the Association. On Saturday, I8th May At 2pm, some seventy to eighty 6th Aust. Inf. Div. members marched from O'Connell St to the Cenotaph, including eleven 2/4th Inf. Bn Ass. Members. They were led by the army Band of the 2nd Military District stationed at Victoria Barracks. Each of the four Infantry Units, representing N.S.W. complement to the 6th Div, had their colours on parade-2/Ist; 2/2nd; 2/3rd; 2/4th plus some of the other units as well. Our colour bearer on this occasion being Harry Wright, very conspicous by his absence was Sir Ivan, who is away overseas on this occasion. However Maj-Gen. Ian Campbell gave avery stirring address-in -reply to the

Guest speaker who was the Greek General, invited for this special occasion It is very interesting to note the way the Greek and Cretan community give their support to this auspicious and historic ceremony. After the Cenotaph ceremony, many of the participants availed themselves of the invitation to attend the reception given by the Greek Consul-General at the Consulate in Pitt St. Here drinks and light refreshments were taken during the period of speeches made by the various distinguished guests. Those who attended the ceremony on behalf of the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Ass. where as follows:

President Alf Carpenter, Laurie Waterhouse, Ken Kesteven, Harry & Hilda Wright, Des Finch and his wife, Fi Kesteven, Ferd Pegg, Biscuits Arnott, Fred Staggs, Morrie & Margaret Porter, Mick Steele, Norm Auberson and Ken Fi Kesteven's daughter and son in law Lyn And Lew.

THE GARRISON CHURCH SERVICE

This mest impressive service took place on Sunday, I9th May, at the historicarrison Church in The Rocks area in Sydney. It was televised and will be screened on Sunday 2nd June, at IIam in the morning. The old church was filled to its full capacity and extra seating to be supplied to cope with the large crowd. It must have taken the organisers by suprise, judging by the smiles on the organisers faces. The 6Th AUST INF DIV.units once again paraded their individual colours down the aisle to be placed around the sanctuary for the duration of the service. The colours along with the National flags were piped in by two pipers from the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band, this ritual was very fitting to the old church and was very impressive to those who made up the congregation. After the service the colours and flags were handed back to the unit bearers and once again they were piped out by the pipers whilst the congregation stood to honour them. The 2/4th Inf.Bn.Ass bearer on this occasion was Laurie Waterhouse.

It has been requested on behalf of the organising committee of the Gre and Cretan Commemoration Week that acknowledgement be accorded to the 2,4th Inf. Bn. Association for the support given to both the Cenoteph and Church sevices. On behalf of the mentioned committee here is a'Thank You' to the following members and their wives for giving support to this very memorable occasion. Ken&Fi Kesteven, Harry & Marj Gjedsted, Ted & Heather Fox, Norm & Nita Auberson, Harry & Hilda Wright, Laurie & Joy Waterhouse and daughter Sandra, Morrie & Margaret Porter, Rex & Olga Everson, Harold & Del Silver, Alf Carpenter, Fred Staggs, Brian Waring, Alan Boyle, John Meehan. Ted & Heather Fox gracious as ever, brought Lady MacKay with them for the service, Lady MacKay is 94 years old and has very little sight left now. To the ladies of the Association who kindly brought along a plate of goodies or sandwiches please accept the appreciation and Thanks of the Garrison or sandwiches please accept the appreciation and Thanks of the Garrison In all, the church service and the Cenetaph ceremony Church Ladies Guild. where very successful as for attendence and no doubt helped to let the public know that as an ex fighting unit, its members can stand up and be counted. Also that life has certain values that must be protected come what may. Apologies received from Sir Ivan Dougharty, Wera Walsh, Mollie Irvine.

### NEWCASTLE NEWS.

The Newcastle members, their wives and friends met at the Hamilton R.S... on the 3rd of May for a get together. those present were: Pres. Alf Carpenter, George & Heather Mitchell, Doug & Deidre Milne, Dick Morris, Bill Hayes, Yvonne Pearse, Doreen Manuel and our new member Pat & Gwen Bruty. Apologies received from John & Margaret Rae. A big welcome was extended to Pat & Gwen Bruty on their first appearance to a get together. Our members purchased a copy of the book ' DOUGHERTY' and made a presentation to the Hamilton R.S.L. in appreciation for their hospitality shown to us for our get togethers. Future get togethers will be held on the first Friday of the month, At the Hamilton R.S.L. until further notice, the reason for this, is Heather &I are going on caravan trip around Australia accompanied by Jack & Mary Partridge. We are leaving on the 18th May and till we get back our best wishes to all.

WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Doug Slinger writes to tell us that 'Curly Gorman and wife Maureen are over here in Perth en helidays, they are staying with a daughter & son in law and the grand children, Doug called on them after receiving a phone call from Curly, he arranged for them to have a look at Perth one day also to have morning tea at The Anzac Club along with Dasher and Lily.

ANZAC DAY ever here found our 2/4 chaps mixed up with a veriety of units and sub-branches, which they have been involved with ever the years. Doug John Storey, Dasher Deacon marched with the 2/IIth Association and afterward attended their Re-union at the Railway Institute Club. Stan Day, Wal Evens and Fred Stanwell were involved with the Scarborough R.S.L. sub branch and Ross Elliott marched with the 2/43rd Bn as he had done for many years. Don Guthrie was involved with his employment on the day. Dasher & Lily have had the travel bug again and have just arrived back from a week long coach tour to Shark Bay, near Carnavon Doug says he and Wilma, with younger son and two grandchildren are off ingapore on May 24th. Says it is just as cheap to go to Si pre as it is to go to Sydney or Brisbane for them, the airfare is same as Perth to Sydney.

### MONTHLY MEETING

The Monthly Meeting for May was held on Tuesday, 28th. at the usual venue, The Gallipoli Memorial Club. Some forty members including the Committee turned up. There were one or two attending a meeting for the first time. Those present were as follows: President Alf Carpenter, Fred Staggs, John Hawkins, Harry Wright, Athol Heath, Cec Chrystal, Norm Auberson, Laurie Waterhouse, Ferd Pegg, George Stack, "Biscuits" Arnott, Lim Sadlar Trayon Dichardson Rep Pichardson Rep Perguson Pat Brodie Auberson, Laurie Waterhouse, Ferd Pegg, George Stack, "Biscuits" Arnott, Jim Sadler, Trevor Richardson, Ken Richardson, Bob Ferguson, Pat Brodie, "Slim" Pollock, Frank Ivey, Dave Follington, Bill Parry, Merv Nicholson, Gordon Chrisp, "Blah" Smith, Sid Buckley, Vic Forbes, Harold Bowman, Ron Barber, "Slim Venn, Barney Turley, George Mitchell, Peter Cade, Pat Bruty, Dick Pinson, "Slim" Powers, Brian Waring, Ray Campbell, Jim Brown, Alex Maxwell, Jack Maloney, Dick Morris, Bill Fogden. Apologies were received from the following: Ken Kesteven, Allen Lindsay, John Meehan (rang from Perth with apology), Rex Everson, Bob Lane, Len Smith, Arnold Gorman, Harry Gjedsted, Ted Fox and Billy Yow.

The President wished Ferd Pegg a Happy 73rd. Birthday from all. There The President wished Ferd Pegg a Happy 73rd. Birthday from all. There were no minutes of the previous meeting and no Treasurer's Report (except a summary from the President) both Minute Secretary and Treasurer being away. Correspondence was dealt with in Committee. It was all requests for medals, ties, T-shirts and subs etc. Committee through President Alf informed the general meeting that a donation had been made from the Association and also Cec Chrystal through the "Dougherty" book committee gave a donation to Sir Ivan Dougherty to help with his expenses for the trip to Israel. Sir Ivan went over there representing the Australian R.S.L. and apparently no one thought about he expenses that would be involved. However, since the Association cked it off other units have come forward with donations to help. The Gallipoli Memorial Club also came to the party with a donation. The meeting unanimously acclaimed the decision of the Committee and that of Cec Chrystal's. No boubt we shall hear from Sir Ivan when he returns with some good stories of the trip. Another donation was made by the Committee on behalf of the Association and that was \$50 towards the Royal N.S.W. Regiment's Welfare Fund as a contribution towards the stained glass window of the Garrison Church Hall at The Rocks. This will be in honour of all who served with the Regiment including our 2/4 Inf. Bn. and will be dedicated by the Governor on Friday, 21st. June at 6pm. and it is requested that all personnel attending wear Battalion ties and medals. It is requested that the Association give its full support to this most auspicious occasion. The Coach Tour to Perth. President Alf told the meeting that thirty-five seats had been booked up to date and that another fifteen is needed to fill the bus. It has been decided to make the closing data for backing fill the bus. It has been decided to make the closing date for bookings on 31st. July. '85. If they are not taken by then, bookings will be thrown open to outseders. At this stage it looks like only one coach

oing. ed Fox submitted with his apology for non attendance that our colour flag (not to be confused with the banner) which is used for Cenotaph and Church Parades and which will accompany the coach tour next year, be inscribed with the lettering "2/4 Aust. Inf. Battalion". This was passed

in Committee.

Dave.

A very important decision made by the Committee and submitted to the meeting was the appointment of an Assocation Pensions Officer - John Hawkins with the able assistance of Ferd Pegg. Both these members have been involved in this field of councilling for some time now as they are involved in Legacy.. A most impo rtant step to take. It should have

happened years ago.

The Editor addressed the meeting in relation to the recent breakdown of the copier machine and how Ken Kesteven came to the rescue, finishing the copying of the May issue of W.O.G. The Editor asked that it be placed in the minutes as a mark of appreciation of the help Ken had given. This received the acclamation of the meeting.

Jack Maloney has volunteered to undertake a nominal roll of all departed members of the Battalion. A mamouth undertaking indeed. Good luck Jack. Owing to Dave McGillivray not being in the best of health it was left to the Welfare Officer to find a replacement for Dave's position. Dave is to be commended for the sterling work he has done over the years in his role as hospital visitor. We wish you a speedy return to good health

Jim Brown elaborated on the recent visit north by Ferd Pegg. Jim left for overseas on the Oriana on May 30th. Ferd addressed the meeting on the recent pensions seminar he attended on behalf of the Association with John Hawkins

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WELFARE REPORT FOR MAY.

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NX 5162. DAWSON, TOM Ward I9, Ulcer on ankle and Hip problem.

NX 71400. SEYMOUR, CHARLES. Ward I7, (A Coy) Had operation on lung 28 Mey.

NX 2054. ELLICOTT, DON. Ward IIO, Had prostate operation, been discharged.

NX 5531. CREASY, ALTON. Ward I2O, (A Coy) p.ow. Libya, Bowel problem.

NX 5165, FHODES, SAM. Ward 430, Removal of disc from Sciatic nerve. Home.

NX 11903. GALLEGHAN, HENRY. Ward 30. When called on, had been discharged.

NX 11308. REES, DUDLEY. Ward 630, Had peration on hand, since discharged.

NX 42603. GARNER, R. Ward I7. Breathing problems, since discharged.

NX 42694. COURT, MORRIS. (C Coy) Ward 34, Nerve problems, was to have X-Rey.

NX ----- JOHNSTON, A.J. Ward I9, Head injury, memory problem, discharged.

Visited Elizabeth Drive Nursing Home, Liverpool. To see one of our older Members- NX 3981. Henry Taylor, needs plenty of looking after now. Ted Fox Lost his Mother last week at the age of 90 yrs. Our sincere sympathy to Ted and his Family.

Had a letter from Allan Kirk with news of what is going on up there in the north. It also had sad news to, giving details of the death and funeral of Fred Varley and of Clarrie Ryan of Lismore. Fred Varley passed away on Saturday, 4th. May after a very lengthy period of intensive illness. Fred was a great stalwart of the Association and a good worker for the red was a great stalwart of the Association and a good worker for the reunions when held up there in the north. He will be greatly missed by all. e was cremated on 6th. May at Lismore. Those who attended on behalf of the Association were as follows: Eddie Miller, Alf Schwietzer, Jack and Joyce Lister, Jack Schiebel, Bill Facey, "Pom" Wallace, Syd Young, John Hughes, Alf Graham, Ian Wallwork, Clive and Eileen Brown, Tom and Freda Clarke, Herb Robertson, Hugh and Eileen Whittleton, Roy Andrews and Allan Kirk. The aftermath of Fred's funeral was that on Friday evening, 31st. May Loreen Varley phoned to ask if the Editor would be kind enough to put a piece in the newsletter for her and it is that Mrs. kind enough to put a piece in the newsletter for her and it is that Mrs. Loreen Varley would like all 2/4 Inf. Bn. members, their wives and friends to know that she appreciated all the messages of sympathy and floral tributes that were sent. Also for the way the members paid their last respects to her late husband. It will always be in her memory. To all those members at Lismore and district, Loreen says to you thank you for the comfort you gave her time of sadness.

Allan gave particulars of Clarrie Ryan's cremation service. Clarrie Ryan had been ill in Lismore Base Hospital for months. Members of 2/4 Inf. Bn. on 16th. April for the funeral and members and their wives who were Bn. on 16th. April for the funeral and members and their wives who were present were Jack and Joyce Lister, Ian Wallwork, Syd Young, Bill Sheaffe and "Pom" Wallace. Clarrie Ryan is another name that never appeared on the Nominal Roll.

Artie Kleem of Young writing in to give the details of the late Harold Conkey's death and funeral service. Harold collapsed while playing golf on Tuesday 7th. May and died in hospital on the Wednesday night. A church service was held at the Uniting Church at Cootamundra on 9th. May and a private cremation took place at Wagga. It was his wish that no R.S.L. service be held. The church service was largely attended as he was a well known identity of the district and an influential figure in the district civic circles having been the Mayor of Cootamundra for some time. Those who represented the 2/4 Inf Bn. at the church service were: Wal Taylor, Artie Kleem, Bruce Millard, Dudley Meachem, George Cole, Lindsay Hope, Cec Lawson, George Westerman and Reg Holmes. Apologies were received from Tim West, Bob Jackson, John Hyles, Jack Huston and Crutchett. Arty Kleem and Gordon Westerman called on Mrs. Conkey after the service and an arrangement of flowers was delivered on behalf of the 2/4 Inf.Bn. Association. Afterwards refreshments were taken at the Cootamundra E.S.L. Club. Wal Taylor had notified Sydney. From Artie Kleem.

### DEDICATION OF WINDOW AND CHURCH PARADE

On Friday evening at 6pm, 21st June, His Excellency, the Governor Sir Roger Roland will dedicate a stained glass window in the west wall of the

Garrison Church at The Rocks. This is to honour all those who served with the Royal N.S.W. Regiment, past and present, including 2/4 Aust Inf. Bn. This was the ideal place for a commerative window because of its association with the garrison regiments of colonial days and its subsequent spiritual association with the Commonwealth forces of Australia. As pointed out at the May meeting by the President, members are requested to attend this historic occasion. People attending are requested to wear battalion tie and medals.

# ASSOCIATION OF FOURTH INFANTRY BATTALIONS CHURCH PARADE

On Sunday 23rd. June the Annual Church Parade of the Association of Fourth Infantry Battalions will be held. The time, 3pm at the Church of England Church of St Anne on the corner of Beresford and Homebush Rds. There will be a short march from Beresford Park to the church accompanied by the band. Members are requested to arrive about 2-15 as the march moves off promptly at 2-30 pm. It is expected that 4Bn. R.N.S.W.R. will be parading its Colours in honour of the centenary of St. Annes this year.

President Alf requests a good attendance and medals to be worn and Association or Battalion ties. Afternoon tea will be served in the

Church Hall after the service

The above Association will be holding a dinner an the same night. This will be held at The Sydney Rowing Club at the end of Great North Rd., Fivedock. However bookings are required and you can do this by phoning Cliff Horsley on 524-8330

LETTER FROM PETER COOK

Congratulations to the Association on another successful Anzac Day
Reunion. It was most gratifying to see and meet so many old comrades
once again. Certainly good to see Major Doug Christian of the Salvation
Army from Surrey Hills, Melbourne up for his first Sydney Anzac Day.
Major Doug marched along with his good friend Brig McAttamey and afterwards sat with him at the reunion dinner at the Gallipoli Memorial club.
Captain Christian, as we knew him in the battalion, kept the Welfare Hut
which was our main recreation centre. It was in this hut that most of us
obtained the writing paper for our letters home, read a book or played
one of the numerous games the hut provided. Also I think the good
captain on many occasions offered his shoulder for many to cry on when
things were not going too well back home. We can never thank Captain
Christian and his helpers enough for their comforting presence with the
coffee urn and biscuits when in New Guinea. How they would be there,
right up with the foward companies dispensing hot coffee. On one
occasion when "A" Company was thickly involved in an action we would
slip down back along the trail to where the good captain had set up his
rn after stand down and darkness had set in, to join the queue for a
cuppa. On this particular night Mick O'Regan swears that a couple of
blokes slipped out of the jungle in front of him, got a cuppa then
slipped back into the darkness of the jungle. They appeared to be in
different uniforms to ours. He swears they were bloody Japs, Who could
argue with Mick because it was certainly feasible. That's the story
Mick tells and he is sticking to it. However one thing we all did agree
on was that the battalion had a terrific trio serving it in our R.M.O.
Doc Williams (killed in action), Padre Keyte and Captain Christian. I
shall always feel a deep respect for these three members and I think I
speak for a lot of our present members.
Thank you again for the great job you are doing.

## LETTER FROM ESCA RIORDAN - KEMPSEY

Just had a phone call from a friend of mine to say Vince Bowman (Harold's brother) was buried a couple of days ago at Warialda. He had been watching T.V. and said to his wife that he was feeling tired and so retired to bed. She followed shortly after, he spoke to her and was gone.

About three weeks ago had a visit from Timothy John Crowley, NX 138460. He said he was a late comer to the battalion. Joined at Aitape or Wewak. He used to live in Dubbo and had a few noggins with Frank Sadler from time.

Phoned Bub Graham recently and he and Margaret are O.K. Also mentions seeing John Smith who was recently in New Guinea for a wedding. We have had the pleasure of Ferd Pegg's company during the past couple of days and during casual conversation found that a very old friend of his "growing up" days lives in Kempsey. He is one of the owners of the "Akubra" hat factory named Steve Keir. Mr. Keir took Ferd and self

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on a tour of the factory which I must say was very interesting indeed. The two of them really enjoyed meeting up with one another judging by the stories they told of their earlier days. It appears they had not seen one another for 47 years. Out of this meeting is that Ferd Pegg is now sporting a "Snowy River" Akubra hat. Ferd is on the way to the Gold Coast to spend a week or two with his younger sister. On his return we are having dinner with Ruth Bawden at Port Macquarie.

The local boys, Harry Dowling, Sam Hughes and Jim Brown are well. Beb and I have booked for the West Australian trip.

A WEE DROP OF HAGGIS (we don't know what's in it either!)

Bob Ferguson, as most members who attended the Anzac Day Reunion know, was to have left the next day on an overseas trip to Europe and other parts. However fate struck a cruel blow to him and his wife Nina. He had been for some time suffering from a form of eretic disease unknown to Anglo-Saxons, only Scotsmen. Now a month later he is about and again trying to battle with "Blah" Smith over the size of a certain appendage of the human body.

Editor.

(Elementary my dear Watson. It wasn't fate that struck the cruel blow, it was Suan O'Brien, the airline booking clerk who punctured Bob's sporran with his own skeen dhu trying to get the rest of the passage money for the trip. As the dagger was unsterilised the result was septicaemia of the bawbees, cut lunches, change of socks and all else that Bob had in his sporran and there is no more important appendage to a Scot than his sporran.)

Picked up the phone last week to answer a call and it was an annoymous which spoke to me. It appears that a certain couple are going to celebrate a most important event at the end of the month. Who are they? None other than Pat and Athol Heath of French's Forest. And the event? Their 40th. Wedding Anniversary. The editorial staff wish both of them a happy day and hope they will be around for their Golden Anniversary. Good Luck Pat and Athol from the Association members.

Editor.

### FROM THE MAY MEETING

Being passed around at the meeting were some photographs of Pharleon War Cemetery in Athens. Your scribe only had half a look and was distracted and meanwhile the card circulated further. Anyway the card to which they were attached included views of the cemetery and graves including those of Cpl. Charley Jewell and Pte. Horry Wilson. All the photos are in colour. They were brought in by Wal Honey. Thank you Wal from the President and Committee. Any member wishing to purchase any of these prints can do so at cost from Wal at 3 High St., Concord, 2137.

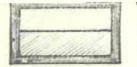
People seen before, during and after the meeting were Jim Sadler looking pretty good these days. Dickie Pinson who may have lost a bit of weight but still cuddley. George Stack is a picture of health and obviously doesn't have Marj breathing down the back of his neck about the next job to be done, not like the rest of us. Titch Fordam is the same old Titch, no fatter or skinnier than 45 years ago and less wrinkles than most of us. Jim Brown is the same old Jim Brown, perhaps well deserved retirement wort affect his activities much. Nobody can imagine a plodding Jim Brown. You have a good trip Jim, bet you make more friends. Seated around a table after the meeting was a noble assemblage of people, Trevor Richardson (yacking his head off), Alex Maxwell (yacking his head off), Slim Venn, whose behavior was impeccable, making pithy (sorry about the spelling) remarks from time to time. Also Syd Buckley, also well behaved, who could hardly get a word in and Vic Forbes who was a truant from the R.S.L. Confrence (being a settle-in day at the conference - so he reckons. and Peter Cade who also couldn't get a word in except when giving a refresher course to Trevor on how to roll a cigarette.

### NOTICE

Owing to the editorial and printing staff (wife and self) going for a break up north there will be no issue of "White Over Green" in July, so bear with us until we get back. In the meantime good health and good wishes from my wife Joy and self.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
The monthly meeting for JULY will be on TUESDAY, 23rd JULY 1985, at the Gallipoli Memorial Club At 2.20 Lunch can be had in the dining room between I2.30pm to 2pm.

The Editor.



VVagga VVagga 85... 2/4th INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COUNTRY RE-UNION to be held in Wagga Wagga, 12-14th October, 1985.

SITREP ...

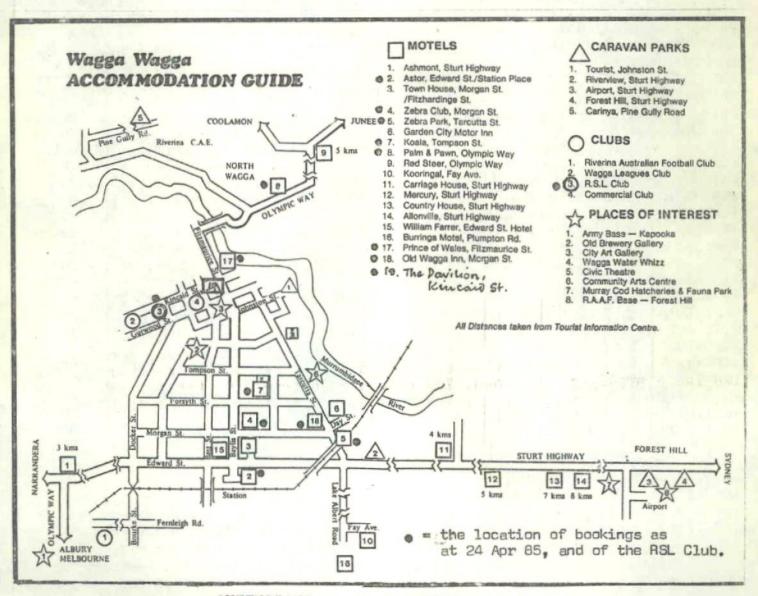
Although "D-Day" (or should it be "WW-Day?") is just on six months away, we are pleased to report a good response to our March screed, and other publicity which has been given in "WOG" since February. 65 reservations have been received from our members to date. These, with their respective wives and/or family connections now total 117 who will be with us in October (D.V.).

This is most encouraging, and we thank all those who have acted so promptly. It is interesting to note that over 20 of those who are coming this year were here in 1971, while further research shows that <u>four</u> of those were here in 1960, apart from <u>six</u> of our locals who are still going strong.

Accommodation is working out well so far, and there is a new motel being built a little closer to the RSL club (in Kincaid St) as shown on the map below, which will be completed in July. We have been promised at least 20-25 rooms there, so even if everything gets filled up in the mean time we should be covered. We still recommend that you keep your reservations coming in: better for your sake, and our organisation generally.

Transport shows up as a little bit of a problem. So many have asked for bookings "as near as possible" or "within walking distance" of the RSL Club. Unfortunately, we can't help very much. The closest motel is about 1.2 kms  $(\frac{3}{4}$  mile) from the club. Our locals will do their best to help those without tpt, and we hope to have the use of a "mini-bus" to help out. We would appreciate the co-opertion of those visiting members with cars who could spare a seat or two for the foot-sloggers" (sounds just like the carrier platoon all over again, doesn't it?

We will give some thought to the use of suitable stickers which could clearly indicate 2/4 Bn. cars, and this would enable those on foot to know who may be willing to help in this way.



QUEENSLAND NEWS.

On Wednesday, 29th May, at the residence of WALLY McKENZIE, a B.B.Q. lunch was held for members of the 2/4th Ass. Those attending were as follows:—Wink Walker, Craig & Edna Clarke, Norm & Jean Everson, Fred Catley, Allan Blencoe, Wally & Betty McKenzie, EVELYN &Self. Others I contacted could attend because of other plans made previously. All had a good time.

Now The Sad news. I must report the death of NX 70177, Albert Sergent, we a Capt and Liaison Officer to 19th Bde H.Q. Notice appeared in the Couri Mail on Wednesday, "29th May.

Couriesy - Laure McCosker.

### SITREP (continued)

Generally speaking, though, and we Wagga-Wagarians are looking forward to meeting you all - some indeed, after many, many years!

If you have problems re your bookings or movements please feel free to ring or write us: phone (069) 22 6914 ("Dagwood"), or any others of our local team whom you may know. They are: Stan Blacksley (not easily contactable by phone) Perce Dalla (Treasurer) Bill Cosier ("Under Secretary!) Max Sydenham (when not fishing) Joe (or "Snow" Wells, Harry Lindsay, Athol Watts, Jock Cumming, Alan Headlem, Bruce Stewart, and (an original member of the Bn, Orderly Room Sgt, HQ Coy, recently un-earthed) Frank Meads.

A list of those who have already made their bookings is shown, as under. This will serve as an acknowledgement for their deposits, and signifies the motels/hotels in which they have been booked. The map on previous page shows where these motels are in relation to the RSL Club.

RE-UNION BOOKINGS as at 23 April, 1985:-

Motel abbreviations, used in this list, are signified as follows:

Palm & Pawn . ... PP Zebra Club .... ZC ..... K Prince of Wales.. PW Zebra Park .... ZP Old Wagga Inn .... OWI Romanos Hotel.... Rom Caravan Parks: Wagga City..WCP Other arrangements: Riverview...Riv No accommodation required ..... OA

ARNOTT, A & M. Glebe, AUBERSON, Mr & Mrs N. Merrylands KESTEVEN, K & F LAWSON, C & J. PW Lane Cove OWI PW PW Bathurst BUCKLEY, Sid & VENN, Slim Caringbah LINDSAY, A & G Regents Park Rom LOYDELL, D. Bathurst Rom BRADFORD, Elsie MCADAM, R & I. ZC Long Jetty Maroochydore, Old. Rom CARPENTER, Alf McCOSKER, L & E. Georgetown OA Taringa, Old. CARPENTER, S. G. & MacGILLIVRAY, Mr & STEEL, J. K. Mrs. D, Miss A. Mentone, Vic Guildford, NSW. ZC MacGILLIVRAY, & CORK, B & A. Palm Bch, Old. ZC CHRISP, G & O. Miss D. FALKNER MacLENNAN, W & G. Umina Bch. K CRUTCHETT, F & E. Castle Cove ZC Red Hill, ACT. ZC MEEHAN, J. MITCHELL, G & H CUNNINGHAM, D & B. PW Botany ZC North Rocks Waratah West WCP CUTCLIFFE, L & G. Camberwell, Vic. Riv MORT, T & wife OWI DEACON, Dasher G Dalmeny, NSW.

wife NEWTH, W & G Armadale, W. A. Moss Vale ZC K DENVER, Peter & PEGG, F, Killara ZC wife Goolwa, S.A. IWO RILEY, A & wife Melbourne? IWO RIORDAN, E & B. Kempsey DUBBER, J & E. EVERSON, R & wife Campsie A ZP Merrylands (pending) ROBBINS, W. S. Myrtle Bank, S.A. ZC FERGUSON, R & N. Dee Why ROBERTSON, H & M Evans Head ZC A FINDLAY, R & K. PW RODDY, Vera Hackett, ACT. Tumut ZC FOGDEN, W & H. St. Ives, NSW. ZC SCHEIBEL, J & K Evans Head Rom SILVER, H & D. FORBES, Vic Revesby Burwood Rom ZC FORD, Noel Mollymook OWI SLINGER, D & W. Bayswater, W.A. ZC FORMAN, J G J. Rom SMITH, E. P. A. Fairlight? Warragamba OWI FRANCES, Mrs. E. & SMITH, R & J Blakehurst K AMIES, Mrs. D FOX, E & H. STEEL, J K. TAYLOR, W & N Wollongong 7P Mentone ZC ZC Roseville Cootamundra and WING, L & M. GJEDSTED, H & M. Darling Pt. ZC VENN, "Slim" GORMAN, T & S. Eastwood K Regent's Park Rom GROVE, D. and with Sid Buckley GROVE, R & F. PW WALKER, W & W. Golden Bch, Qld. Ballina WALSH, Vera ZC ZC HART, G & J not known Sylvania East Brighton, WATERHOUSE, L & J. Miranda, NSW. HICKS, J & R. Rom Rom PP

JOHNSTON, W & M. Belfield Note: Regretfully, we have to advise that no further bookings are available at the KOALA Motel; Singles only available at the ZEBRA CLUB, but three spacious family rooms (bed up to five) are still available. Bookings are still available at all others, plus the new one, The PAVILION, (nearest to the RSL) which is expected to open in July.

ZC

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WHITE, E & J.

WRIGHT, H & H.

WHITMAN, H & A.

Condobolin, NSW.

Carlingford

East Ballina, NSW. Rom

Vic.

Croydon Park

Croydon

IRVINE, Molly

IVEY, Frank

Best wishes to all... and DO keep those bookings coming in. Cheers from Wagga Yours sincerely, "Dagwood" Wagga!

Cec Chrystal has imformed the editor, that the book"DOUGHERTY" has been reduced in price, the new price is now \$6 plus postage of \$2.50. So if you want to make that presentation or send a present, hereis your chance to procure a copy at little cost.