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NEXT MEETING.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 JANUARY 1986, 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.

Now that time has moved us into another year we pause to think what it will bring for us and what lies ahead. Whatever the road may be we will face up to it as we have done in the past, may it be smooth or rough.

We do hope all our members enjoyed the festive season now passed having your loved ones around you. That's what it's all about, the caring and sharing for those we love and those whose friendships we treasure. It is to be hoped that everyone did not put on too many calories because it only means that you will have to shed them off again. Like taking the dog for an extra walk or getting behind the mower.

Let us hope our new year will be a memorable one and a happy one for the Association. May it go on as in the past from strength to strength, maintaining that high standard of ideals and friendship, that has been the theme of the Association for the last forty three years.

The editorial staff join with the President and Committee in hoping that good health, happiness and well being will be the "in thing" for all of us throughout 1986. May we continue to see as many of the old faces and perhaps a few new ones at our monthly meetings. Remember there is always a welcome for a new face.

Editor.

In last months issue of "White Over Green", your editor made a "faux pas" and in case any member who has or has not read the heading, I want to put things in the right perspective. At the time of writing, no complaints have been received, so apparently no one has noticed it. The date of the January meeting was set down as Tuesday, 22nd January, when the correct date should have been the 28th January. However if you look at this issue, you will find it all set out correctly. Just wonder how many people picked up the mistake.

Editor.

SYDNEY CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER.

On Tuesday, 3rd December, about 50 people attended the Annual Christmas Function, held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. The club management gave us a little extra consideration by giving us the use of the dinning area and adjoining area along with the use of the bar for the occasion. The function itself was of a most informal nature with that friendly pre Christmas repartee continuing on throughout the afternoon. Treasurer Allan, never reckless with the treasury, relented his tight reign on the purse strings and allowed a "dry till" to operate. The management through its catering service provided sandwiches and other edibles. President Alf made a Christmas speech that was directed to members to have a happy festive season and look after the family and above all, be careful when out driving. God willing, he would look forward to seeing all in the new year. Finally before closing, he expressed his and the Association thanks to the Sec-Manager Harry Gjedsted and his staff for the tremendous help, co-operation and service given to the Association during the year and the Christmas function. These attended the function as follows:-

Alf Carpenter, Allan Lindsay, Fred Staggs, John Meehan, Laurie Waterhouse, Ted and Heather Fox, Ken and Fi Kestevrn, Harry and Hilda Wright, Gary and Joan Hart, Alex and Jean Maxwell, Lionel and June Clarke, George and Heather Mitchell, Cec Williams and wife, "Biscuits" and Meg Arnott, Charlie Grandquist and his wife, Dave Follington and his wife, Athol Heath, Ross Smith (Sydney), John Hawkins, Cec Andrews (Bathurst), Bill Parry, "No change" O'Regan, Vic Forbes, Slim Venn, Norrie McGregor, Ron Barber, Slim Powers, Slim Pallock, Jim Graham, Ferd Pegg accompanied by Mrs Margaret Owe s, Ken Richardson, Bill Fogden, Trevor Richardson, Andrew Philips, Mrs Sibilent (late Jim Sibilent wife), Enid Latimer. Apologies received from Sir Ivan Dougherty, Joy Waterhouse, Mollie Irvine, Vera Walsh, Peter Cade, any names left out, it is not intentional, just that your reporter was not on the scene until late in the afternoon, having attended a funeral, and missed out seeing some people.

NEWCASTLE NEWS..

Sunday, 8th December, saw the Newcastle member of the 2/4 Battalion Association and their friends gather at the home of George and Heather Mitchell for their Christmas party, which was in the form of a barbecue. Son Guy, was the chief manipulator of steaks and sausages, and served up to all present, a very nice delectable meal, which was enjoyed by all. After the meal, a visit from the old boy himself, Santa, who distributed presents all round, thus giving the function that extra touch of Christmas feeling. Those who were in attendance at this function, were as follows:-

Present Alf Carpenter, George and Heather Mitchell, Doug and Deidre Milne with daughter Wendy, Yvonne Pearse, Ron Maczkowiack, Pat and Gwen Bruty, Harry and Hilda Wright, Jack and Mary Partridge, Noel and Marie Woolcott from Taree, Guy and Kath Mitchell, Jean Palmer, Doreen Manuel. Also present where George and Joan Thompson, and Harry Crossfield of the 2/1 Field. Regt. Ass. In all a very good time was had by all present

- George Mitchell.

6 DIV. ASS RE-UNION.

Once again we bring this function before the notice of members. It is to be held on Sunday, 16 February, 1986, at Victoria Barracks. It will be in the form of a Barbecue Luncheon. Menu--Mixed Grill--Steak, Rissole, chop, sausage salad, and rolls, tea and coffee if required. Covered seating to accommodate 500 people available. A bar will operate as from 1200 hours--1600 hours. All drinks to be paid for by individuals when ordering. Parking is available in the Barracks grounds on the Oxford Street side. Admission--is by invitation or ticket only. The cost of tickets \$12.00 per person, definitely no entry with out ticket we have been informed.

Programme:-

1100-1130 hours	- Short Church Service (General) on the Barracks Parade Ground. (C of E Padre R.C.)
1130-1300 hours	- Laying of wreath--'A' Bty. Memorial. Guided tours of Barracks and Buildings.
1300 hours	- Commence luncheon barbeque.
1500-1600 hours	- Disperse.

Tickets for this function can be had from the secretary--Fred Staggs at the January meeting.

WEST AUSTRALIAIAN NEWS.

Doug Slinger was right-up to form with news of what is happening over in the west. He even gave me the news of the Victorian Christmas do. It appears whilst we in Sydney were having our Christmas get together Doug and his lot were having theirs at the Perth Anzac Club. The only difference was in Perth, the ladies took over providing the eats and the big Christmas cake decorated in the En. colours, this was the work of Lily Deacon. They had almost a full roll call, which shows what a tightly knit crowd they are. Those who attended as follows:-

Stan and June Day, John and Pam Storey, Dasher and Lily Deacon, Don and Raemah Guthrie, Doug and Wilma Slinger, Ross Elliott, Cec Smith, Edna Ding and Vern Townsend. Apologies received from Wally Evans and Jack Ward. It was Vern Townsend's first attendance to one of the 2/4 Bn. functions and Wally Evans was responsible for him coming along. There is another member of the 2/4 Bn.--Alan Blackwell, he lives at Shoalwater which is some distance from Perth. Doug was given Alan's address by Hugh Wittleton when attending the Wagga re-union. Said Alan was retired and keeping well if any of the boys back here in Sydney are interested in him Doug also gave us the news of Dasher being in the Repat. hospital he even went out to pick up 'Dasher' for the Christmas do and took him back afterwards. He also said he had news from Merv Jones of Blairgowrie in Victoria who told him that the Victorian crowd had a get together dinner and some twenty four people attended--no name was given also received the photos Merv had taken at Kapooka. Doug said were terrific and did justice to the occasion. Went on to elaborate on the forthcoming coach tour telling me of the Crestwood Inn, which is hotel the coach tour party is booked into, very short walk to shopping centre and transport, almost in the centre of Perth, facilities are good, (been checked out). So it looks like we are in for a good time in Perth.

THE LISMORE CHRISTMAS REUNION--AN APPRECIATION.

Nobody would dare write an official report like this and that's just what it isn't and bad syntax notwithstanding--charge on reading!

There were about 90 people attending the dinner at the East Lismore Bowling Club and if Pom Wallace wasn't counted in this, well that make it 94. Same old Pom--that we all could be as happy as he! Still the biggest cane grower on the north coast, active or not!

Allan and Carma Kirk and the local and not so local boys and girls organised a very good night for all those who attended from NSW, Queensland and one from South Australia, Ron Maczkowiack who seems to have an unintentional propensity for getting girls into trouble (see December issue of W.O.G.). Perhaps that was badly phrased--however read on. While on the subject of Macca it seems appropriate to let everybody in on the worst kept secret in the history of the Association. It was announced at the dinner on the Saturday of the impending marriage of the same Macca and Yvonne Pearce. It's about time someone straightened him out--best of luck Yvonne.

It was a most enjoyable night and I think all who were there would agree. Being an old Sgt-Maj. Alf Carpenter let it be known that he would be kissing me good night and tucking me in my little wooden bed. (We shared a room in the Koorunga Motel.) Nice bloke Alf, but not my type in that regard. Just prior to lights out and to make sure of it I read my return train ticket for ten minutes and in that time he snored steadily in three different keys all at once. That boy could really do with some music lessons. But he makes a good cup of breakfast coffee. The same Alf had been pretty crook before the week-end and all Saturday he had nothing to drink except lemonade etc. Must have been a strain on the will power. However on the Sunday he was much better--shiny coat and cold nose etc. You can't beat those Bob Martin's Puppy Powders!

Sunday morning after a visit to Reservoir Hill where Ron took some video footage of the Lismore panorama we went to Carma and Allan Kirk's place. Kirky and the work party were down at the East Lismore Bowling Club gathering a few seats for the barbeque. Yvonne stayed to give the girls a hand while the Intrepid Three (Carpenter, Maczkowiack and Cade) fell themselves in to form a search and rescue party. As it was hot and humid, logic told our leader the best place to find to them. We hadn't finished our first schooners before they showed up in the bar sweaty and dehydrated. It took a little time to fix that and then back to the Kirks to join the guests. Knowing that I was going to write something for W.O.G. about the 'Lismore Do' whether the Editor liked it or not, I took notes of all who were at the barbeque on my tobacco packet. However, finished the packet on the train that night so suppose my list finished in the incinerator at the Redfern carriage cleaning sheds. Anyway the names of the ladies and

gents around the tables included Riordan, McInness, Whitman, McCosker, Hughes, Pearse, Maxwell, Wright, Maczkowiack, Carpenter and some bloke called Cade. Additionally some youner generation Kirks came in later and some younger younger Kirks with them and a good time was had by all. Now what's all this hoo-ha about the generation gap? Speaking for all I think, thank you Carma And Allan for a marvellous week-end and also to the East Lismore Bowling Club for their service and hospitality.

Peter Cade.

INVERELL COUNTRY REUNION 1986

A meeting was held at the Inverell R.S.L. Club on 10 December by the members of the 2/4 Inf. Bn. Ass. The outcome was that a committee was formed to run the 1986 Inverell Country Reunion. This committee will be known as the 2/4 Inf. Batt. Inverell Country Reunion and all correspondence to be sent to it. The committee consists of the following:

President-Ross Smith, Secretary-Mary Hawke, Treasurer-Lyn Belford, Committee--Selby Dean, Bob McCormick, Morgan Makim, Bill Brooks, Nan Smith, and Rodger Eyles.

It was decided all bookings will be made by forwarding nomination forms, which will be supplied through 'White Over Green' news letters, and will be available at the monthly meetings. Incidentally, Laurie McCosker has the honour of being the first nomination. Don't forget when forwarding nominations, please make sure you include you booking fee--\$10.00 per person, also if sending a cheque, please sign it, not like a couple of well known ident' at the Wagga reunion, sent cheques, no signatures.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

In accordance with the constitution of the Association, any 'notice of motion' must be published at least 28 days notice before the Annual General Meeting. We have a notice of motion on the books, it was placed before the committee, who referred to the ^{November} General meeting and placed on the books for placement before the Annual Meeting, which is to be held on Tuesday, 25th February, 1986 at 2.30 p.m. at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. The Motion is as follows:-



"That the Association's newsletter 'White Over Green', which is now being printed and posted each ^{month} ~~week~~ at the present time, be printed and posted every second month. That is as follows:-

February, April, June, August, October, December. The alteration to commence in April 1986 after the Annual General Meeting, set down for February 1986." The reasons for the submission of this motion are set out hereunder:-

- ① The printing and posting of the said newsletter each month, has to a great extent become a tie, necessitating ones presence at home, to maintain regularity of issue. This means one cannot undertake any commitment to travel or be away for along period of time. This would apply to any other person who undertook to do the editor's role within this organisation.
 - ② Having the Association's copier machine to look after, plus the maintainence and the procurement and storage of supplies so as to ensure good clear copies can and has caused much frustration and worry. This too can be a jeopardy to one's health. Specially when one has reached that age bracket, when the unexpected can happen. This in itself is a big factor that must be studied.
 - ③ The high cost of materials and servicing for the copier machine along with the higher postal charges that are likely to come into force in the foreseeable future. At the time of presenting this motion, the approximate costing per month is running at \$212 per month. To have it printed by professional or trade printers it would run at double that figure, because they have labour and other overhead costs. There it is, you have four to five weeks to formulate your opinions and present them to the general meeting in February 1986, either in person or by writing to the secretary.
- The motion was proposed by the editor Laurie Waterhouse and has been supported seconded by Norm Auberson.

Annual General Meeting 1986.

This is for the benefit of members who live outside the metropolitan area of Sydney. You may under the constitution nominate persons of your choice for the various positions of office and votes on same, providing of course your nominations and votes reach the Association's Hon-Secretary forty eight (48) hours before the Annual General meeting, which this year will be held on Tuesday, 25th February 1986. Do not forget, the meeting is a day time one. All motions shall be decided by a show of hands; in the case of an equality of votes the motion shall be deemed not carried. this is in accordance of Section 9, sub section (a) of the Association constitution. Editor.

	LAST POST NX202058 GORHAM, R.K. (Rusty) NX 5294 ROBERTS, H.A.	
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Visited at Concord.

NX 1977, Waring, Brian. Ward 630. Back in his unit at War Veteran's Home after having minor surgery on his back, now all is well.

NX 29687, Cox, Ernest. Ward 530. Surgery on foot to remove part affected by gangrene. Lives at Wingham, said he sees a lot of Cec Geelan.

Visited at Lewisham Hospital.

'Larry' Dooley. Has had a by-pass operation on his leg. Later developed a clot on the lung requiring intensive care treatment. Now home, but still receiving treatment.

Visited at St Joseph's Hosp. Auburn.

NX 5309, McGillivray, Dave. Under went operation for Prostate, now at home

Visited at Glen Lynn Nursing Home, Auburn.

NX 5850, Sadler, James. Recovering well from heart attack. has been seen by Tim West of Cowra and Jack Eastham of Ryde.

Visited at Royal North Shore Hosp.

NX 58, Cec Chrystal. Cec was admitted with cerebral bleeding, requiring immediate surgery. After six days of intensive care, was transferred back to ward. Unfortunately has since suffered a relapse and at the time of preparing this report was taken back to intensive care unit, condition critical. latest report says he is not in critical, however his condition is serious.

Mel and Lila McInness along with Harry Wright visited Amy Facey in St. Vincent's Hosp. at Lismore. Amy was recovering from surgery. Thanks Mel and Lila for driving to the hospital. (Harry)

Vera Walsh spent a few weeks in Concord Hosp. Had surgery for Diverticulitis. Went home on December 30th. Say's she is feeling O.K.

Vera Provians rang informing me that Ada Whitman has had surgery in the Base Hosp at Lismore. No details given.

News from Doug Slinger of Perth, letting us know that Dasher Deacon is in Hollywood Repat Hospital, suffering from nerves and severe neck pains.
Harry Wright.

The Battle of CRETE and GREEK CAMPAIGN Pre Commemorative Luncheon.

This function is primarily a 'get together' for the Cretan and Australian communities. It is felt that the previous functions held on a Friday night were too formal, with little opportunity for the two communities to get together. The Association has been asked to give this function the fullest support possible. Tickets for this Luncheon will be available from Ken Kesteven at the monthly meeting this month of January. Cost is \$7.50 a head, this to offset the cost of the luncheon and hopefully leave a surplus to defray some the costs of the May celebrations. The venue for this function is-- CRETAN HOUSE, Cnr Chapel St and Victoria Rd, Marrickville.

The date and time of the function--Sunday, February 23rd, 1986 at 12.30 pm.

The Inter-Capital and Perth Coach Tour, 1986.

All members participating in this coach tour should be in possession of a copy of the Itinerary outlining all the stops and motels they will staying at, if you have not, then get in touch with Alf Carpenter straight away. Now the next important thing to remember, is that all outstanding monies for the tour must be Paid on or before the 31st January 1986. These monies to be paid to Alf Carpenter.

The second important thing concerns all those people catching the coach from Sydney. The coach will be picking up at the railway Station at Parramatta on the North side, which is the side the interstate and tour buses use.

The Departure time is 8.30 a.m. Sunday 9th March, 1986. Any further information on this tour, contact Alf Carpenter on phone (049) 67 1969.

Do not forget to pack your Bn Association T shirt.

A new consignment of Battalion Ties have been delivered and we expect the order for a further supply of T shirts to be delivered before or on the day of Annual Meeting in February all going well.

On the back page of this news letter, a nomination form has been printed for our convenience when making your booking for the Inverell Reunion. All you have to do is cut it out and fill in. Don't forget to book early and avoid disappointment.

SITREPS

It appears one or two of our members have fallen victims to the arrows of Cupid. First to be smitten was Ferd Pegg, who on the 7th December 1985, married Mrs Margeret Owens, the widow of the late Colonel E.S.Owens who was a very prominent identity in the accountancy profession and the Sydney business community. He was also prominent within the sphere of Legacy. We are sure all members of the 2/4th Inf. Batt.Association will wish Ferd and Margeret every good wish for future happiness and good health.

Our second victim to succumb to Cupid is Ron Maczkowski, who not content to upsetting the boat on Yvonne Pearse has asked her to share his life and will be marching down the aisle on February with Yvonne as his bride. As someone said at Lismore it is about time someone took him in hand to keep him out harms way. Ron as you all should know by now hails from Loxton in South Aust. and Yvonne from Stockton, near Newcastle. Rest assured Ron and Yvonne you will have the good wishes of us all within the Association. It could not happen to a nicer fellow, you will have to lock that boat up Yvonne.

A whisper in the editor's ear some time ago before last Christmas. It was pertaining to a certain individual living at Caringbah, one by the name of Peter Cade. Has now become a member of the Cronulla-Sutherland (SHARKS) football Club. Don't know whether the membership fees paid was to honour his faithfullness and services rendered to his past employer (Caltex Oil Ltd) or to bribe him to keep his patriotism to the Sharks football team. One will have to ask John Meehan as he has often advocated to Peter to barrack for a good team.

We know that there were some very good photos came to light of the Wagga reunion doing great justice to certain individuals. How ever there is one gentleman in Perth would give his right hand to get hold of a photo of himself kissing the Colonel's wife at the Barbecue at Kapooka. Apparently Doug Slinger has been taken to task to provide evidence of the incident, but can't find anyone who has a snap of him in the act. Don't worry Doug, the editor did not miss the little scene and can vouch for authenticity.

There is a member living out at Beverly Hills near Sydney who given the opportunity would up lock, stock and barrel and move to Joh's country, one snag ruining his scheme, He records his wife has her feet encased in concrete and it is that hard, he is having a job to chip it away. Why don't you thro the chisel away and get a Jack Hammer on the job.

2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION RE-UNION - NOMINATION FORM.

Name/s: Alf & Doreen MAHUEL - CARPENTER.

Address and Phone 4 Hay St. ADAMSTOWN (049) 61-2366
(incl. area code) 2289.

Bookings required for: Fri, 10 Oct. ☒ Sun, 12 Oct. ☒
(please tick) Sat, 11 " ☒ Mon, 13 " ☐

Accommodation preferences:- Rooms No. required
1. Single 1
2. Twin 1
3. Double 1
4. Family 1

Number of adults 2 Children (if any) 0

I/we will be travelling by... Car ☒
Train (bus) ☐
Plane ☐

I/we plan to arrive on (date) Fri 10th ETA: PM

I/we wish to attend the Saturday functions: ☒

I/we wish to attend the Coach trip to Copeton Dam on Sunday. (including Barbeque). ☒

Note: If unable to make the Copeton Dam trip, your registration fee will be adjusted accordingly.

Special: Please note any special requirements (disablement etc., or bookings) on the back of this nomination.

osit: \$10 per person, payable to 2/4 Inf. Bn. Re-Union Committee, Inverell; and addressed to R.H. Smith, 46 Urabatta St., Inverell. NSW 2360.

NB: No individual receipts will be issued, but all bookings will be acknowledged in WOG at regular intervals forthwith.

I/we will be leaving Inverell on (date) 13/10/85 at 9.00 am/pm
(this is IMPORTANT and refers particularly to those personnel utilising Train (bus) & plane schedules.