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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1986.

The above meeting took place on Tuesday 25th February at 2.30pm at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. It was very pleasing to the executive and the committee to see such a large attendance of members. As well as Sydney members, they came from interstate, NSW country and the Central Coast. Sixty people attended, including two visitors, who are always welcome. Those who attended were as follows: Sir Ivan (Patron) Alf Carpenter (Pres.) Allen Lindsay (Snr Vice-Pres.) Fred Staggs (Secy.) Laurie Waterhouse (Ed.) Harry Wright, John Hawkins, Ken Kesteven, Ferd Pegg, Athol Heath, Norm Auberson, Ted Fox, Les Grayson (Victoria) Bob Jackson (Wagga) Gordon Crisp (Umina) George Mitchell, Jack Partridge, Pat Bruty, Jim Forman Les Jones, Dave Follington, Vic Forbes, Mick O'Regan, Bill Parry, Nap Allavoine, Lionel Clark, Slim Venn, Dick Pinson, Tom Gorman, Ron Williams, Alex Maxwell, Jim Sadler, Norm Harries, Harold Silver, Biscuits Arnott, Slim Pollock, John Ringrose, Norrie McGregor, Frank Ivey, Harold Bowman, Dave Endean, Slim Powers, Trevor Richardson, Ray Campbell, Peter Cade, Rex Everson, Herb McLaughlan, Bill Fogden, Jim Graham, Ted Jackson, Geoff Ings (Sussex Inlet) Alan Bohle, Mick Gray, Harry Gjedsted, 'Tich' Fordham, Ron Barber, Barney Turley, Wally Woods and our visitors, Capt. Les Hindle of the Dunkirk Veterans Assn and Les Splitte of the Vietnam Veterans Association.

The meeting opened with the usual one minut's silence and the President recited the 'Infanteers Ode'. Then the welcoming of our visitors and country members. Apologies were received from Cec Chrystal, John Meehan, Peter Denver, Brian Waring, Dave MacGilivray, Bill MacLennan.

Business arising and correspondence was dealt with in committee and the recommendations put to the general meeting. Main ones being the proposed car badge, which is to be in the same design as the original car sticker, the cost \$20. The 4RAR and their Banner was discussed (see report elsewhere this issue).

Athol Heath gave a rundown on the Anzac Day arrangements, re the lunch menu and the expected numbers attending. An apology was received by Sir Ivan from the Manager of R.S.L. Travel re the incorrect wording of the Greek/Crete tour advert re the 'blooding' of the 6th Div which appeared in the Jan/Feb issue of Reveille.

After all the reports had been dealt with, it was on to the election of office bearers for 1986. To report the election in full would cover too much valuable space. There were no major changes in your committee as a result of the elections. John Meehan, recently retired, stood down from Asst. Secretary and this position was filled by John Hawkins. John Meehan was elected to the Committee. There were eleven nominations for the eight committee positions. This competition for places on the committee indicates a healthy state of affairs within the Association. Those elected, to all positions, appear at the head of page one of this issue. At the conclusion of the election Sir Ivan addressed the meeting on the very high standard that the Association conducts its affairs and administration, stressing the point that this is only brought about by having a good team in office and the willingness of the people who undertake to work for the Association, how fortunate we have been over the years, and the present, in having good executives and committee members. Senior Vice-President Allen Lindsay addressed the meeting and moved that the recommendations, by the committee, for nomination of Honourary Life Membership be bestowed on our President Alf Carpenter and Stan Blacksly of Wagga, be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously by acclamation. Allen then asked Sir Ivan would he kindly perform the ceremony of presenting Alf with his badge. Stan will receive his badge from the hands of the President during the forth-coming bus tour. Then came the time to present the 'Notice of Motion' re the printing and issue of 'White Over Green' The mover, Editor Laurie, supported by the seconder, Norm Aubers, outlined his reasons for moving the motion (as detailed in the January issue of WOG). Then came the opposition in the form of an amendment to the motion viz. "That a period of time be given, so, that far off members could take part in a ballot." After further discussion, the amendment was put to the meeting and was clearly lost on a show of hands. The motion was then put and again was clearly carried on a show of hands. So now it is official, White Over Green will be produced every second month, commencing with the April 1986 issue. Allen Lindsay then addressed the meeting and introduced Capt. Les Hindle late of the 53rd Welsh Division and President (NSW) of the Dunkirk Veterans Association. Allen then presented him with his own Regimental Tie which Allen had somehow managed to procure at a function where the beer had flowed quite freely. Les represented the tie to Allen as he had re-ordered another one from London. He then praised the Association for its close-knitted comradeship and the fellowship that abounds among its members. Then he went on to give a very interesting talk on his life in the army, starting at the age of 16 years in 1936 to his eventual retirement as a staff officer, his affiliation with so many of the well-known British Regiments and then his ultimate migration to Australia. Could this be a precedent for a guest speaker to address our meetings, now and again (just a thought)? Les was given an enthusiastic vote of thanks for his visit and his address. Pat Bruty asked the President to accept a copy of the last poem the late Dick Morris wrote. It was neatly framed and will be hung in the Regimental Room of the Gallipoli Club of which Dick had been a Director. Time was running out and it did not look like we would get much of our "happy hour". The President, on no response for further general business closed the meeting at 1645hrs. Then the big rush upstairs to wet parched throats and partake of the sandwiches provided, was on.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION.

The above association held a reunion on Sunday 16th February at Victoria Barracks. The weather was good and the response quite pleasing when you think attendance was by ticket only. Something like five hundred people turned up to meet with mates and friends made over 46 years ago. The reunion took the form of a short church service (non-denominational), a series of short tours of the barracks and historical museum, followed by a Bar-B-Q of steak, snag⁶ and rissoles, the Army supplying the food and the chefs. Of course it's not a reunion or Bar-B-Q unless you have a tinnie or two, so the Army again provided a "field bar" where liquid refreshments could be purchased. They think of everything, the Army, from the spiritual needs to the liquid intake the body needs on these occasions. Of course there was the usual speeches that go with reunions, you have to build up the "morale of the troops" for the occasion. However it was well organised and our special correspondent on the scene wrote, it was well worth the effort of attending. Those of the 2/4th who made the effort were: Marj and Harry Gjedsted, Noni and Harold Bowman, Nita and Norm Auberson, Fi and Ken Kesteven, Alf Carpenter, Alan Bohle, Norm Harries, Bob Fergusson and, of course, Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty who were in the official party.

GREECE - CRETE R.S.L. TOUR - 1986.

R.S.L. Travel has arranged a 45th Anniversary Tour of Greece and Crete. Our Patron, Sir Ivan has agreed to accompany the tour and give a commentary on the 1941 campaign as the tour progresses. The Tour's set program covers the period 14 - 31 May, 1986. Those doing further time may extend beyond the set programme. For those who extend Olympic Airlines have agreed to provide from Athens, free return air tickets to either Istanbul, Tel-Aviv or Cairo. Ferd Pegg and Ross Smith are two of the 2/4th (continued page 4)



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WELFARE REPORT. 24th February 1986.

Visited at Concord.

NX2020 Brooks William Ward 330. Lives at Inverell. On 1986 Reunion Committee Chest and side problems. Discharged.
NX42603 Garner Roy Ward 130 Breathing problem - Discharged
WW1 4Bn. 6217 Alcorn Jack Ward 11 Not seen. When called on was away at eye clinic Jack is 89 years old.

Also visited in Concord, Mary Mann. Widow of Jack Mann who was in Don Coy. P.O.W. Greece. Mary, who lives at Nambucca Heads, had vascular (leg) problems and heart condition.

Visited at Greenwich Hospital. NX58 Chrystal Cec. Cec, who is seriously ill, has in the last couple of weeks, shown considerable improvement. Keep up the good work Cec! All the members are thinking of you.

Visited at St Joseph's Hospital - Auburn.

NX5309 McGillivray Dave Follow up to his recent prostate operation. now O.K.
NX2054 Ellicott D.A. is in Lady Davidson Hosp.. Rang Hospital. No details, except having physiotherapy.

Mrs Elsie Parsons wife of Percival, first Commanding Officer of the 2/4th Battalion died in Royal North Shore Hospital on 11th Feb, 1986. Those of the Assn who attended the funeral service at Rookwood were: Fred Staggs, Ken Kesteven, Norm Auberson, John Hawkins, Rex Everson, Harry and Hilda Wright and Marj. McCarty.

NEWCASTLE AREA NEWS.

Our January Get-together was held at Stockton R.S.L. and we had a very good attendance, viz; Alf Carpenter, Doreen Manuel, George & Heather Mitchell, Yvonne Pearse, Ron Maczkowiak, Pat & Gwen Bruty, Cliff & Aileen Curren, Doug & Diedre Milne, John & Margret Rae and Enid Haggarty. On 1st February evening another Get-together was held, this time it was held at Tattersall's Club and once again a good time was had by all attending. Probably a "send-off" to Ron & Yvonne before the big day. By the time members read this, Ron and Yvonne will be married and on their way into the new home for Yvonne. Apologies were received from Jack & Mary Partridge, Joe and Gwen Bohle. On our 'trek' around Australia last year we made a visit to Trinity Beach at Cairns and noticed the memorial to General Vasey and the 6th & 7th Division was in need of repair and re-positioning. I mentioned this to Laurie McCosker who investigated the complaint and has set up a committee to set about to do the necessary repairs and maintenance. George Mitchell.

KEMPSEY NEWS.

Esca Riordan writing to say he and Bev enjoyed the Lismore party and thought Peter Cade gave it a good coverage in his article. Had a visit from Jack and Mary Partridge in January and then Alf Carpenter and Doreen Manuel popped in for a cuppa (sure it was a cuppa?) They had been up to Nambucca Heads to see some of our member there. We saw Harry & Noreen Dowling a few weeks ago, both well, will be at Inverell for the reunion. James Hill Brown is very busy organizing the Sesqui-Centenary celebrations of the founding of Kempsey (Feb 1836). Vera Provians rang through from Brisbane and Bev had a good yarn with her (I was visiting the hospital), seemed on top of the world. Vera is compiling the family tree and wanted to contact the Macleay Historical Society. Apparently one of Vera's ancestors arrived here in 1841. Have not seen Sam & Eileen Hughes for a couple of months, understand that they are O.K. No news of the boys down at Nambucca; as the saying goes - no news, good news. That's about all, wishing the Association another wonderful year for 1986. We are looking forward to the coach tour to Perth. Esca Riordan.

WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

Our Scribe and Vice-President of the 2/4th Infantry Bn. Assn. in Perth, has been in touch and everything is organised for a big welcome to the Coach tourists when they arrive. Also he has a good programme lined up to entertain them while they are there. Doug has organised his troops and he expects to have a good roll-up on parade. One function, I believe is at the Double View Bowling Club, overlooking the Swan River, a lovely spot as your Editor well knows. I think our Tourists will want for nothing and will enjoy every moment of their stay in Perth. The Perth boys and their wives had their monthly get-together luncheon at the Perth Anzac Club and as usual a good time was had by all. Those who attended were: Stan & June Day and June's sister visiting from Victoria, the 'dasher' and Lily Deacon, Edna Ding, Ross Elliott, Wally Evans, Don & Raema Guthrie, John & Pat Store and Doug & Wilma Slinger. Dasher & Lily are on the move again, heading off for the 'Alice' but will be back in time for the Reunion at Perth. We hope he does not get lost up there. Apparently he is in better health now.

Ladies Anzac Day Luncheon. The same arrangements as in previous years prevail. Ring Hilda Wright 8715312 for your booking, except during the period 9th to 31 March (gone to Perth). In that period ring Heather Fox 46-1200. Full details in April WOG.

Annual General Meeting - Association of 4th Infantry Battalions.

The above meeting was held on Friday, 14th February, 1986 at 7.30pm at the Drill Hall at Arncliffe, home of the H.Q. of the 4th Battalion, Royal NSW Regiment. In the absence of the President, Major General Gordon Maitland, the chair was occupied by Major General Ray Sharpe. He commenced proceedings with a call for one minute's silence in honour of fallen and departed comrades. Thence called for apologies; these were forthcoming from Gordon Maitland, Harry Gjedsted, Cliff Horsley, Alf Carpenter, Tony Baston, Graham Wells and Alec Macadonis. After the usual routine business, such as correspondence, Treasurer's report and general business (which included much discussion on the proposed new banner for the 4RAR Assn) it was over to the Annual General Meeting, without any waste of time.

Sir Ivan Dougherty was in attendance and was asked to perform the duty of Returning Officer for the election of office-bearers and committee. This he did in his usual capable manner, without any fuss or bother. Sir Ivan addressed the meeting saying how pleased he was to be there and to see quite a number of the newer generation of soldiers and ex-soldiers. How the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions encouraged the fostering of the 'Esprit de Corps', comradeship and the harmonious friendship between the various units within the structure of the association, wishing our present governments would do the same instead of their unilateral methods of governing.

Major General Ray Sharpe was unanimously elected to the position of President. The retiring President, Major General Gordon Maitland, had forwarded, in writing, his reasons for not standing for re-election, saying that he was unable to give the position the full attention it warranted due to his heavy commitment with the Royal Agricultural Society. The various unit Presidents and commanders were confirmed in their positions as Association Vice-Presidents. Then followed the election of Secretary; Lt-Col. Vin Hallinan - unopposed: Assist. Secy. Major Vertonis - unopposed: Treasurer; Mike Delahunty - unopposed: Editor; David Morris - unopposed: Custodian/Historian; Cliff Horsely - unopposed: Chaplain; Rev. Angus Tipping - unopposed: Marshal; Norm Harries - unopposed: Committee; Keith Newman, Ken Kesteven, Gary Winchester, Dennis Bunker, Kevin Bray, Lee Toscano, Jim Lyon and Brian Dooley - all unopposed. In all, a very civilised election.

In General Business our Association members present pledged full support to the 4 RAR Assn. in their new banner project. Donations towards the banner already received were, Athol Heath, Bill Parry, Lady Mackay, \$10 each, \$30 Sgts Mess (Arncliffe) and some others whose names the editor did not receive.

It was announced that the birthday of 4th Battalion RNSWR would be observed and celebrated on June 29th, 1986. Units will be advised of details in the Infanteer and by notices being sent out.

Somewhere in the vicinity of 35 members attended the meeting, the 2/4th being represented by Allen Lindsay, Laurie Waterhouse, Ken Kesteven, Athol Heath, Slim Powers, Ron Barber, Norm Harries and, of course, our Patron, Sir Ivan.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and the new President invited all to partake of a little refreshment, before heading for home, and that very bright and good looking corporal, Lee Toscano, dispensed the amber fluid with her usual charm and grace.

4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment - Association Banner.

As mentioned in our report on the Annual General Meeting of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions, the 4th Battalion RAR Assn. (NSW Branch) is endeavoring to raise funds to finance the production of an association banner.

The 4th Battalion RAR Assn. is a comparatively small association in N.S.W. due to its widespread composition (men from all states). Therefore the financing of a Battalion Banner to be carried on Anzac Day, and other appropriate occasions, is a severe strain on their resources.

Your committee now make this appeal to our members for your individual donations towards the cost of the banner. This will give you the opportunity to show your personal appreciation of the magnificent role the 4th Battalion RAR performed in Vietnam in upholding the traditions of the 4th which we, in turn, in our day, also upheld.

Send your donations to the Treasurer who will ensure that they will be forwarded in total to the 4th Battalion RAR Assn. for the purchase of their banner.

Greece-Crete R.S.L. Tour - 1986. (continued)

who have already booked. Further details of this Tour are given in 'Reveille' and bookings should be made with R.S.L. Travel on phone no.s (02) 29-7029. Why not be in it? Can't take the "wee baubies" when you depart for other places.

MORTAR PLATOON REUNION - NAROOMA 1986.

This annual event took place over the weekend 22/23 February and onwards. It was held in the south coast (NSW) township of Narooma where the platoon's erstwhile intrepid leader, Tom Mort, now resides. We await a full report of this gathering with great interest. However we do know that Bill MacLennan pointed out to the gathering the clash with our Annual General Meeting and a more suitable date was arranged for next year.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR 2/4 AUST. I. ATT.REUNION
INVERELL 11/12 OCTOBER, 1986. AS AT 24TH. JANUARY, 1986.

INVERELL MOTEL.

ARNOTT, A.D. "Biscuits" & Meg	Unit 3
BRUTY, Pat & Gwen	" 4
CLARKE, Lionel & June	" 6
ELLIOTT, Henry & Maisie	" 7
HAWKINS, John & Nell)	
McINTOSH, Shiela)	" 30
RIORDAN, Esca & Beb	" 15
SLINGER, Doug	" 9
WRIGHT, Harry & Hilda	" 28
DOUGHERTY, Sir Ivan & Phyl	" 8
BLOOMFIELD, Lyn & Edna	" 5
CRUTCHETT, Frank & Enid	" 10
HUSTON, John & Joan	" 11
GROVE, Doug	" 12
WATERHOUSE, Laurie & Joy	" 14
WHITMAN, Harry & Ada	" 16
KESTEVEN, KEN "Pluto" & Fi	" 17
STAGGS, Fred & Joyce	" 18.

COUSINS MOTOR INN (HOMESTEAD)

McCOSKER, Laurie & Evelyn	Unit 6
ROBERTSON, Herbert & Marj.	" 7
WALKER J.W. "Wink" & Win.	" 8
PARRY, Bill	" 15
FOGDEN, Bill & Hilda	" 16
DENYER, Roy & Una	" 18
GORMAN, Arnold & Maureen	" 17
MACZKOWIACK, Ron & Evonne	" 1
MOORE, George & Mrs. (?)	" 4
DALLA, Perc & Betty	" 2

TWIN SWANS MOTEL

LINDSAY Allen & Gloria	Unit 2
MacLENNAN, Bill & Gwen	" 3
FOX, Ted & Heather	" 5
FERGUSON, Bob & Nina	" 4

AUSTRALIAN HOTEL.

Sr BEL, Jack & Mollie Room 19

OTHERS (PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS)

DEAN, Selby,
 FORMAN, Jim & Jean
 FOX, Peta
 WARDLE, Jim & Tess
 MITCHELL, Bill & Ida.

The above list of names and the accommodation they have been allotted is made up to the 24th January, 1986. a further motel has been booked, the Sapphire Motel, situated on the Glenn Innes Road, opposite the East Inverell Bowling Club, half-way between Cousin's Motor Inn and the Twin Swans Motel. Tariff is reasonable @ \$35 Double/Twin, \$30 single. Does not include breakfast, which is extra. We urge you to get your bookings in now to avoid disappointment. Get your booking form from the Secretary or the Editor if you have lost your January WOG, which had the printed form on the last page. Don't forget \$10 booking fee per head. Please send your completed form to R.H.Smith, 46 URABATTA ST. INVERELL. 2360 Ross and his committee will do the rest.

Centenary of Presentation of Soudan Medals.

The 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association, along with many other Services' organisations and associations, received invitations from the Commander of the Second Military District and the President of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW to attend a special function held at the Sydney Showground on Thursday 13th Feb. This function was a re-enactment of the presentation of campaign medals that originally took place at the Showground on 13th February, 1886, to the first detachment of citizen soldiers to be raised in Australia for overseas service. This detachment from the colony of New South Wales (as it was then known) had volunteered to serve in the Contingent of Infantry and Artillery that was raised to form part of the British Expeditionary Force engaged in the Soudan War. The Artillery unit was A Field Battery of the NSW Artillery. Formed in 1871, this unit is the oldest serving regular unit in the Australian Army. The Contingent departed from Sydney on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1885, saw action in the Suakin area, from which comes the first Battle Honour in the Australian Army - 'SUAKIN 1885', and arrived back in Sydney on Friday, 19th June, 109 days after departure. This was the first time that any self-governing colony had sent a formed body of troops in the support of the Mother Country. From the Infantry Battalion raised came, in a line of historical succession, the volunteer citizen soldiers of the Boer War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Those of us who had the privilege of witnessing this ceremony, had their minds cast back to the days when they were undergoing the intensive training, which led to the building of a highly efficient fighting infantry battalion of which we were proud to be members. The quarter guard that played a prominent role in the ceremony was supplied by A Field Battery of the 8th/12th Medium Regiment, the oldest serving unit in the Australian Army to-day. The young men of the guard of honour carried out their drill in a highly efficient manner and are to be commended for their performance, along with the Band of the 2nd Military District from Victoria Barracks, who supplied the martial music for this special occasion. After the ceremony, including the presentation of Commemorative Medallions by the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Laurence Street KCMG to those on Parade, guests assembled in the Dining Room under the Members Stand. There they partook of liquid refreshments, hors d'oeuvres ribbon sandwiches and other delectable delicacies, provided by the Royal Agri-

cultural Society who was represented at the function by their President, Mr N.S. Davidson and their Director, Major General G.L.Maitland, AO, OBE, RFD, ED, whose fine hand could be detected in the clock-work precision with which both the ceremony and function was conducted. Never has there been in a social function such a cross section of the Services; Gunners, Privates, Major-Generals, Corporals Brigadiers, Bombardiers, Colnells, Sergeants, Wing Commanders, Lt.-Commanders, Warrant Officers 1 and 11, Group Captains, Lance-Bombardiers and Lt.-Colnells, with the odd lieutenant, Captain and Major thrown in. All mingling freely with large amounts of natter and yak-yak. Indeed it was a great afternoon, immensely enjoyed by all who attended. Those of our Association who attended were: President Alf Carpenter, accompanied by Doreen Manuel, Senior Vice-President Allen Lindsay, Laurie and Joy Waterhouse, Norm and Nita Auberson, Ken and Fi Kesteven (attending on behalf of the Assn of 4th Inf. Battalions) and Harry and Marj Gjedsted (attending on behalf of the Gallipoli Memorial Club).

CASH REGISTER.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of subscriptions and donations from the following members, for the period 1st November, 1985 to 20th February, 1986.

\$6

Wal Woods	Gary Hart	John Hawkins	Alf Scheitzer
Cec Loughran	Geo. Mitchell	Jack Partridge	Alan Manning
Gus Kyle	Gaydon Collis	Joe Low	J Birchmore
Ron Small	Roy Cole	Laurie Crispin	

\$10

Doug Slinger	Ken Richardson	Jack Morgan	Frank Wright
T J Taylor	Bill Poplin	Jack Huston	Ron Maczkowiak
Les Anderson	Sid Young	Geo. Coles	Jack Kean
P A Lane	Bub Graham	Des Loydell	Jim Barrow

Bill Stewart Wal Johnston (\$12)

\$20

Charlie Ellway	Len Bloomfield	Bill Black	Chas Gillard
Roy Findlay	Chas Evans	Tom McNamara	Keith Taylor

\$50

Larry Dooley	Norrie McGregor	Cec Lawson	Wally Mangan (\$62)
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THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!.

The Treasurer.

SITREPS

During the middle of February, 1986, Stan Blacksley of Wagga celebrated his 80th birthday. Do believe some of the boys at Wagga rallied around, took Stan to the R.S.L. Club at Wagga and gave him a little celebration. To reach the age of 80 years in this day and age, especially after the rigours we put up with during the war, in my book, is a great achievement. Specially with Stan, he has had a fairly tough life and only last year underwent abdominal surgery of a major nature. Congratulations Stan! may we see you celebrate many more birthdays.

In the New Years Honours List, two or three names appeared that most of us know or have heard of. First of all the name of TIM WEST of Cowra was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to the community. Tim was in A Coy and taken POW in Greece and was for many years Association Vice-President for Southern N.S.W.

The second was Len Sydenham, brother of Max of Wagga, who was awarded the B.E.M. for services rendered whilst in the Solomon Islands. He was attached to the British Army some time or other over there.

The third name was Gary Sutherland, R.S.M. of Kapooka Army Training Camp. Those of us who attended the Wagga Re-union and partook of the Bar B Q at Kapooka, will recall Gary and the marvellous organising he undertook to make that Sunday a memorable one.

To these three people, the Association extends its congratulations, we all know these decorations do not come easy and must have been well earned.

Frank Crutchett of Canberra was in touch recently and sent a very interesting article on the late Lionel "Bully" Howe and his widow Rosa. It is a remarkable and an amazing account of devotion and heroism of two people towards one another. If we can find space some time, we will print it for our members to read. Thank you Frank for your interest in this article and for sending it along.

QUEENSLAND NEWS.

Short note from Joh's country. Allan Price of 4R.A.R.reunion committee contacted me on 31st January, inviting me and any other 2/4th people to attend their reunion held on Sat, 1st February at Ennoggers Army Barracks. Those who attended, Wally McKenzie, Frank Gattenhoff and self. A good time and a pleasant evening was had by all. Wally McKenzie and myself visited Norm McIntyre, found him quite well and reasonable health. Speaking to Gordon Bladen, says he is progressing very well, though still attending Greenslopes for treatment. Kev Peacock has moved down to Ashmore, having retired as Magistrate at Mt Isa.

Laurie McCosker.