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**NEXT TWO MEETINGS:** At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12-14 Loftus St., Sydney.  
**TUESDAY, 22 MARCH:** Normal Monthly Meeting commencing at 1400hrs. Committee will meet at 1100hrs.  
**MONDAY, 25 APRIL:** Anzac Day. (As per later notice in this newsletter).  
**DATES TO REMEMBER:** "WOG" production.

**SDAY & WEDNESDAY, 17 & 18 MAY...** Printer team (3) John Ringrose & Ted Wilson.  
**THURSDAY, 19 MAY...** F/W/M team - Phyl Chrystal, Bill & Beryl Poplin, Lionel Clarke, plus the  
permanents.  
**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 19 & 20 JULY...** Printer team (1) Peter Cade & Doug Wilson.  
**THURSDAY, 21 JULY...** F/W/M team - Wal Johnston, Nap Alavoine, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser, plus the  
permanents.

**NEWCASTLE MONTHLY MEETING'S:** 1st Friday each month at Hamilton RSL. 1700 Onward - contact  
Alf Carpenter (phone top of this page).

**"RING-A-ROSIE" DAY:** 1st Thursday each month at Forestville RSL... 1100 hrs onward - no phone  
contact, just come along, all welcome.

**TUESDAY, 22 MARCH:** Ladies luncheon to be held at the Bowlers's Club of NSW, 95 York St., Sydney.  
please contact Heather Fox on (02) 416 1200, at least two days before the event.

**MONDAY 25 APRIL:** Ladies Anzac Day arrangements, should appear later in this newsletter.

**CENTRAL COAST MONTHLY MEETING'S:** 2nd Wednesday each month at Gosford RSL, contact Wally Mangan  
TIME: 1130 onwards.

**2/4TH AUST. INF. BN. ASSOCIATION REUNION TO BE HELD AT BALLINA, N.S.W., OCTOBER, 21/22/23 1994.**

Booking in pro forma in the DECEMBER/JANUARY... PLEASE USE- DON'T FORGET!! If you make a book-  
ing by phone, please send your deposit of \$15.00 per person promptly, by doing this, you will  
enable the organisers to keep their accounts balanced... Doug Grove reports, the Sundowner  
Motel is fully booked, however, there is ample accommodation on hand, all being in close vicini-  
ty of the reunion's venue.

## "BIG HUNGRY MOSQUITOES".

A remark by our friend "Hawkeye" at our last monthly "gig", prompted me to print this, of  
course from the pen of that well known writer of short stories, Bill Wannan.

"Mosquitoes don't seem to grow as big now as they did when our fathers were blazing the  
trails of the backblocks. In all my experiences of the out back, the largest I've seen was only  
about the size of a small orange..

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'Old Ned, who drove a team of bullocks between Newcastle and Singleton in the roaring days, used to swear that the biggest mosquitoes he ever encountered were the Hexam Greys, a species located at a waterhole a short distance from Newcastle.

'One summer night Ned arrived at this spot and turned his bullocks out after putting bells around their necks. Next morning he went to round up the bullocks, but all he could find were the bells. He reckoned someone must have stolen the bullocks, until he looked towards the swamp. There, on a log, were a dozen of the fattest mossies he had ever seen. They had eaten the bullocks and were sitting on the log picking their teeth with the horns.'

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE BALLINA REUNION:-

Bill Mitchell, (066) 860 458.... Doug Grove, (066) 863 563.

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ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS IN SYDNEY, MONDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1994.

MEMBERS: (a) Association Ties, Name Badges, Regulation Medals and Decorations to be worn.

(b) Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Cenotaph. Assemble at the corner of YORK & ERSKINE STREETS NOT LATER THAN 0730 hours for march off at approx., 0800 hours, so as to reach the Cenotaph and lay our Wreath at 0815 hours. Then we will march to our main assembly point at the junction of KING & PHILLIP STREETS.

MARCH MARSHAL: MICK GRAY.

Our March Leader for the Anzac Day March, President Alf Carpenter, stressed the importance of the Wreath Laying Ceremony, because it constitutes our own personal Tribute to our Fallen and Departed Comrades, and is worthy of the attendance of every Member who is able to participate.

The Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band will provide the marching theme for both the 2/4th Association Anzac Day Marches.

The 4th/3rd Battalion will provide the Banner Party, both in the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Main Anzac Day March.

(c) MAIN MARCH: Our Unit should move off at approx., 0945/1000hrs from our assembly point at the junction of KING & PHILLIP STREETS, led by President Alf Carpenter.

At the conclusion of the march, Members will then make their way independently to the Gallipoli Memorial Club, Loftus St., for their reunion luncheon. Our luncheon this year will be a banquet smorgasbord and will be held in the newly renovated restaurant on the 2nd floor of Club... COST: \$15.00 per person... A limited "dry till" will operate.

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 25-1-1994.

Despite the heavy aftermath of the Christmas, New Year festivities, our first meeting for 1994 had a good attendance of some thirty Members. This speaks well of the Association and its executive to see so many turn up for our Monthly Meetings, also reflects favourably on the hospitality of Management and staff at the GMC., to whom the Association owe a great deal for services rendered, in particular, facilities for "WOG" production.

The Meeting commenced at 1400hrs with President Alf Carpenter presiding, and he welcomed the following:- T. FOX, J. HAWKINS, J. MEEHAN, B. CEARNS, V. FORBES, W. MANGAN, L. DOOLEY, N. AUBERSON, D. WILSON, L. JONES, J. McLAUCHLIN, W. WOODS, J. RINGROSE, "SLIM" POWERS, W. JOHNSTONE, H. WRIGHT, "SPIKE" GALVIN, REX EVERSON, A. MAXWELL, D. PINSON, BOB LEVER, L. CLARKE, T. WILSON, "TICH" FORDHAM, R. STEELE, A. ARNOTT, MICK GRAY, ALAN BOHLE, BOB LANE, PAT BRUTY.

Apologies from: Sir Ivan Dougherty, Maj. Gen. G. Maitland, Phil Smith, Wal Lambourne, Nap Alavoit, Péter Cade, Gordon Chrisp, Dave Follington, Ferd Pegg and Bob Fergusson.

One Minute's Silence was Observed in Memory of our Fallen and Departed Comrades.

It was Moved/Seconded and Carried, that the Minute's of the previous Meeting as published in "WOG" to be taken "as read" and adopted. Business arising from minute's, NIL.

Minute's Secretary, John Hawkins recorded the following Matters/Business dealt with at this JANUARY Monthly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE PRESIDENT.

ARTHUR WEBB (GRIFFITH). In reply to Alf's letter in regards to Griffith being the venue for the 2/4th country reunion in 1995. The present circumstances which Arthur outlines in his answer, would make it impossible to hold a reunion at Griffith at any time.

HENRY & RACHEL WHEELER (COLORADO, USA). Both thought the Goulburn reunion was wonderful, also, good to see old friends and comrades again. Sends out a special thanks to those people who keep the Association going, and New Year greetings to all.

MARG & NED KENNA. (After both returned home from Newcastle). Writes:- Had a good trip home, although a long tiring day. Arrived home 10 P.M., tired but happy. Just want to thank you and Doreen for a lovely day on Monday, 15 November, we appreciate all you do for us, also many thanks to all the 2/4th members and their ladies for their part in making our stay in Newcastle a memorable one, we certainly had a wonderful time.

CHRIS & PAT WHITE (GORDONVALE). I herewith return the banner of the 2/4th Battalion which I carried with pride in Gordonvale, Cairns, Atherton and Mareeba and at the closing of "Trek Back" at Wondecla.

Closes with, "As you slide down the bannisters of life, may the splinters point the right way." Of course, both Chris and Pat send best wishes and cheers to all.

CLAUDE RAYMOND (VIC.) With greetings and a happy New Year to all, plus... "I wish you all good health and fond memories of the comradeship of we few, we happy few, we band of brothers."

Good luck to all.

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MAJOR GENERAL GORDON MAITLAND.With apologies for his non attendance to the January Monthly Meeting.Gordon passes on his best wishes that 1994 will be kind to all,and to all those that we love.

DON SMITH(BROTHER OF THE LATE A.J.SMITH).Writes with a deep sense of gratitude,particularly to Hugh Wittleton,Noel Woolcott,Nevis Farrell and other helpers for their kind treatment to his late brother,Arthur John,during his final weeks.

FROM OPERATION "TREK BACK" - THE BOOK: Orders are now being taken for this limited edition treasure...and at only \$13.95(plus \$3.00 postage and handling),is a most reasonable price for so many memories...Consists of 72 pages,glossy finish and page 6 depicts full page photo of 2/4th A.I.B.,Stickman Guard,Wondecla,1943,this photo by courtesy of Chris White.

The Address for Operation "Trek Back" - THE BOOK is:-

P.O.BOX 117,SMITHFIELD,QLD.,4878.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE SECRETARY.

J.KEAN.Encloses subs for 1994.

RON SMALL.Cheque for subs enclosed.Ron reports that his health isn't the best owing to trouble with his legs,this necessitates him relying on his eldest son and wife to get him mobile.Sends best wishes to all.

HENRY & RACHEL WHEELER(USA).Both enjoyed Goulburn,and Henry was proud to march with the Unit again.Encloses photos of the show,and reports that his video turned out real well.Sends greetings to all plus thanks to all those behind the scenes workers who keep the Association going.

After arriving back in the U.S.A.,have travelled some 4,000 miles to visit their daughters & families...Now both are packing again to visit Rachel's family in Israel and will be there for two months.

DES LOYDELL.Subs and donation enclosed.Passes on regards to all members,and hopes all have a wonderful healthy New Year,Des is looking forward to seeing us in the near future.

SIR IVAN & LADY DOUGHERTY.A card with Seasons Greetings to all who served in our 2/4th Bth.

MR. DAWN ROBERTSON(BROKEN HILL).Mrs Robertson sadly reports that her husband,J.D.Robertson passed away on 29 October,1993.He died of pneumonia and complications,had for the last four years suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

NITA & LEN HART(KUNUNURRA,W.A.).Encloses subs and a donation.Have been in the East Kimberly Region since May,1993,however,will return home for months of January and mid May,then back up to the North West for winter.Since Len's stroke,Nita has gained her W.A.,drivers licence,and being on "P" plates,can now drive to such beauty spots as Lake Argyl and the Ord River Dam.

HARRY HAMBURGER.Reports the death of NX9532,John Robertson at Broken Hill.John leaves a wife Dawn and son John.

John was a member of "D" Coy.,18 Ptn.He was with the Battalion in all actions in Libya.Was captured at Vevi Pass in Greece and spent four years as a POW.John escaped and on recapture was sent to a punishment camp,this camp mutinied and the Germans shot into the striking men,killing one,(ASC member),and wounded another,"Darkie" Evans of the 2/4th Battalion.

John was a good soldier and a good mate. VALE:NX9532,John Robertson.

SUE MADDERN & FAMILY.A card,with a thank you for the comfort of your sympathy in our time of sadness.

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CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE TREASURER.

ANDY KERR(KARLTONG).Encloses subs and a donation..Andy gave 10 out of 10 for Goulburn.

NAN SHEARWIN(MACKSVILLE).Nancy encloses Bill's subs,plus a few dollars extra.Bill,despite back and hip problems is well and sends regards to all those who prepare "WOG",by this time, seems to know all who participate in the production of "White over Green."

HORRIE CAMERON.Horrie has spent Christmas at Grafton with his daughters and their families,encloses his subs and a donation.Should be calling in to Ballina to give the organisers stationary left over from the Goulburn show.

FRED MORROW(OBERON).Although Fred hasn't fully recovered from a stroke,he bravely pens a few words to Les,and sends greetings to all,also,encloses his subs which was gratefully received by the Association.

E.MACKEY(VIC).Ernest encloses his subs.,and has no news of any 2/4th boys in his area,hopes to attend Ballina in October.

T.J.TAYLOR(3/14 HOLMES RD.,TERRIGAL).Encloses subs and a donation.Writes that Peg and he were unable to attend Goulburn,hopes to make it to Ballina,October,1994.

EUNICE DOUGHERTY(LANE COVE).Despite a badly broken right arm,which of course,as she reflects,"an ageing" set back.Eunice is hoping for a brighter New Year for us all..With her subs and donation,sends best wishes to all.

ELIJAH LYNCH & FAMILY(GRAFTON).A greeting card to all 2/4thers,encloses a donation towards "White over Green" - always looks forward to receiving our newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE EDITOR.

LILY DEACON(ARMADALE,WA).Lily reports that her sister,Jeanne Hutchison passed away in Glasgow on 21 December...Lily writes,those that attended the 1986 Greece/Crete tour will remember Jeanne who collapsed on the last day in Athens,fortunately,last September I had a short but lovely time with Jeanne and her daughter from the USA and the rest of our family in Holland.

GEORGE AND PAT WALTON(S.A.).Both send New Year greetings,and are enjoying good health..Reports,most members in his area,despite advancing age are well,although,Tom "Blue"Hart,Betty Rungie and Marj McCarty have been on the sick list,are now,steadily on the road to recovery.

Reflects,that the old comrade spirit still exists,particularly when their barbecue get together come around.



CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE EDITOR(CONT.)

George and Pat's feelings go out to those people who suffered through the recent devastating NSW bushfires, writes, son Brenton is a Training Officer in the Fire Service and his area, Murray Bridge sent a lot of volunteers over, but Brenton didn't get over.

Both send special thoughts to our "WOG" production teams, who manage to keep those that are far away informed on the various activities participated by the Association. George encloses his subs which have been passed on to the Treasurer.

SYDNEY ZARTMAN(TIN CAN BAY, QLD.). Sydney reports that his area has been provided with a mail service and has now relinquished the key to his P.O., Box, thus - includes his address as:-

18 Investigator Ave., Cooloola Village, Tin Can Bay Qld. 4590.

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It was in the Islands during World War 11, and a bad moment had come in one of the battles. The Japanese were charging the foxhole in which an Aussie and a American were crouching together... As the enemy bore down on them, the Yank said, "This is it, Aussie! Remember Pearl Harbour!" "Listen, mate," growled the Australian, "this is no time to be thinking of women!"

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REPORTS:

President Alf reports he attended various functions during the Christmas and New Year break. Passed on condolences to those members and their families who suffered property loss and trauma during the recent bush fires.

Secretary Fred reports, lots of anxious hours during the bush fires, Fred said the smoke was so thick in his area, the sun was obliterated for days, both he and wife Joyce had to attend a doctor for eye treatment.

6TH DIVISION REPORT. Norm Auberson spoke of the 6th Division's 50th Anniversary back to Wewak visit, July/August, 1995.

Editor Pat Bruty reports 526 copies of "WOG" mailed out.. Peter Cade owing to being sick, could not attend printing, John Ringrose filled in for him, so John and Doug Wilson handled the photo-copying, reported, no problems... It was reported that a slightly inebriated gentleman was Wednesday, late P.M. still collating, he did such a good job we named him man of the match, his prize - a candlelight dinner with Bronwyn Bishop... As usual all rostered hands turned up for wrapping/ mailing. Smoko provided by the GMC (coffee), bikkies provided by Heather Fox. Whilst on the subject of bikkies, Ted Fox encloses this triviata... The team of workers had settled down under Pat Bruty's supervision when Nap Alavoine arrived just a little late, (it was smoko time). He greeted everyone present, surveyed the scene of activity, and then the following conversation took place: NAP: "What! no biscuits today?"

Chorus from all present: "Yes there are. Heather has brought biscuits and buns and she's making coffee now." -- Nap: "I meant Biscuits Arnott". Sure enough, that particular "Biscuit" was absent.

Whilst on my report, I would like to congratulate the President, including the Editor of the Association of 4th Inf. Battalions' for their newsy "4TH INFANTEE". Nov/Dec edition. Two articles in particular, the Return of The Unknown Soldier to the Canberra War Memorial, and the report on "D" Coy, 4RAR reunion to Vietnam, 1993.

Treasurer Les Jones reports:- SUMMARY OF FUNDS: WESTPAC BANK: GENERAL A/C \$1,438.

BENEFIT FUND A/C \$656. AUST. GUARANTEE CORP. DEBENTURES (BEN. FUND) \$14,500.

M.M. ACCESS A/C (BEN. FUND) \$2,213... TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 25TH JANUARY, 1994 \$18,807.

All accounts passed for payment.

NEWCASTLE REGION MONTHLY MEETING, FRIDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1994.

Our second Meeting for 1994 had the following in attendance:- Alf Carpenter, Doreen Manuel, Pat & Gwen Bruty, Doug & Deidre Milne, Harold Tresidder, Madge Tynan, Jack & Doris Tonks and Laura Via'll.. We discussed the coming Kamal concert.. Special thoughts went out to our Members who were victims of the recent bush fires... Congratulations went out to Doris Tonks, being a ex-Land Army lass, has somewhat created a record for the men's domain of the Hamilton RSL Sub-Branch. Doris was nominated and accepted to the RSL's Sub-Branch Committee.

LADIES LUNCHEON HELD AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB OF NSW.

Our first monthly luncheon for 1994 on the 25 January, proved to be a happy occasion, with lots of good thoughts, particularly about our previous Christmas luncheon and get together held on the 27 November, 1993... Enjoying the luncheon were:- Meg Arnott, Molly Irvine, Nell Hawkins, Vi Burrows, Madge Fraser, Hilda Wright, Olga Everson, (lovely hat, later admired by Ted), Florence Beach, Linda Lovelee and myself... Remember ladies, all supporters of the 2/4th men are always welcome to join our luncheon group... Next luncheon at the Bowler's Club, Tuesday, 22 March - arrive 1200 to 1215... Contact phone, (02) 416-1200, at least two days beforehand. Report, Heather.

GENERAL BUSINESS. John Meehan, our roving reporter, passed on glowing comments on our WA Members who always seem to be full of enthusiasm for the Association. On his way back from W.A., John had an enjoyable few days with Peter and Pat Denver, after, had a day's visit to Bob & Nina Fergusson, reports that Bob is mobile and hopes to attend Anzac Day.

Ted Fox spoke of his daughter's recent visit to Crete, whilst there she made a special visit to the Suda Bay War Cemetery, reported that the Cemetery is kept in beautiful order, during this time was able to take lots of photos and onewas the grave of F.J. Cummings, NX11193, 2/4th Bn., K.I.A., 15-5-1941.

Alex Arnott passed on his following thoughts to the Meeting, and these were - would Gosford be a suitable venue for our 1995 country reunion.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1450 hrs.

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ANZAC DAY FOR 2/4TH MEMBERS, MELBOURNE, MONDAY, 25 APRIL, 1994.

ASSEMBLY POINT: Collins Street, between Swanston and Elizabeth Streets...Look for the 2/4th Banner. REUNION VENUE: Clayton RSL...A hot luncheon will be provided free of charge...For those not marching, please meet at the RSL for the afternoons convivialities.

GREECE/CRETE WEEK, SYDNEY, MAY, 1994.

FRIDAY, 13 MAY. Official reception at the Canterbury Bowling Club...Meet the V.I.P's, time 7.30 P.M.

SATURDAY, 14 MAY. Cenotaph Service, Martin Place, no march this year..Unit Flags only, time 12P.M.

SUNDAY, 15 MAY. Greek Cathedral Service, corner of Cleveland and Regent Street, Redfern, assemble at 10.30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 29 MAY. Holy Trinity Garrison Church Memorial Service, commencing at 10.30 A.M. Request - the Ladies bring a plate.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 22 FEBRUARY, 1994, HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, SYDNEY.

The Meeting commenced at 1400hrs with Pres. Alf Carpenter presiding, he stressed the importance of this, our 51st A.G.M., and the support given by the attendance of the following 42 Members:- A. CARPENTER, L. JONES, T. FOX, J. HAWKINS, PAT BRUTY, W. CEARNS, N. AUBERSON, W. MANGAN, LARRY DOOLEY, G. STACK, F. STAGGS, J. RINGROSE, G. MAITLAND, J. MEEHAN, P. CADE, "SLIM" POWERS, N. ALAVOINE, F. ROWELL, PHIL SMITH, R. COUTTS, J. FORMAN, B. LEVER, A. MAXWELL, W. LAMBOURNE, W. JOHNSTONE, H. WRIGHT, T. WILSON, H. SILVER, A. BOULE, F. FEGG, A. ARNOTT, M. GRAY, R. EVERSON, L. CLARKE, DICK PINSON, DOB LANE, N. MCGREGOR, TOM MAXWELL, TICH FORDHAM, LEW DUBBER, BILL FOGDEN, RAY BERTHELSEN,

A special 'welcome to our Vice-Patron, Maj. Gen. Gordon Maitland and new member, Tom Maxwell. Apologies received from:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, G. Chrisp, V. Forbes, K. Kesteven, D. Wilson, N. Farrell, W. Shaw, "Curly" Gorman, D. Follington, "Blue Eyes" Scott, F. Crutchett, "Slim" Desmond, Bob Fergusson, Jeff Galvin, Jack Huston and Jack Dubber.

One Minute's Silence was Observed in Memory of our Fallen and Departed Comrades.

It was Moved/Seconded & Carried that the Minute's of the previous A.G.M., as read by Assist. Sec. 'ary, John Hawkins, and published in "WOG", 23-2-1993 be taken "as read" and adopted.

Asst. Secretary, John Hawkins recorded the following Matters/Business dealt with at this February, 1994 Annual General Meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS A.G.M., "NIL".

CORRESPONDENCE "OUT" FROM THE PRESIDENT TO:-

The A.B.C. Commentators, 1994 Anzac Day March... A short history of the 2/4th with all the relevant details, including battle honours, and bravery awards.

CORRESPONDENCE "IN" TO THE SECRETARY FROM:-

MRS CLAIR AYERS (THE LATE ALLAN GOOD'S SISTER). Encloses donation to "WOG", mentions, that she would like to obtain a copy of our rather scarce Battalion History, "White over Green", which we all know by this, despite our pleas for same, is really and truly unavailable.

CORRESPONDENCE "IN" TO THE TREASURER FROM:-

MRS GERT WHITELAW: Appreciates "WOG", and encloses a cheque as a donation.

MRS LESLIE SADLER: Encloses a donation - enjoys reading about "goings on" in "WOG".

BILL COLEMAN: Encloses subs, sends a message out to those people involved in the Association, to wit - he hopes that we all, some day will be specially rewarded.

DAWN MCKENZIE (RALEIGH). Encloses cheque and reports that Harry is being admitted to Baringa Private Hospital at Coffs Harbour where he, (Harry) will be having a knee replacement. Both hope to attend Ballina.

MAI ELLIOTT (MOOLOOLABA). A donation, thankfully received for "WOG", unfortunately, owing to her disabilities, he is unable to attend country reunions, with that in mind, he looks forward to receiving his copy of "WOG", this enables him to catch up with all the latest news about the Association. Both keep in touch with Norma and Frank Gattenhoff, Norma reports that Frank will be home on 7th February and both are happy with Frank's latest health report after having such a poor year in 1993, healthwise...Sends out an invite to members who go up that way to call in, always welcome - their abode is at 1/8 TARWARRI CRESCENT, MOOLOOLABA, QLD 4557.

GEORGE COLFS (TEMORA). With subs and a cheery message to all 2/4thers.

CORRESPONDENCE "IN" TO THE EDITOR FROM:-

BILL PANIER (VIC.). Bill, in his report, touched on the experience of his recent quintuple heart bypass; in the end, had its redeeming element in the beauty and character of the wonderful people who supported him during his hospitalization; his wife Bonnie and family, Major Doug Christian Yvonne and "Larry" Dooley, the local 2/4th Members together with family and friends.

Health wise, Bill had a good report, because he doesn't have to see the surgeon for six months.

Encloses all relevant details for the 2/4th in Melbourne during Anzac Day (see top of this page). For those attending Anzac Day Australia wide, Bill sends this message: "Have a wonderful enjoyable day, make the most of it while you can" - "All the best from your Victorian mates."

DES LOYDELL (BATHURST). Writes, if any member should have the opportunity to visit Cape Town, they should make a visit to the South African Maritime Museum, where they have on display 90 ship models, including the "STRATHNAVER". Whilst there they may contemplate a trip to the Antarctic on the Russian ice breaker "KAPITAN KHEBINIKOV". This voyage of 20 to 30 days is called the trip of a lifetime...The Russians have an agreement with the S.A. Government to keep an icebreaker at Cape Town for research etc; to defray costs, they can take 100 passengers on each voyage..Des, in his thoughts is contemplating a trip, one snag though, he like lots of us will have to win Lotto...In passing - I'd like to thank Des for his interesting contributions to "WOG", not only for the above, but for the many that has come from his pen during my four plus years as Editor...Many thanks Des.

F.T.O.....



ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2/4TH LADIES, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, MONDAY, 25 APRIL, 1994.

THE VIEWING SPOT FOR THE LADIES' "CHEER SQUAD": The usual place in George St., 100 metres UP from Gowings Corner (corner Market & George St.)... Look for the Green and White streamers.  
THE LUNCHEON VENUE: Mona's Cafe, 262 Pitt St., one block DOWN Park St., near the corner of Pitt and Park Street... THE MENU: Ranges from sandwiches, quiches, salads, hot food, assorted cakes, tea and coffee... All inexpensive... NOTE: B.Y.O.

IMPORTANT: If you are attending the luncheon, please do phone Heather Fox on (02) 416-1200 one week before Anzac Day, this will enable Heather to make adequate catering arrangements.

REPORT ON THE LADIES LUNCHEON HELD AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB ON 22-2-94. From Heather Fox.

Twenty one ladies' attended the delightful luncheon at the Bowler's Club, and after, many joined the menfolk at the G.M.C... Present were: - HILDA WRIGHT, MEG ARNOTT, JEAN FORMAN, MABS LUPP, AGNES PUGH with granddaughter from Qld., FLORENCE BEACH, MOLLY IRVINE, MOLLY JOHNSTON, DEL SILVER, DOREEN MANUEL, FRAN WILSON, JOAN HART WITH TWO FRIENDS, OLGA EVERSON, OLIVE POWELL, NELL HAWKINS, VI BURROWS & HEATHER FOX... Next luncheon, 22 March at the Bowler's Club.

REPORTS: President Alf reported that on 19th February, together with Doreen Manuel, Norm and Nita Auberson and Pat Bruty, attended the Kenna Mess, Ingleburn at the invitation of CSM Warren Barnes, 4th/3rd Bn. RNSW... During the afternoon's activity, a framed picture of the five surviving Australian and New Zealand V.C. winners who attended Norfolk Island, 11 November, 1992 was presented jointly by Alf Carpenter and Norm Auberson. A 2/4th plaque with Ned Kenna's name and regimental number was duly presented by Pat Bruty... Both of these presentations were received by Cpl. Daniel Cox, Deputy Pres. O.R.'s Mess... After a delicious barbecue was served by the Bn. cooks, and being visitors, we were allowed to go first on the mess parade.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: The Meeting endorsed the Committee's recommendation, and Life Membership was conferred on Wally Mangan and Bill Panter.

ELECTION OF OFFICER'S AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2/4TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION, 22-2-1994.

With our Patron, Major General Gordon Maitland acting as Returning Officer, all Offices were declared vacant... Major Gen. Maitland then called for nominations for President for the coming 12 months with the following result: - President Alf Carpenter, elected unopposed. President Alf Carpenter then resumed the Chair and proceeded with the Election of Office Bearers with the following results: -

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT: "Larry" Dooley, elected on the retirement of Norm Auberson.

N.S.W. VICE-PRESIDENTS: All elected unopposed, these were: - Far North Coast, Allan Kirk... Northern, Esca Riordan... Central Coast, Wally Mangan... Southern, Dudley Meacham... Queensland, Hugh Wittleton... Victoria, Bill Panter... South Australia, Peter Denver... West Australia, Don Guthrie.

The following Members of the Executive were elected unopposed: - Hon. Secretary, Fred Staggs... Minutes' Secretary & Pensions Officer, John Hawkins... Hon. Treasurer, Les Jones.

COMMITTEE: - Vic Forbes, M.M., Ken Kesteven, M.C., E.D., Bill Cearn, John Meehan, George Stack, Ted Fox, Doug Wilson, Norm Auberson, (6th Division Representative.)

WELFARE OFFICERS: - George Stack and Bill Cearn.

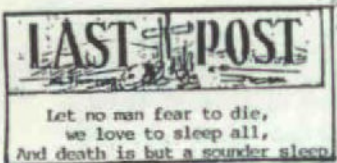
EDITOR: - Pat Bruty... LIAISON OFFICER TO THE G.M.C., John Ringrose... AUDITOR: - Harold Silver.

At the conclusion of the Election, the President thanked all Executive Officers for their contribution to the Association during the past year, 1993, with a special mention to our Patron, Major Gen. Gordon Maitland for his attendance.

A matter of particular importance, our retiring Senior Vice-President, Norm Auberson (now a Committeeman, and 6th Div. Representative), presented "Larry" Dooley with his Senior Vice-President's badge.

Special thoughts from Pres Alf and those in attendance went out to Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty on this our 51st A.G.M... We were delighted that our Vice-Patron, Gordon Maitland, has accepted the position of Patron, and accordingly was congratulated by all present. Harold Silver, our Hon. Auditor, also was given special thanks for his contribution to the smooth running of the Association.

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WE DEEPLY AND SINCERELY REGRET THE DEATH  
OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS.

NX36480 ROBINSON, H.C.H. ✓ NX2038 SYMONDS, F.A. ✓  
NX2087 BUTLER, R.P. (Ragsy) ✓ NX179559 PAGE, C. ✓

VALE: RAY BUTLER

Ray passed away after a long illness and was given a wonderful service by the local Ballina Ex-Servicemen... An original member of the 2/4th, Ray participated in all of the Battalion Campaigns, mostly in 18 Ptn. "D" Coy, where he was for a long time a Cpl. Sec. leader... Can be remembered as a member of the Battalion football team on the Tablelands, also a good soldier... R.I.P.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

SUMMARY OF FUNDS: WESTPAC BANK: GENERAL A/C \$3263. BENEFIT FUND A/C \$942.

AUST. GUARANTEE CORP: DEBENTURES (Ben. Fund) \$14,500. M.M. ACCESS A/C (Ben. Fund) \$2076.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 22ND FEBRUARY, 1994..... \$20,781.

All accounts passed for payment. Les Jones, Hon. Treasurer.

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LOST DOG. (Add in the local rag). Three legs, blind in left eye, large scar on throat, bullet wound behind right ear, left ear missing, tail broken in three places, no teeth, recently castrated..... Answers to the name of "lucky."

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TRADING ACCOUNT.

Sales: Ties, badges, pockets, T/Shirts, plaques, etc	\$	\$
Less: Cost of Sales: Opening Stock	1470	514
Purchases	-	
	1470	
Less: Closing Stock	908	562
GROSS PROFIT/LOSS:		(48)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Trading Account	48	Subscriptions:	
"W.O.G." - Postage	1117	- "W.O.G."	1143
-Printing	1183	- Assocn.	127
-Address Labels	160	Donations	1270
Anzac Day Luncheon	1516	Goulburn Reunion	1956
Annual General Meeting	126	Anzac Day	2276
50th Anniv. Celebration	258	Aust. Day Cruise	1050
Christmas Party	314	Clock Raffle	140
Donations	75	Interest	474
Postage/Telephone	235	Sundry	52
Editor	53		35
Treasurer	98		
Vale Notices	139		
Subscriptions	30		
Typing A.F.S. & Const.	110		
Kenna Club Opening	145		
Depreciation: Banner/Flags/Carriers	70		
Bank Charges	32		
Sundry	132		
	5841		
Balance to accumulated Funds	1412		
	<u>\$7253</u>		<u>\$7253</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Hospital Visitations	28	Balance 01/01/93	17335
Pensions Officer	72	Interest	763
Bank Charges	7		
Balance Carried Forward	17991		
	18098		
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1993.

LIABILITIES	\$	CURRENT ASSETS	\$
Benevolent Fund	17991	Westpac Bank	
		-General Account	3618
		-Benevolent Fund	
		Account	656
			4274
		Aust. Guarantee Corp:	
		-Debentures	12500
		-M.M. Access A/C	2076
		Stock on Hand	908
			19758
		FIXED ASSETS	
		Banner/Flags/Carriers	
		-at cost	700
		Less: Depreciation	280
			420
			<u>\$ 20178</u>

Alf Carpenter, PRESIDENT

Les Jones, HONORARY TREASURER

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 1993. 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.

Harold Silver, HONORARY AUDITOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE 1993 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

I have much pleasure in reporting, that after four years of deficiencies in the General Account, a surplus of \$1412 has occurred. This is due to a number of reasons; first and foremost being the Goulburn Reunion profit of \$2276. The rug made by Doreen Manuel, alone attracted \$750 in raffle proceeds. Other contributory items were \$325 in booking fees, donated by those members who later found that they could not attend, but declined refunds; \$295 in donations from other members and various companies. The Soldiers Club, RSL Sub-Branch, Tooheys Ltd and Bowmans Coach Lines also contributed generously. Costs for our "White over Green" newsletter, were reduced by \$1854, due to a 50% cut in issues per year. Anzac Day expenses were down by \$629, mostly because of a \$542 saving in catering costs.

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Although subscriptions were \$282 less and normal donations down by \$969, the surplus of \$1412 was nevertheless achieved. Benevolent Fund interest was \$208 less, due to lower interest rates. All in all, the above financial result is a most pleasing one, being \$2068 up on the previous year.

Les Jones, HONORARY TREASURER.

TREASURER'S "CASH REGISTER" LIST UP TO 4-3-94.

MEMBER	SUBSCRIPTIONS.	DONATIONS.
R. BERTHELSEN, H. ELLIOTT. EACH \$50D.		100.00
N. FARRELL	10.00	40.00
R. BOOTY		40.00
N. JOHNSTONE, A. WHITE, J. (JIM) BROWN. EACH \$30D.		90.00
Mrs W. WALKER, Mrs G. WHITELAW, N. MARTYN, S. ZARTMAN. EACH \$25D.		100.00
E. BARKER, R. McDOUGALL, Mrs C. AYERS, G. GARTRELL. EACH \$10S. \$20D.	40.00	80.00
H. LIVINGSTONE	30.00	20.00
Mrs E. BLOOMFIELD, Mrs M. HODGKINSON, Mrs J. SCHWARTZ, J. (JIM) BROWN, N. HART, Mrs G. MacLENNAN, G. WALLER, A. MANUEL, F. TAYLOR, J. CLARK, Mrs M. JONES, Mrs P. ADAMS, A. WEBB, E. RICHARDS, R. LANE, Mrs L. SADLER, C. JACKSON, E. BROOKS, C. WHITE, Mrs E. BRADFORD, Mrs M. KLEEM. EACH \$20D.		420.00
P. LAZZARINI	10.00	15.00
J. DESMOND, Mrs G. PERRAM. EACH \$15D.		30.00
D. RODDA, N. WOOLCOTT. EACH \$20S. \$10D.	40.00	20.00
Mrs J. BUNTING, C. CAMERON, C. HILL, G. FRIEND, J. GALVIN, D. WILSON, D. LOYDELL, W. CEARNS, R. ROBSON, J. TONKS, R. STEELE, E. WOOD, J. C. M. BROWN, P. LANE, R. FINDLAY, G. POLLOCK, P. COHEN, H. McADAM, B. BARNES, V. CUNNINGHAM, K. KING, R. KEFT, C. CALVER, A. BARNETT, E. McCARROLL, G. CHRISP, C. GRANQUIST, S. YOUNG, W. POPLIN, K. TAYLOR, J. HOSKINS, L. DUBBER, R. WILLIAMS, T. MAXWELL. EACH \$10S. \$10D.	340.00	340.00
R. EVERSON, R. LEVER, Mrs J. ELLIS, Mrs J. EVERSON, V. HALLINAN, Mrs P. CAMPBELL, Mrs A. COOK, E. WREN, S. CARPENTER, A. BOHLE, L. SMITH, Mrs J. HART, L. HOPE, Mrs D. CAMERON, Mrs M. MILNER. EACH \$10D.		150.00
E. SWAIN	20.00	5.00
G. DACKAS, H. RUSSELL, R. HOGAN, A. JACK, J. SUMNER, G. PARRY. EACH \$10S. \$5D.	60.00	30.00
C. BARWICK, H. COX. EACH \$10S. \$2D.	20.00	4.00
C. GEELAN, S. SUTHERLAND. EACH \$20S.	40.00	
G. WALTON, Mrs L. VIAL, L. D. BUNDY, K. WATT, N. HOWARD, L. STEPHENSON, E. MACKEY, W. COLEMAN, R. MARMONT, H. MCKENZIE, V. CARPENTER, N. ROGERS, G. COLES, H. WILLIAMS, R. HYEM, W. JOHNSTON, K. WILLIAMS, H. CROSSFIELD, G. FRATER, Mrs M. LUPP, L. DREYER, R. MORTON*, W. WOODS, J. MORGAN, A. MANNING, W. MITCHELL, H. ELLWAY, J. BOYLAN, A. OWERS, E. BOWDIDGE, C. ESICK, H. BURT. EACH \$10S.	320.00	
*New Member. Combined Total \$2,414.00	\$ 930.00	\$1484.00

2/4TH AUST. INF. BN. ASSOCN. COUNTRY REUNION, BALLINA - 21/22/23 OCTOBER, 1994.  
BOOKINGS RECEIVED FROM DOUG GROVE FOR THIS FEB/MARCH ISSUE OF "WOG."

SUNDOWNER MOTEL	HI CRAFT MOTEL	HERITAGE INN
RAE, JOHN & MARGARET 21/22/23	BERTHELSEN, RAY & PAT 21/22/23	SMITH, PHIL & ENID 20/21/22/23
TAYLOR, WAL & NONI 20/21/22/23/24	TAYLOR, JOE & PEG 22/23	FORMAN, JIM & JEAN, MURRAY, WENDY & RITA FOX. 21/22/23
WALKER, WIN 21/22/23	CENTRE POINT MOTEL SCHWEITZER, ALF & JANETTE 21/22	RICHMOND MOTEL KING, KEV & FAY 21/22/23
WOOLCOTT, NOEL & MARIE 21/22/23	MAXWELL, TOM, BRENDON, MARICA (2 children, 3yrs & 1 yr.) CACHIA, MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE 21/22/23	MACLENNAN, GWEN LATIMER, ENID 20/21/22/23
CLARK, CRAIG & EDNA 21/22/23	BALLINA BEACH RESORT MAITLAND, GORDON & DOROTHY 21/22/23	McWILLIAM, RUSS 21/22/23
WEBB, KEN 20/21/22/23	PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION Mrs L. McINNESS Mr & Mrs TED FLANAGAN	
GORMAN, TOM, BOB & CHRIS 21/22/23		
DALLA, PERC & BETTY 20/21/22/23		
SLADE, V & B 21/22.		

NOTE: Any queries re the above bookings, please contact Bill Mitchell on (066)860458 or Doug Grove on (066)863563.  
As to this date, 14 March, the above bookings have been received and recorded by me, any bookings received after today will be recorded in the April/May issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS, FEBRUARY, 1994 A.G.M. With an attendance of 40 plus, which is something to be really proud of Association wise. With the voting process over for the year, and at this time of the day, 1430, General Business had Rex Everson reporting on the wedding of the 2nd son of the late Dick Morris, then our own President recited a poem. "Letter to an old friend, somehow, or other I think, "his old friend" turned out to be his own mind, (and others), however the poem went over well. Phil Smith, after some arm twisting came up with "one" from his seemingly endless repertoire of jokes. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 1440hrs.

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