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NEXT TWO MEETINGS:- At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney, commencing at 1400 hours in The Anzac Room (lunch available in the Dining Room between 1200 hours and 1400 hours):-

TUESDAY, 24th. FEBRUARY - Annual General Meeting ) Committee will meet at 1130 hours in the  
TUESDAY, 24th. MARCH - Normal Monthly Meeting ) Anzac Room.

MONTHLY MEETING - 27th. JANUARY, 1987:-

The meeting commenced at 1415 hours with President Alf Carpenter in the chair and 57 Members and Visitors in attendance.

One minute's silence was observed in memory of Fallen and Departed Comrades, and apologies were received from JACK PARTRIDGE, BOB LANE, FRANK IVEY, JIM GRAHAM, JOHN COPLAND, DOUG MILNE, BILL POPLIN, and BRIAN WARING.

The Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting (November, 1986) were read and adopted. There was no Business Arising therefrom.

Minutes Secretary, John Hawkins, recorded the following business dealt with at this January meeting:

Correspondence "IN" from "DASHER" DEACON, JACK MALONEY, ALLAN KIRK, VIC FORBES, DICK LENEHAN (Ex 2/27 Bn.), and various Interstate and/or Regional Vice-Presidents - relevant items are included elsewhere in this issue of "W.O.G."

Correspondence "OUT" comprised a letter from the President to the Officer-in-Charge of the R.A.A.F. Base at Williamstown re our proposed visit during the period of our Nelson's Bay Re-union next October; letter from the President to Tumut R.S.L. re presentation to them by our Association of a 19th. Brigade Plaque (of

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MONTHLY MEETING - 27TH. JANUARY, 1987 (Contd.):

our own invention and design - there being no other) and suggesting 13/14/15th. March as suitable dates to visit and make the presentation (final date(s) will be advised for the benefit of any members who wish to attend); letter from Ted Fox (on behalf of the 50th. Anniversary Committee) to the Garrison Church (Rev. Brian Seers) requesting a 2/4 Bn. Association Memorial Church Parade/Service, and Plaque presentation, on Sunday, 5th. November, 1989, that being nearest Sunday to the accepted formation of our battalion 50 years earlier on 3rd. November, 1939.

In General Business the President requested that all personnel booked on the Cairns Tour now provide another \$100.00 each to cover motel booking fees (see separate notice elsewhere).

President Alf also reported on his attendance at Lismore and Newcastle Christmas "Get Togethers" and his visit to Nelson's Bay with John Hawkins, Pat Bruty, to arrange with Chic Sleeman the details of our forthcoming Re-union there. Accommodation Proforma, etc., is included with this issue of "W.O.G." and members are asked to complete and return it to Chic Sleeman promptly.

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Allen Lindsay outlined a proposed programme for our 50th Anniversary but details will be promulgated when all is finalised and we are closer to the "D" Day date. Lieut-Col. Elwyn Andrews (Son of our own Roy Andrews) is now our contact with 2 Military Div. and after being re-introduced to our members, many of whom he had met before as a humble Captain, he promised to assist with our Anniversary Celebrations from the Army aspect - visits to Victoria Barracks and to the original 2/4 Bn. area at Ingleburn (for a B.B.Q.) for example. Allen advised that our formal dinner will be held at the very modernised R.A.S. Showground Complex (modernised by Architects who happen to be the sons of our own Cec Chrystal and Associate Member Gordon Maitland) where many of us were accommodated in sheep pens, etc., and which is presently under the control of OUR (Major-Gen.) Gordon Maitland. There will be buses from and to the City and Showground by arrangement with Johnny Ringrose, whom Allen has appointed Bussing Officer. This is another role Johnny has to play in our affairs since the Editor has already nominated him as Official Name-Taker at functions excluding Funerals, where Harry Wright is the formal Recorder.

Pat Bruty presented to Harry Gjedsted, for Gallipoli Memorial Club, a framed photograph of Harry Newhouse (4 Bn. WW1) laying a wreath at our Inverell Re-union. Harry responded appropriately and the older Harry (ancient?? - HE wouldn't say so) thanked all of us for the "kind thought".

Vic Forbes introduced John Swinfield, President of Burwood R.S.L. Sub-branch, who presented to Harry Gjedsted, again for Gallipoli Memorial Club, a copy of the (certainly to us) memorable address of Lord Wavell. Again, Harry responded appropriately on behalf of the Club's Directors, Members, and himself.

The President gave particulars of the Morar Platoon Re-union to be held at Narooma in February.

Harry Gjedsted expressed appreciation for the gift to the Gallipoli Memorial Club of a medal cabinet, made by Jim Forman, and a collection of medals from Cec Loughran.

A suggestion to fit our miniature medal to the Bn. Plaque in the Anzac Room was discussed and left for the Committee to decide.

John Ringrose advised that he has for sale copies of Volume 1 Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of "W.O.G."

Wally Shaw enquired the number of financial members in the Association and was told that we print and mail 575 copies of this journal but some of them are complimentary copies.

Alex Arnott suggested that we invite Sydney-based members of 2/11 Bn. to join us on Anzac Day and President Alf agreed to write formally to their Association to that effect, pointing out that they are, in any case, eligible to join our Association.

Laurie Waterhouse extended his personal congratulations to the new Editor on the production of January "W.O.G."

Harry Wright presented his Welfare Report to the Meeting (it appears elsewhere in his (r d.)

Journal) and Ken Kesteven's 6 Division Report comprised a résumé of progress in the matter of the Greece & Crete Memorial at Canberra, for which an appeal for funds is to be launched.

Pensions Officer, John Hawkins, reported two successful disability pension applications, having attended at Veterans Review Board and at Administrative Appeals Tribunal on behalf of our Members.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1525 hours.

Those "on parade" were:- ALF CARPENTER, ALLEN LINDSAY, FRED STAGGS, JOHN HAWKINS, JOHN MEEHAN, FERDIE PEGG, GEORGE STACK, KEN KESTEVEN, NORM AUBERSON, HARRY WRIGHT, ATHOL HEATH, TED FOX, CEC (SLIM) POWERS, RON BARBER, JIM (SHORTY) FORMAN, PETER CADE, ALEX (BISCUITS) ARNOTT, BILL PARRY, BOB FERGUSSON, CEC LAWSON, LES JONES, LAURIE WATERHOUSE, WALLY MANGAN, A.A. (CURLY) GORMAN, WALLY SHAW, LIONEL CLARKE, NAP ALAVOINE, GEORGE MITCHELL, BARNEY TURLEY, PAT BRUTY, GORDON CHRISP, KEN WEBB, REX EVERSON, DICK PINSON, R. FINDLAY, DAVE FOLLINGTON, BILL FOGDEN, WAL JOHNSTON, VIC FORBES, HAROLD (LITTLE BUDHA) BOWMAN, ALEX MAXWELL, NORRIE MCGREGOR, TREVOR RICHARDSON, JOHN RINGROSE, JI (LARRY) DOOLEY, HARRY GJEDSTED, SLIM (NUI KEN) VENN, C. (SQUIZZY) TAYLOR, ELVIN ANDREWS, HARRY NEWHOUSE (4 Bn. WW1), JOHN SWINFIELD (Burwood R.S.L.).

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#### CAIRNS TOUR - IMPORTANT NOTICE from ALF & DOREEN (Hon. Organizers):-

All personnel travelling on the 2/4 Bn. Coach Tour to Cairns are advised that \$10 per person per motel Booking Deposits are now due and immediately payable.

All personnel booked on the Tour are now requested to forward \$100.00 per person to cover these reservations. Additional funds may be paid in advance and will be gratefully accepted and credited to the sender. Please remit to A.C. CARPENTER, 66 Chatham Road, Georgetown, 2298.

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#### WANTED - ONE BAYONET:-

In Sydney, and elsewhere if distance does not preclude our attendance, we have adopted the military procedure of adorning the coffin of our deceased members with the prescribed accoutrements in addition to the Australian National Flag - i.e. hat with side turned-up to display the badge of Australian Commonwealth Military Forces, the turned-down side showing an original 2/4 Bn. colour patch on the pugaree, and a bayonet in its scabbard. The hat at present being used belongs to Ted Fox and the bayonet with scabbard belongs to Alan Bohlé, who does not have a scabbard frog.

Rex Everson has now donated a brand new frog to the Association (without any explanation as to how/where/why he acquired it and it is a genuine WW2 webbing item).

To avoid having to borrow Alan's equipment each time we need it, we would like to obtain a bayonet and scabbard of our own. If any Association Member has these items, we will be happy to receive them.

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### SITREPS:-

From George  
Mitchell -  
Newcastle:-



Members, wives and friends held their usual Monthly Meeting on the first Friday in January at Hamilton R.S.L.

Those present were ALF CARPENTER, DOREEN MANUEL, DOUG & DEIDRE MILNE, PAT & GWEN BRUTY, GEORGE & HEATHER MITCHELL, RON and YVONNE MACZKOWIACK. The latter two had returned to Newcastle from Loxton, S.A., to spend Christmas with Yvonne's family.

Doug Milne has suffered a slight stroke but is progressing well although he will need to visit Sydney for tests.

(We all send you our best wishes, Doug, & our hopes for your speedy recovery-Ed.).

From Bob (Dagwood) Jackson - Stn. N.S.W.:-

Bob supports the proposal to be put to the Annual General Meeting that publication of "W.O.G." should revert to a monthly basis and says that such a decision will be appreciated by those "in the bush".

He sends congratulations to President Alf and the other Executive Officers who submitted "well presented" reports as published in January "W.O.G."

Contact is being maintained with C.A. (Cecil) WILLIAMSON (NX15504), formerly of "D" Company, about whom "Butch" Warren (of Gorokan, 2263) 'phoned Bob just before Christmas last year. Cec has had major surgery on one leg and Bob says that the other one does not look good, either. He is in Ward 201 at Wagga Base Hospital, is a single man, comes from Ganmain (about 60 km from Wagga Wagga), and, considering what he now has to put up with at his age, is in remarkably good spirits despite having obviously suffered a lot from war disabilities. Bob is under the impression that Cecil Williamson is not a member of our Association but that he would be glad to hear from anyone who knew him in the battalion.

Wagga "locals" send best wishes to all Association Members for 1987 - they include Perce Dalla, Stan Blacksley, Bill Cosier, Joe Wells, Athol Watts, Jock Cumming and Bruce Stewart. Bob says that he hasn't sighted Harry Lindsay for quite some time but believes that he was in W.A. with his son for Christmas.

No details are available but it is believed that Ted Burbidge, of Henty, has not been well.

(Your "LAST POST" suggestion will be satisfied basically in "W.O.G." following Anzac Day when I will print the list read by Harry Wright at the luncheon on that occasion, that list being on an Anzac Day-to-Anzac Day basis-Ed.).

EDITORIAL COMMENT: Bob and Enid Jackson celebrated their 38th. Wedding Anniversary on 15th. January. Rumour has it that a special "PERSEVERANCE & LONG-SUFFERANCE MEDAL" is to be awarded to Enid to commemorate her endurance capacity.

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### SITREPS (Contd.):

From Allan Kirk - Far North Coast - with additional comment by Allen Lindsay:-

From "Kirky":- Nominal Rolls of those who attended the Lismore Christmas Party and the "B.B.Q." the following day (strong "backer-uppers" those North Coast types).

Carma and Allan received numerous "thank you" cards from the party-goers and "B.B.Q." attendees and have asked that their own thanks be extended to all their friends per medium of "W.O.G."

Allan apologises for it having been so very wet "outside" - from what this Editor has heard it was pretty wet "inside" as well.

Apparently the Kirks couldn't get their usual caterer for the dinner but Allan has now engaged same for 1987 and says to all concerned "be of good cheer, people, we will be back to normal next time when you all come to Lismore!"

If any names are missing on the Nominal Rolls the apology of Allan Kirk is to be taken for granted.

From Allen Lindsay:- "Lismore Christmas Party-1986" : This increasingly popular annual event was held at the East Lismore Bowling Club on the evening of Saturday, 29th. November, 1986, 76 of our members being guests of the Bowling Club, hosted by President Peter Leslie and his wife, Bev.

The continual down-pour of much needed rain did not dampen the spirits of the gathering one little bit and a great time was had by all.

As usual, at any 2/4 Bn. function (with some exceptions - Ed.), speeches were kept to a minimum, Allan Kirk, President Alf Carpenter and Allen Lindsay being the only speakers (by popular demand) with a suitable response by Peter Leslie.

The Saturday night function was followed by a "B.B.Q." on Sunday at Carma and Allan Kirk's residence, which was a roaring success despite the continuation of the heavy rain.

Sincere thanks are due to Carma and Allan Kirk for their efforts in organising this extremely enjoyable annual event.

The popularity of the week-end is demonstrated by the widespread origins of those who were present - including 7 from Sydney, 2 from Newcastle, 4 from Inverell and 10 from Queensland, as well as the "locals".

The Nominal Rolls - those marked \* were at both functions:- \* ALF CARPENTER, DOREEN MANUEL, BILL & UNA SHEAFFE, REG & JENNY WILKINSON (with the Sheaffes), MAY BATE (also with the Sheaffes), HERB & MARGE ROBERTSON, JACK & MOLLIE SCHIEBEL, BILL & AMY FACEY, JOAN CHASELING, EILEEN LYNCH, MAURIE & MOLLIE WILSON, \*ALLEN LINDSAY, \*IAN & EDNA WALLWORK, DOUG and BETTY WALLWORK, MAX & EDNA NERNEY, \*LAURIE & EVELYN McCOSKER, \*JOHN & BELLE SHINGLES (with the McCoskers), \*JOHN & JOYCE RINGROSE, \*HARRY & HILDA WRIGHT, GORDON BLADEN, \*ROSS & NANCY SMITH, \*LYN BELFORD, \*SELBY DEAN, \*HARRY & ADA WHITMAN, \*JACK & JOAN HUGHES, \*VIC & BERYL SLADE, NANCY SLADE, \*PETER CADE, ROY & DORRIE ANDREWS, GARY & ROSE SAVINS, JACK & JOYCE LISTER, ALF & JENNY SCHWEITZER,

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"CHUBBY" & ELLA CROSTHWAITE, TOM and FRED CLARKE, MEL & LYLA McINNES, \*PETER & BEV LESLIE (Pres. East Lismore Bowling Club), HUGHIE & EILEEN WHITTLETON, EDDIE MILLER, VAL GREENWOOD (with Gordon Bladen), \*JOHN MEEHAN, \*BRUCE & ANGELA CORK, HEC COX (first time to any 2/4 Bn. function - DON'T let it be the last time, Hec - Ed.), CHARLIE & KAY JOHNSON (Jack & Joan Hughes' daughter and son-in-law), NORM & JEAN EVERSON, BOB WHITON (Ex-Prs. R.S.L. Club), AND CARMA and ALLAN KIRK.

(I think that the Kirk's daughter and son-in-law were at the "B.B.Q." - i.e. John & Allison (lovely name - I gave it to my own first daughter - but with only one "l" - Ed.) SHEPHERD.).

(Thanks, Allan & Allen (sounds like a firm of Solicitors) - your reports do help me to complete "W.O.G." - please keep it up.)

From Doug Slinger - West Australia: -

From a letter to Fred Staggs dated 6/12/86: "When the W.A. contingent of 2/4thers met for their end-of-year luncheon, on Tuesday, 4th. November, 1986, I was supposed to take along a Christmas Card for all of us to sign and send to you over there with our Christmas and New Year Greetings to everyone - I FORGOT to purchase a card so now, on behalf of us all here in W.A., we wish all of you "over there" our greetings and best wishes for 1987!"

"I enclose a list of W.A. soldiers who are known to have served with our Bn., including those who have come to live here since those by-gone days. We researched the Nominal Roll (in War History) for our information and we have checked through the WA Telephone Books to try to locate those for whom we have no information - with little success. We also had two newspaper items about us at the time of last year's Coach Tour, but only one person responded!"

"Many would have passed away, off the His-tory Nominal Roll, judging by the low "WX" Numbers appearing thereon, and my joining of the Bn. was too late for me to recall any of them. It is also strange that none of our current/active members know anything about the "un-contactables".

"I would be very keen to get any information about any of our "missing" blokes so as to make contact with them locally."

(Doug Slinger's list of W.A. personnel is printed later in this Journal - if any of our Members can provide information to Doug, such data should be sent to this Editor who will promulgate it accordingly.).

From other Doug Slinger letters:

SELBY DEAN visited W.A. and stayed with his daughter at Jarradale, a delightful country town not far from Perth. On 4th. January the Slingers took SELBY and LEANNE to the home of "DASHER" and LILY DEACON at Armadale for a meal and drinks. Due to the short notice of SELBY'S presence in W.A. there was no chance of DOUG organising the other W.A. members to join the gathering. However, FRED STANWELL (former Mortar Platoon Sgt.) had heard of SELBY'S visit and 'phoned him at the DEACON residence. SELBY had driven to Perth from Inverell and commenced the return journey on 5th. January via the old

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Coast Road which will enable him to see something of the south-west of the State.

That most travel-minded twosome, "DASHER" and LILY DEACON, were scheduled to head off to Alice Springs on 26th. January to spend a month or so with a son and his family there and to inspect a new grandchild. DOUG says they are very proud grandparents. "DASHER" actually won the trip for himself and LILY when his luck held good and his was the winning number drawn out in a T.P.I. Association raffle, much to the delight of the other W.A. "WOGS".

Bowling seems to be the main retirement activity among our W.A. members and their ladies including WALLY & THELMA EVANS, STAN & JUNE DAY, ROSS & MONA ELLIOTT, TED HARDS, JACK & KIT WARD, "DASHER" & LILY DEACON, FRED STANWELL, and EDNA DING. They do not all belong to the same Bowling Club, of course. DOUG thinks that JOHN STOREY is the latest bowling recruit but is not sure whether his wife, PAM, has become involved. Incidentally, EDNA DING is the sister of the late JACK CHASELING.

The non-bowlers (all four of them) have other retirement interests. DON GUTHRIE is very involved in Lions Club activities and his community work on Lions Club projects is much admired by his 2/4Bn. mates. VERN TOWNSEND has a caravan and likes nothing better than to head north with his wife to Exmouth Gulf. CEC and THELMA SMITH have a beach cottage in the Crab Country of Mandurah, about 110k from Perth, and they enjoy spending some of their time there. DOUG & WILMA SLINGER have a week-ender also at Mandurah where DOUG likes to indulge in Surf Casting/Beach Fishing.

The next Luncheon Meeting of the W.A. 2/4thers and their ladies will be held at the Perth Anzac Club on Tuesday, 26th. February, commencing at 1130 hours. DOUG hopes to come to Sydney when the weather is cooler and will try to coincide his visit with a Monthly Meeting at the Gallipoli Memorial Club.

(Thanks for your letters, Doug. I begin to assemble "W.O.G." news items about the 4th. of each month and your data should be with me by that date so that it will appear in that month's issue which is mailed out approx. the 12th. of the month so as to reach members before the Monthly Meeting on the 4th. Tuesday (i.e. in Sydney).  
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"WOG" TRADING: -

At a luncheon break during the processing of the January issue of our Journal, the conversation somehow turned to the subject of things we own but for which we have no use, but which we are reluctant to throw away. KEN KESTEVEN mentioned that he has the "innards" of a pianola in the above category, and HARRY GJEDSTED said that a lot of us would be in a similar position and that we should advertise these items in our Monthly Journal. Hence, "WOG" TRADING has been born and, if supported, will be a regular feature in future. We begin with:  
(1) Available from LES JONES-93.2660 in the evening: One Association blazer,  
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"WOG" TRADING (Contd.):

short 42 size, complete with 2/4 Bn. pocket badge, worn only approx. 20 times - Price \$100.00 (or near offer).

- (2) Available from KEN KESTIVEN-412.4892:  
 (a) "Royal Litton" electric typewriter in need of overhaul;  
 (b) Bellow equipment for "Victor" Player-Piano in need of overhaul (rubber tubing perished).

Price for each above item is \$5.00 donation towards cost of mailing "W.O.G."

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CORRESPONDENCE "IN":

From VIC FORBES who raises the question of the disposal of deceased members' war medals when there is no kin to whom those medals can be bequeathed or when the member wished to dedicate them elsewhere. In the case of members who might desire to leave their medals to our Association, VIC has suggested that we acquire a Medal Cabinet (similar to a Bowlers' Badge Board and either made for, or purchased by, the Association to a size and specification determined by the Committee) which would be hung or otherwise located in the Anzac Room at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, with approval from Secretary-Manager HARRY GJEDSTED, the ex-soldiers' Army Number, Rank and Names being notated under the medals.

If this project is to proceed, its effectiveness will depend upon the number of medals we are likely to receive from our members and we now seek a reaction to the proposal - in writing, please.

VIC has offered to donate \$100.00 towards the cost of a cabinet and for the moment the Committee has asked that he leave the matter in suspense until response from members enables an assessment to be made.

From JACK MALONEY enclosing photocopy of a letter received from Philip Ruddock, M.P., Member for Dundas, in which he states that he has not heard of any proposal by the Government to abolish the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. He also says that "in fact the Government has been trying to divert criticism by Veterans of its performance by suggesting that it is the Opposition's policy to abolish the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs". Finally he states that he does appreciate the importance of having a separate Dept. of Vet. Affairs and he has informed the Leader of the Opposition of his interest in this matter. (Thanks, Jack).

From "DASHER" DEACON asking for a check on his enlistment date and mentioning that he sailed from Sydney first to India but has forgotten the name of the ship.

(I have written to you separately, "Dasher", with advice to write to Army Records and have included the address. Meanwhile, at our Monthly Meeting the consensus of opinion was that you sailed on the "President Dumas". However, HARRY WRIGHT and TED McCaffery think it could be the "Aquitania". All the fellows named in your letter are dead).

From DICK LENEHAN (ex 2/27 Bn., Aide-d-Camp to Sir Ivan (then Brigadier) Dougherty when Military Governor of Macassar and again when G.O.C. 2nd. Military Div.):

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CORRESPONDENCE "IN" (Contd.):

DICK served on the "Dougherty" Biography Committee and since then we have sent him "W.O.G." which, he says, he greatly appreciates. With his letter he quoted a verse that was copied by Jim Bruce ex 2/16 Bn. while holidaying recently in Canada - here it is: "GOD AND THE SOLDIER WE ALIKE ADORE IN TIME OF DANGER - NOT BEFORE. THE DANGER PAST AND ALL THINGS RIGHTED, GOD IS FORGOTTEN - THE SOLDIER SLIGHTED".

Thomas Gordon .. 16/12/1986.

Jim Bruce added a note: "300 years haven't made any difference".

(Thanks for your contribution, Dick, and the donation which I have passed on to Treasurer Allen Lindsay. I will print "The Story of the Unknown Soldier" in our April Journal leading up, appropriately, to Anzac Day. Thanks, also, for your condolences re Cec Chrystal).

From LES JONES advising that he will present for Association Archives a photograph of us marching through Martin Place on Anzac Day 1965. It was taken by the "Daily Telegraph" and published on its front page.

(I have attended to the addressing matter mentioned in your letter, Les, and will be glad to have your "Wewak after the Surrender" article in due course).

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Another letter just received - from NORMA BLANKSBY who is the niece of our late comrade, John Morrison, and widow of the late Arthur Blanksby of 9 Div. who passed away in July 1984. NORMA had received confirmation from the Greek Consulate that she would receive her Uncle Jack's (as she knew him) medal at Paddington-Woollehra RSL on Wednesday, 4th. February. She is now the only one available to receive the medal & would not miss out on attending for anything since she knows how proud her Uncle would have been to receive it himself. (Thanks for your subscription to "W.O.G.", Norma, and best wishes for 1987).

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NOTE from the EDITOR:-

We are still addressing some "W.O.G."s in the name of deceased male members, because their widows do want to have the Journal, but that practise might be hurtful and we do not wish to cause distress. Also, some recipients may not, in fact, still desire to remain on our mailing list.

Anyone in the above categories should now mail back to this Editor the wrapper off the next "W.O.G.", in an envelope addressed to my private residence as on the front page of the Journal, after marking on the wrapper the now preferred mode of address or the indication "Please cancel", as appropriate.

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TRIVIATA:-

The boy stood on the burning deck  
 Because he was afraid;  
 He couldn't swim to save his neck -  
 And THAT was why he stayed.

COURAGE:- (according to a Scots ballad):  
 I am not dead, Sir Andrew cried, I am hurt,  
 but I am not slain. I'll lay me down and  
 bleed awhile, and then I'll rise & fight  
 again.

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WELFARE REPORT:- By Harry Wright:-

As at 26th. January, 1987:

Visited at Concord Repat. Gen. Hospital:

NX4048 - HYEM, R.C. (MICK) - Ward 520 - in for cataract operation - discharged.

Visited at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital:

NX15504 - WILLIAMSON, C.A. (CECIL) - Ward 201 - visited by Bob Jackson - has vascular problem - left leg amputated - now having ulcer complications.

As at 8th. February, 1987:

Visited at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital:

NX50357 - FORDHAM, A. (TICH) - was in Intensive Care but now Ward E11 South - heart by-pass operation on 30th. January - visited on 3rd. February by "Slim" Powers & Dick Pinson who report that "Tich" is doing well.

Non-hospitalised:

NX71357 - MILNE, A.D. (DOUG) - slight stroke but progressing well - was expected to visit Sydney for tests.

Not reported by Welfare Officer but now reported by Editor:

NX31210 - WRIGHT, H.E. (High Explosive HARRY) - confined to bed for a day or two with high temperature - subsequent tests proved "all clear" - now back to normal.

Message from Harry Wright:

"RON EWBANK 'phoned from Lightning Ridge to find out if I had any information about J.N. (Jim) McCloy (NX160558) who was recorded in January "W.O.G." under LAST POST. He was in the same Section as Ron. I could not help as I had taken his name from Jan./Feb. "REVEILLE" and had no other information. Perhaps somebody knows more and could let us know".

LAST POST:-

NX4050 - MACINTYRE, N.S. (NORMIE).

NX13262 - NICHOLS, H.S. (HARRY).



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VALE - Norman Struan MACINTYRE:-

Norm MacIntyre answered the Last Call on the night of 27th. January and two nephews, Don and Athol MacIntyre, recorded his passing by means of the following Notice: "The relatives and friends of Mr. Norman Struan MacIntyre, NX4050-2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn. and 21 Cathie Street, Petrie Terrace, are advised that he passed away on Tuesday. They are requested to raise a glass to his memory. There will be no funeral service as his body has been willed to Queensland University".

The following Eulogy was delivered by a Minister of Religion at Buranda (Q'land) Funeral Parlour:

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VALE - Norman Struan MACINTYRE (Contd.):

"Norm was born at Parramatta, N.S.W., in 1918 and was educated at Merrylands Public and Parramatta Intermediate High Schools. He learned typing & shorthand and became Secretary to the General Manager of Clyde Engineering Works at Granville. He worked through the depression years and was active in cricket, tennis and football. In 1937 he accepted a position at the Commonwealth Rolling Mills at Port Kembla and remained in that position until 1939.

He enlisted at the outbreak of war, went into training at Ingleburn and sailed with 2/4 Bn. on the first troop-ship convoy to the Middle East. He served in the Intelligence Section of the Bn. throughout the war, or at Brigade H.Q., and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was in the first thrust into the Western Desert and saw service in Greece and Crete and Syria before the Bn. returned to Australia and finally New Guinea.

Norm was awarded an M.I.D. and was one of only three Australians to receive the U.S.S.R. award of the Order of the Patriotic War, 1st. Class.

At the end of the war, Norm went to Singapore on SS "Duntroon". There, by a small miracle - the Grace of God, he found the grave of his brother, Lieut. Athol MacIntyre, who was killed in action in the last days of fighting before Singapore fell.

On discharge, he joined his brother, Don, in Dairy Farming and later tried Pig Farming. His last venture was a cattle property at Tabulam on the Clarence River. He said this was the happiest time in his life, but his health began to fail and he moved to Brisbane, taking a job with Rheem. He developed Emphysema which, in the end, turned to Pneumonia.

Norm never married. He bore the scars of his war service for the rest of his life. His army mates held him in high esteem.

Norm was small of stature but big of heart. He stood up for the things he believed in & so earned the respect of all. May he rest in peace".

The Memorial Service was attended by Bruce Cork, Jack Hughes, Norm Everson, Wally McKenzie, Gordon Bladen, Frank Gattenhoff, Laurie McCosker and Vera Provians.

After the Service, our members and Norm's nephew retired to Cooparoo RSL Club where they drank to Norm's memory beneath a 2/4 Bn. plaque which had been presented to that club by our late Tom Provians.

(I am indebted, for the above report, to Vera Provians via Laurie McCosker, John Falla in Canberra, and Bruce Cork via John Meehan-Ed.)

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Details of the passing of Harry Nichols will appear in the March issue of this Journal as insufficient space remains this month..Ed.

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"W.O.G." Printing/Wrapping Teams:-

The names of the volunteers to assist in the preparation & despatch of "W.O.G." are being grouped into teams and will be promulgated in the next issue of the Journal.

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STOP STOP PRESS: From Jack Huston - letter from niece says Monty Siems has died in U.K. - no other details as yet-Ed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:-

The Association has completed another successful financial year. The outstanding efforts of Ross (RH) Smith and his Inverell Re-union Committee produced a very good financial result (as well as a great re-union) that contributed significantly to our Association funds. A further contribution of \$500 from the Sir Ivan Dougherty Biography Committee was of material benefit, thanks to our late and esteemed member, Cec Chrystal, whose work on this project must never be forgotten. Continued support from members by way of subscriptions and donations ensure our finances remain buoyant. This healthy condition is being maintained in spite of steadily increasing costs, particularly postage on our monthly magazine, "White Over Green". Whilst on the subject of "WOG" I would like to record my very sincere thanks to our retiring editor, Laurie Waterhouse, for the magnificent job he has done over the last years in producing it. This Association would be many thousands of dollars poorer without his and his band of voluntary workers' efforts. Our financial position remains sound, despite the fact that our annual subs of \$6 has remained the same for the last sixteen years! Maybe they should let the 2/4th run the country and then there would be no inflation! (?)

Members will note that we have changed the format of the annual accounts this year. The main change being that we have included a Balance Sheet, showing all of the association's assets, as well as cash at bank and on deposit, as in previous years.

Finally my thanks to Harold Silver, our Honorary Auditor, who, annually, spends many hours following the somewhat tortuous accounting procedures employed by your Treasurer to produce the annual accounts. His final verification of the accounts is a tribute to his skill and dedication to duty.

Lastly, my thanks to our members, without whose continued support there would be no financial report at all!

Allen Lindsay.

CASH REGISTER:- The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following subs and donations for the period November through January:

\$6	Henry Cox	Don Thornberry	J. Birchmore
	Ron Small	C.H. Evans	Jack Eastham
\$7	Roy Andrews		
\$10	George Walton	Alex Dick	Ray Hyem
	Les Fox	R.J. Davies	Jack Kean
	Doug Slinger	John Holland	Reg Murphy
	Keith Taylor		
\$12	Ken Richardson		
\$22	Ellis White		
\$24	A.L. Webb		
\$25	B. Barnes		
\$50	Pom Wallace	Bill Loy	Don Dimsey
\$100	E.F. Wilson		

DOUG SLINGER'S LIST (including his comments) of W.A. 2/4thers:-

W 12292	ANDREWS, E.S.	WX 12398	BRENNELL, J.F.	WX 14804	CLARK, S.A.
W 1699	COLLAS, W.H.	WX 1653	CONNOR, V.	WX 1648	DAWSON, N.S.
WX 1776	DONOVAN, S.T. (POW).	WX 38616	DUNSTAN, L.E. (Killed in action - New Guinea.)		
WX 1709	ELLIOTT, R.W. (Ross or Snow) - Gooseberry Hill, 6076.	WX 1714	HANWELL, F.R.		
WX 30958	EVANS, W.C. (23 Sydenham St., Doubleview, 6018 - Wally).	WX 29573	JONES, E.A.		
WX 25924	GUTHRIE, D.W. (49 Gilbertson St., Hardinya, 6163 - Don).	WX 13998	KEENAN, S.M.		
WX 15320	HETHERINGTON, L.J.	WX 22560	LAWRENCE, E.J.	WX 14771	LLOYD, S.H.V.
WX 40171	MCDOWELL, R.F.	WX 22066	McKERLIE, J. (Killed in action - New Guinea).		
WX 15860	McKINLAY, J.	WX 28641	MEYERS, J.F.V. (Wounded in New Guinea - resides Manning - Joe).		
WX 11450	MITCHELL, C.J.	WX 1671	PARKER, J.J.		
WX 41260	RIEGERT, C.M.	WX 29182	SCANLON, A.F.	WX 6140	STICKMAN, G.H.
WX 22888	SLINGER, D.F. (55 Hotham St., Bayswater, 6053 - Doug).	WX 16516	WELLER, C.A.		
WX 28599	SMITH, C.V. (122 Lefroy Rd., Hilton, 6163 - Cec).	WX 16872	WELLS, K.		
WX 1714	STANWELL, F.R. (10 Beatrice St., Doubleview, 6018 - Fred).	WX 11570	HOLHOUSE, F.W.		
WX 18920	TOWNSEND, V. Mc.V. (62 Bradford St., Coolbinia, 6050 - Vern - Wounded in N. Guinea).				
WX 28506	WARD, J. (141 Duffy Rd., Carine, 6020 - Jack).				
WX 13644	BRIDGER, M.V. (resides at Wembly - former member of Arm. Div. - reinforcement to 2/4 Bn. in Q'land - claimed by his brother in 2/32 Bn. - served in Tarakan - Maurie).				
VX 24193	DAY, S.E. (Wounded in N. Guinea - 42 Drabble Rd., Scarborough, 6019 - Stan).				
NX 11949	DEACON, K.C. (49 Dale Lodge, The Grove, Armadale, 6112 - "Dasher").				
NX 9807	HARDS, E.G. (52 Eatwell St., Victoria Park, 6100 - Ted).				
NX 71299	STOREY, C.J. (30 Barclay Ave., Padbury, 6025 - John).				
Not listed	BLACKWELL, A. (former NX - resides Shoalwater (NOTE by Editor: I believe this is really VX 62679 BLACKWOOD, ALAN FERGUSON who was awarded the Military Cross in New Guinea)).				
NX 46597	SMITH, G.A. (deceased - George died 10th. May, 1986).				

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MORE TRIVIATA:- Little Jack Horner sat in a corner, watching his chips mount high; He sat awhile grinning, then said: "Ha! I'm winning, What a wizard at poker am I".

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## 2/4th. INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION:-

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31st. December, 1986.

## SALES ACCOUNT:

	\$	
	<u>Sales</u>	
T/Shirts	537 80	
Ties	131 00	
Plaques	300 00	
Miniature Medals	383 50	
Battalion Medals	155 50	
Pockets	51 00	
Badges	30 00	
Name Plates	86 00	
War Histories	60 00	
Biographies	144 00	
	<u>1878 80</u>	
Less: Stock on Hand		
Less: Net Purchases	1062 31	
<u>SURPLUS from Sales</u>	<u>816 49</u>	

## Purchases

	\$	
	<u>Purchases</u>	
	612 00	
	624 00	
	81 00	
	1185 61	
	174 90	
	-	
	-	
	658 74	
	<u>3336 25</u>	
	<u>2273 94</u>	
	<u>1062 31</u>	

## Stock- 31.12.1986:

	\$	
	<u>Stock-</u>	<u>31.12.1986:</u>
	199 50	
	307 50	
	90 00	
	900 60	
	51 84	
	70 00	
	-	
	654 50	
	<u>2273 94</u>	

## INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

	Income:	\$	
Surplus from Sales (above)		816 49	
Subscriptions - Life	450 00		
- WOG	850 00		
- Assn.	163 00	1463 00	
Donations Received		982 50	
Transfer from Benevolent A/c.		2000 00	
Surplus - Inverell Re-union		1326 10	
Sir Ivan Dougherty Biog. Cmtee.		500 00	
Anzac Day Luncheon Tickets		1132 00	
Interest Received		290 56	
Kalamata - Donation Received		10 00	
Collection for 4 RAR Banner		129 23	
Net Profit - ex W.A. Bus Trip		69 61	
Return Deposit - Inverell Reunion		500 00	
(Paid 1985)			

	Expenditure:	\$	
White Over Green - Postage		806 95	
ditto. - Paper etc		1309 06	
Postage & Phone Allowances		300 00	
Anzac Day Luncheon Costs		1125 00	
Annual Meeting Expenses		214 10	
Xmas Party Expenses		253 20	
Life Member Medals		73 35	
Subscriptions - 6th Div Assn.		20 00	
ditto. Assn 4 Inf Bns.		10 00	
ditto. Lionel Meade Dnr.		30 00	
4th Battalion RAR Banner		130 00	
Classified Adverts.		120 00	
Floral Tributes		75 00	
Bank Charges		12 76	
Balance: Being surplus for the			
year Trfd to Accumulated Funds			

9219 49

4740 07

9219 49

## BENEVOLENT FUND:

Balance: as at 1st January, 1986

Add: Receipts.

Interest

Inverell Reunion - Forfeited Deposits

	\$	
	9633 12	
	1307 42	
	290 00	
	<u>11230 54</u>	

Less: Payments:

Transfer - General Funds

Hospital Visitation Expenses

Pension Officer's Expenses

Kalamata Earthquake Appeal

Bank Charges

	\$	
	2000 00	
	261 00	
	21 17	
	50 00	
	1 37	
	<u>2333 4</u>	

Balance: as at 31st. December, 1986:

8897 00

## BALANCE SHEET:

as at

31st. December, 1986.

## Liabilities:

Benevolent Fund

Accumulated Funds

balance 1/1/86 6833 75

Surplus - 1986 4740 07

8897 00

11573 82

## Assets:

Westpac Banking Corporation

General A/c. 3599 88

Benevolent A/c. 505 71

State Building Society

Current A/c. 1391 29

Deposit A/c. 8000 00

Australian Guarantee Corpn.

Stocks on Hand.

Fixed Assets: (at cost)

Battalion Banners 460 00

Flags &amp; Carriers 240 00

Printing Machine 1500 00

Addressograph Mce. 500 00

	\$	
	4105 59	
	9391 29	
	2000 00	
	2273 94	
	2700 00	
	<u>\$20470 82</u>	

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Alf Carpenter. President.

Auditor's Certificate.

I have examined the books of account and vouchers of the 2/4th. Infantry Battalion Association for the year ended 31st. December, 1986. From such examination it is my opinion that the above accounts are a full and fair view of the Association's financial affairs for that period.

(signed)

H.H. Silver -  
Honorary Auditor.

24th. January, 1987.