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NEXT TWO MEETINGS: At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney.
TUESDAY, 24 MAY: Normal Monthly Meeting commencing at 1400hrs. Committee will meet at 1100hrs.
TUESDAY, 28 JUNE: As above.
DATES TO REMEMBER: "WOG" production.
TUESDAY, 19th JULY: NO PRINTER TEAM REQUIRED. As resolved in Committee, 22 March, our newsletter will be printed/colated & stapled by "SNAP" Printing... However two people will be required to come in on Tuesday (that includes Alex Maxwell & self), to help with the mailing address stickers.
THURSDAY, 21 JULY: Folding/wrapping & mailing team:- Wal Johnston, Nap Alavoine, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser, plus the permanents.
TUESDAY, 24 MAY: (4th Tuesday, 1200 - 1215 arrive). Ladies luncheon, Bowler's Club of N.S.W. 95 York St., Sydney... Contact Heather Fox on (02) 416 1200.
FRIDAY, 3 JUNE: (1700 Onwards). Newcastle Monthly Meeting, Hamilton RSL. Contact Alf Carpenter.
FRIDAY, 1ST JULY: (As above). NOTE. Newcastle Meetings, always held the 1st Friday of each month.
THURSDAY, 2 JUNE: (1st Thursday each month, 1100hrs onwards.) "Ring-a-Rosie" day at Forestville RSL. no phone contact, please come along - all welcome.
THURSDAY, 7 JULY: Same arrangements as above.
WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE: (2nd Wednesday each month, 1130hrs onward) Central Coast meeting at Gosford RSL. Contact Wally Mangan.
WEDNESDAY: 13 JULY: Same arrangements as above.
FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 21, 22, 23 OCTOBER, 1994: 2/4 ASSOCIATION REUNION, BALLINA, N.S.W.
Booking in proforma Dec/Jan issue. If booking by phone, please include \$15 per person deposit

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR BALLINA:BILL MITCHELL (066)860 458..DOUG GROVE (066)863 563.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB,22-3-1994.

OPENING:The President,Alf Carpenter,asked John Meehan the number of Members who signed the attendance book,John replied:"34 members have signed,Sir." Alf Carpenter:"We have a quorum, please assist me to open the Meeting by standing,if you are able,while I recite the ODE."He then recited the ODE.

The following attended:- A.CARPENTER,J.HAWKINS,J.MEEHAN,L.JONES,W.CEARN,S.G.STACK,NORM AUBERSON D.WILSON,V.FORBES,T.FOX,F.STAGGS,P.BRUTY,W.MANGAN,B.FOGDEN,A.BOHLE,M.GRAY,JIM BROWN,N.ALAVOINE J.SUMNER,T.WILSON,A.MAXWELL,T.WATSON,F.ROWELL,"TICH" FORDHAM,D.PINSON,R.EVERSON,P.SMITH, W.JOHNSTON,H.WRIGHT,L.CLARKE,A.ARNOTT,G.FRATER,"SLIM"DESMOND,"TEX" MORTON.

APOLOGIES:- Sir Ivan Dougherty,Maj.Gen.G.Maitland,F.Pegg,G.Chrisp,K.Kesteven,J.Ringrose,Jack Dubber,L.Dubber,B.Lane,W.Lambourne,D.Follington,"Larry"Doolley,A.Arnott,Bob Fergusson.

It was Moved/Seconded and Carried that the Minute's of the previous Monthly Meeting as published in "WOG" be taken "as read" and adopted. BUSINESS ARISING: NIL.

Minutes' Secretary,John Hawkins recorded the following Matters/Business dealt with at this March Monthly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE PRESIDENT.

KEN CLIFT,DCM. An order form enclosed re Ken's "Southlands Saga" and inquiries as to the number of these books required by the Association...Five books were ordered.

CPL GRANT PLASTO(PRESIDENT EDWARD KENNA VC CLUB). On behalf of the members of the Edward Kenna VC Other Ranks Mess,4th/3rd Battalion,RNSWR,I would like to thank your Association for the plaque and photograph presentation on the 19th February 1994...It is indeed an honour to see your Associations involvement with the Edward Kenna VC Other Ranks Mess,BHQ at Ingleburn.your members are always welcome whenever we are on duty at the Battalion.

LORRAINE TANNOCK(KURRI KURRI).Lorraine reports that she goes to Woy Woy 1st Sunday each month to take Harry Newhouse to the Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Meeting,then,every two months takes Andrew and Harry to their World War 1 luncheon in Sydney,and they attended Epping RSL on 10-2-94 & Merrylands RSL on 21-4-94...Lorraine writes that Harry is now in his 99th year and looking forward to 100. Since being in the Woy Woy Nursing Home Harry has put on weight and still enjoys his 3 or 4 tinnies a day.

THOUGHTS: As in the case of Lorraine,when one thinks about the wonderful job she is doing as a minder to Harry,we of the Assocn. who on occasions have enjoyed Harry's company,must thank Lorraine for her dedication to the man,Harry Newhouse,an original Anzac,and I guess the last surviving member of the 1st 4th Battalion A.I.F.

VIC FORBES(FROM NEW ZEALAND).Wishes the Association a successful AGM,with congratulations to all outgoing Officers and to those who currently stood and were elected.Writes that he and Madge are doing a motoring tour in parts of New Zealand and up to the point of his correspondence has covered 3,000 kms,included are 90 Mile Beach,New Plymouth,Mt.Egmont and Palmerston North...His comments on the trip - good weather,the grog is good and welcome terrific.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE EDITOR.

BILL PANTER.Bill writes thanking the Association for the honour conferred to him in regard to his Life Membership to the 2/4th. Encloses a copy of a chapter of Padre Keyte's book relating to the Padre's army service and if space permits I will include a snippet from this later on in this newsletter...Bill reports that Doug Christian is writing his memoirs,and when finished they will have to be inspected and approved by the Salvation Army;indeed,this will take time.

JACK HUSTON(CANBERRA). Jack encloses a Vale Notice in regard to our late Member NX99651,Bob Bloomfield who died on 28 February.Bob served with the 2/4th but transferred to the 2/1 Fld. Reg. on the Tablelands before going to New Guinea.Bob came to Canberra from Darlington Point before the 2nd World War.His cousin "Chalky" JOnes of the 2/4th also came from the Point.

Bob earned a big reputation as an Aussie Rules player,junior football coach and trainer with the Ainslie Club...A large crowd attended the Funeral Service at All Saints Ainslie on 3 March.

KEN AND FI KESTIVEN.A short message:" As the troops lines are thinning and I can no longer attend the several days of "WOG" production...I would like to say how much I miss the above & the company..signed "Pluto".

IN APPRECIATION: It takes a lot of courage to write a few words as above,especially if you have given so many years of work to the great 2/4th Association,as is the case of Ken and FI,not only in the production of our newsletter,but,there has been an obvious manifestation of friendship and admiration from this wonderful friendly couple to all who try to fulfill their obligations to the Association. Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TREASURER.

BILL AND GWEN NEWTH.(BURRADOO).Have been involved in the the sale of their home at Moss Vale &

hope to wind up all arrangements for same early in March '94. Bill and Gwen see Bob and Nina Fergusson, reports both are reasonably well...Sends best wishes to all - encloses his subs. MURIEL KLEEM, Encloses a donation for the Assocn. and enjoys reading our newsletter, is saddened by the loss of so many of our members - hopes that the "light at the end of the tunnel" will soon brightly shine...Reports that she moved next door to her daughter Lesley in late November, 1993.

PAUL LAZZARINI(VIC.) Paul encloses his subs for 1994, and as always sends cheery greetings to the Committee and all of those involved in the smooth running of the Association.

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FLANAGAN'S REPORT. There is a very old yarn still told by NSW railwaymen, about a stationmaster named Flanagan whose reports were very long-winded. He was instructed by Head Office to cut down their length in future. The next time there was a derailment in his locality he wired, "Off again, on again, gone again, Flanagan."

REPORTS: PRESIDENT REPORTS. Attended the 6th Div. Memorial Service held at Bardia Barracks on 27-2-94. The Service was conducted by Officers of the 6 Div. Association, and about 70 personnel attended, this included 21 from the 2/4 Association - these were:- Alf Carpenter, Doreen Manuel, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser, Norm & Nita Auberson, Rex & Olga Everson, John Ringrose, Frank Rowell, Ted & Heather Fox, Alex & Meg Arnott, Ted & Fran Wilson, Jim & Jean Forman with Murray & Wendy. After the Service all troops, their wives friends and families assembled in the Sergeant's Mess area for refreshments and a tasty barbecue luncheon...Presidnet Alf reports that he is attending the 18 day tour of Greece/Crete in May.

TREASURER REPORTS. SUMMARY OF FUNDS: WESTPAC BANK GENERAL A/C \$3,347. BENEFIT FUND A/C \$933. AUST. GUARANTEE CORP: DEBENTURES (BEN. FUND) \$14,500. M.M. ACCESS A/C (BEN. FUND) \$2,076.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 22 MARCH, 1994.....\$20,856. All accounts passed for payment.

Les reports he has contacted "SNAP" Printing and made arrangements for our two monthly printing, colating & stapling of "WOG".

EDITOR REPORTS. 520 newsletters mailed out, although lots of troubles with the photocopier resulting in 50% of the newsletter being printed by "SNAP" Printing; with those troubles in mind, and after discussing the problems in Committee it was resolved that our newsletter will be printed, from now on by "SNAP" Printing, Loftus St.

6 DIV. REPORT. Norm Auberson referred to a proposed visit to Wewak to celebrate the 50th Anniv. of the cessation of hostilities and reported on his inquiries regarding the charter of a cruise ship...Fares from Brisbane ranged from \$3,000 to less than \$2,000 for a 17 day's cruise including visits to several Papua/New Guinea coastal cities and several days in Wewak. (Twin berth share to 4 berth cabih share). IMPORTANT DATE: 55th Anniversary of the forming of the 6th Division - October, 1994..Norm reported on plaques at Rookwood Cemetery for each member of the forces who have passed on....Together with Vic Forbes, Frank Rowell and Rex Everson, Norm attended the Funeral Service for the late Charlie Evans. Charlie was held in high esteem and the RSL Service was conducted by Lidcombe RSL.

Wally Mangan reported on the health of Bert Flynn who had a car accident, and will be in hospital for 6 weeks...Reported that Nick Allardice is hospitalised with a heart problem.

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Let no man fear to die,
we love to sleep all,
And death is but a sounder sleep.

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

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| VX92526 L.A.DUNN. ✓ | VX125317 T.H.FARMER. ✓ |
| NX122567 E.G.TOYNTEN. ✓ | NX5572 C.H.EVANS. |
| NX5907 A.E.(TED)SWADLING. ✓ | NX122375 E.J.(TED)SWAIN. |

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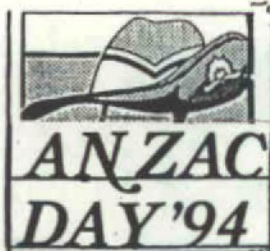
GENERAL BUSINESS: A birthday card signed by all and sent out to Sir Ivan for his 87th. Jim Brown gave us a quick visit. and a brief resume of the well being of our Kempsey members... Jim reported on the health of John Smith (Macksville), who had a leg amputated and has attended Lay Davidson for an artificial limb, John's wife Olive reported that John is coming along very well..In his report, Jim told us that Betty Beasley isn't too well. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1500hrs.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:- Harry and Hilda Wright, Joe and Peg Taylor and Jim and Jean Forman, sincere and best wishes from all at the Association to these couples who reached 50 years of marriage in the month of April, 1994.

RANK HERESY: The sar-major was calling the roll on parade "Johnson!" "yair," drawled Johnson. "Simpson!" "Ere." "Jackson!" "She's sweet." "Smith!" "Here, sir." "Crawler!" shouted the platoon.

COMFORT: Passer-By: "That drain pipe's a bit hard for a pillow, isn't it?"
Swagman: "It's all right. I've stuffed it full of straw."



25th April, 1994 - the 79th Anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli by Australian & New Zealand Army Corps, and in the tradition of our Battalion we proudly marched to the Cenotaph on this crisp autumn morning for our early Wreath Laying Ceremony. President Alf Carpenter doing the honours on behalf of the Battalion. One finds this time honoured ceremony, seems to gain in its significance even though our ranks grow thinner; however, the following "early birds" marched: - ALF CARPENTER, GORDON MAITLAND, LES JONES, PAT BRUTY, MICK GRAY (MARSHAL), JOE BOHLE, BRUCE CORK, JOHN MEEHAN, JOHN HAWKINS, PAT LAHEY, HORRIE HOWARD, DOUG WILSON, TED WILSON, ALF SCHWEITZER, RON COUTTS, LARRY DOOLEY, CEC CAMERON, BILL CEARNS, FERD PEGG, ALLAN MANUEL, WAL JOHNSTON, RAY BERTHELSEN, NORRIE MCGREGOR, ALEX MAXWELL.

THE MAIN MARCH: A fine day from a weather point of view - a slight fog, with this it became apparent that we were going to have, for this day and age, a well attended march. Marshal, Mick Gray reported 67 on parade and this included members of the Battalion we have not seen for years, together with those that we don't see very often were appearing and joining us as the time approached for the march to move off... Some of these being: - Horrie Howard (Lightning Ridge), Tom Maxwell (Canberra), Harry Dale, Ted Jackson (Metrop.), Alf Schweitzer (Mullumbimby), "Curly" Gorman (Coffs), Jack Huston (Canberra), Roy Denyer (Ariah Park), of course amongst those were "first timers" George Williams, "Snow" Gordon, R. Percy, Jack Hudson and Tom Maxwell.

The preparation that we carry out when we fall in for the march is done with the purpose of presenting ourselves for what we are, A Proud and Efficient Battalion, and our appearance and bearing on parade was reflected in the acclamation that greeted the Battalion on its progress through the City... In this regard the Unit would like to thank our March Leaders Pres. Alf Carpenter and Patron Maj. Gen. Gordon Maitland for their support to the Battalion, with a thank you to Mick Gray our March Marshal.

During the march there was an innovative gesture, that of an eyes left to our ladies who have faithfully supported the Association throughout the years. I know this was well received by all. Later our Ladies attended their own luncheon and Heather reported that there were thirty in attendance, as always a good time had by the ladies, their friends and relatives.

The reunion luncheon in the newly renovated Chinese restaurant 2nd floor, GMC. was a tasty affair, with traditional Chinese cuisine served smorgasbord style. This turned out to be a friendly affair, Chinese waiters flitting from here to there juggling jugs of nice cool ale - the ale by courtesy of Toohey's and the good graces of "Larry".

During the luncheon, the necessary formalities and speeches were ably conducted by President Alf Carpenter, who, in the first instance, received apologies from: - SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY, FRANK CRUTCHETT, DAVE FOLLINGTON, JIM FORMAN, REX EVERSON, L. WATERHOUSE, LANG STRONACH, JIM BROWN, JOHN FALLA, DAVID WREN, DUDLEY MEACHAM, & CECIL CALVER.

THE GRACE... RECITED BY TED FOX.

THE LOYAL TOAST... BY JOHN HAWKINS.

As all stood in silence, Secretary Fred Staggs was called upon to read the names of those Members who had departed from last Anzac Day to this:-

NX5214 MORT T.L.
VX26286 CROSS J.W.
NX5877 KILLEEN C.C.
NX42762 MOORE W.C.
NX46623 McINNES M.B.
VX84476 READ R.C.
VX26414 MAHER W.D.
NX31137 BARBER R.
NX42707 CUNNINGHAM D.
NX5166 CONNERS J.
NX5154 SAVAGE H.W.
NX204172 McALISTER L.T.

VX21366 COYLE A.E.
VX23188 NEAVE W.J.
NX140852 BARRY L.A.
NX9516 VENN K.G.
NX46293 BAILEY S.A.
NX90076 ELLIS A.R.
NX68542 BAYLY L.P.
NX15504 WILLIAMSON C.A.
VX92361 MOTT W.T.
VX95008 SURTEES G.H.
NX13643 MAY J.T.
TX2025 MADDEN R.

NX46465 SLADE E.
VX125317 FARMER T.H.
NX5925 DE LOAS A.J.
NX36480 ROBINSON H.C.H.
NX2087 BUTLER R.P.
NX179559 PAGE C.
VX92526 DUNN L.A.
NX122375 SWAIN E.J.
NX122567 TOYNTEN E.G.
NX5572 EVANS C.H.
NX5907 SWADLING A.E.
VX26316 MOON L.G.

NX 2038 SYMONS

NX9532 ROBERTSON J.D.

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LAST POST... BY THE BUGLER.

THE INFANTEERS PRAYER... PRESIDENT ALF.

ODE... JOHN MEEHAN.

REVEILLE ... BY THE BUGLER.

A TOAST TO OUR FALLEN AND DEPARTED COMRADES.

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An item of great significance, Life Membership of the Association to that stalwart Wally Mangan, his badge was presented by Norm Auberson. Wally responded accordingly. During appropriate intervals the relevant toasts and responses for Guests and the Battalion etc. were made by our Official Guests in the persons of our Patron, Major General Gordon Maitland, Colonel Graham Fleeton, Lt. Col. Vin Hallinan, Lt. Col. Claude Raymond and Major Ferd Pegg. President Alf on behalf of all, thanked Senior Vice-President, Larry Dooley for his efforts in making this Anzac Day a success; with that, called on Larry to Propose the Toast to our Guests and during that time Larry gave special emphasis to the importance of our Distinguished

Guests to our Anzac Day Celebrations, then congratulated our Banner Party, with special thoughts to the young soldiers from the 4th/3rd Bn. Arncliffe.

Replying, Gordon Maitland spoke of the privilege given to him to be able to march with the White over Green, and echoed Sir Ivan's words... "the Battalion is still the best."

A dual toast to the 2/4th from Lt. Col. Vin Hallinan and Colonel Graham Fleeton. Vin Hallinan in his toast, thought the 2/4th a good sound unit during wartime. Vin spoke of letters from home and the boost to morale they gave to the young soldiers... a solid boost to the past & present "Year of the Family".

Dual toast by Colonel Graham Fleeton: "I would be very honoured to propose the toast to the 2/4th Battalion but this year I would like to change the thrust and offer the toast to the men of the 2/4th. Before I do that I would like to take you back to our first Anzac Day. This was the day that Australian Forces came of age and were truly "blooded" in a baptism of fire. The devil may care "let's get the job done" attitudes of the Australian soldier, that we know only too well, came to the fore on this day. As they landed, they disobeyed the orders that had been given to them, which was to form up on the beach before moving off. Just as well they did disobey that order as the beach was covered by fire from the Turk machine guns. They jumped out of the boats, rushed ashore, scaled the cliffs and set the legend in place. It was an English correspondent who first reported those deeds and with his reports an atmosphere of courageous endeavour was set in place and with the further reports of that Englishman, Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett and the work of C.E.W. Bean who continued reporting the deeds of the Anzacs at Gallipoli and the Western Front, the legend was established.

The magnificent victories by the 6th Division in 1941 at Bardia and Tobruk only built on the prowess of the Australian soldier. Particularly evident in the Australian make-up is the ability to learn from previous experiences. At Bardia the Australians had learned the value of speed and when, on 21-1-41, they commenced their assault on Tobruk they moved so quickly onto the Tobruk defences that they not only surprised the Italians but their own adjoining units as well. Both the 16th Bde. and 19th Bde. reached their objectives, with few losses. Even though the Italians at Fort Pilastrino provided spirited resistance, by dusk, the Aussies had the situation well in hand. The bravado and non-compliance with set procedures continued as at Gallipoli. Capt. Conky saw 6 Italian trucks making off towards Tobruk, he and Pte F. Wright NX5184 mounted captured motorcycles and sped off to cut them off. They halted the trucks but machine gun fire was directed at them from a nearby building. Wright rode at the building and hurled a grenade into a window. The rest of the company arrived, occupied the buildings & collected 600 prisoners. The legend lived on.

Since the war, this Bn. has not only gathered on Anzac Day to meet comrades and to discuss by-gone days. It has been a very active organisation staffed by the men of the Bn. who had guided it through the desert, the snows of Greece, the hills of Crete, and the jungles to our North. These same men are guiding the Bn. through the world at large and life in general and have set up a support system, 2nd to none, for its members and any others who need or require assistance..... Gentlemen, the legend lives on."

Would you be upstanding and join when we toast the men of the 2/4th Bn. A.I.F.

es. Alf invited Ferd Pegg and Claude Raymond to speak: Ferd Pegg replied, "A pleasure and attribute to the 2/4th to be here today, not only to attend the luncheon, also a great day for me to be able to march with the Battalion.

In a brief but meaningful reply, Claude spoke of the privilege for him to come from Melbourne and to pass on greetings from the Melbourne members. Claude's thoughts: "Lots of reminiscences today, having met some of my old mates whom I haven't seen for 50 years." - Going back to Greece, 1941, when General Blamey spoke to Sir Ivan and said, "Colonel, you have a magnificent Battalion," -- "therefore, gentlemen you have proved today that you are keeping up those magnificent proud traditions."

Corporal Considine, NCO in charge of the Banner Party of whom all wear the White over Green colour patch, informed the gathering that they, the 4th/3rd Company, Arncliffe will be, in the near future changing their colour patch to the 2/17 Bn. The corporal assured us with some wrangling next Anzac Day, should be able to provide us with a Banner Party... with that, Cpl. Considine, on behalf of his section, proposed a toast to the 2/4th.

As the afternoon proceeded, as can be expected, many memories were stimulated by the presence of old faces and the absence of others. We can count ourselves privileged to enjoy the fellowship of friends we encountered during our youthful years and now matured in our age. So, in all we who are left should regard ourselves as fortunate from that, which we have derived in our experiences over these many years.

We were shocked when Greg MacLennan reported that Pipe Major Walter Harrison, Parramatta Pipe Band had passed on. Walter, leading the band to our early morning Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph, collapsed on entering George St., however, despite the efforts of Ambulance Officers present, and hospital staff, unfortunately, Walter died.... R.I.P. Walter.

In ending my Anzac Day report, I would like to pass on a couple of my thoughts on this day

25th April, 1994:- We should give our President Alf 10 out of 10 for his dedication to this day. Treasurer Les Jones, his actions speak louder than words, our Committee and all the men who turned up and supported the 2/4th Battalion today should be proud of their effort. During the war you served King and Country well, for few soldiers during that war produced a comparable record... Thank you gentlemen, don't forget to support your Association... Editor.

VICTORIAN NEWS FROM BILL PANTER: The weather was kind to us again for Anzac Day and our stalwarts rallied to come and march and we made up a baker's dozen, so it was a good turn up and with the Salvation Army Band directly in front of us for the first time ever, we were able to show the admiring public that we can look and march like the young soldiers we used to be. Those who marched were Les Drayson, Stan Pretty, Barney Burns, Jack Hoskins, Vic Hill, Stan Carpenter, Bill Stephens, Ken Williams, Doug Christian, Val Cunningham, Wendy Oh, Merv Jones, and yours truly. We were joined at the Clayton RSL after the march by Doug Grove, Jack Lyons, Merv Hicks, Jim Barrow, Joan Drayson, June Plenter and Betty Burns where we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of friendship and entertainment. We even had a ladies Pipe Band play for us & I noticed tears in Jack Lyons eyes. Our thanks to Clayton RSL for their hospitality in providing lunch for us and looking after us so well... On the sick parade we have Hugh Burgdorf waiting on prostate and hip operations, Jim (Stainless) Steele home after successful prostate surgery and many more with aches and pains.

2/4TH. LADIES LUNCHEON AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB 22 MARCH -REPORT FROM HEATHER FOX,

The usual happy band of ladies gathered at the Bowler's Club and enjoyed yet another monthly luncheon with the attendant opportunity to catch up with each other's family and general news. Plans for Anzac Day's march watching and luncheon was discussed and the venue for latter was announced. In the afternoon, as usual, several Ladies migrated to the GMC where they joined "our boys" before concluding the activities for that day.

ANZAC DAY FOR THE LADIES IN SYDNEY: Many families gathered with the Ladies to cheer on the marchers and prominent among them were four generations of John Hawkin's family, headed by Nell; from Melbourne two of Claude Raymond's daughters, Anne Raymond & Julie Symes; June Clarke from Woy Woy with her (and Lionel's) two daughters; Fran Wilson's grandson and his bride; Molly Johnston with two granddaughters; Nina Fergusson from Bowral with daughter, Jan; Belle Sadler with daughter, Rose Elford from Culcairn; Sally Follington with daughter, Oeline. Also present were:- Linda Lovelee, Doreen Manuel, Margaret Rae, Beryl Poplim, Muriel Kleem, Hilda Wright, Meg Arnott, Del Silver with friends, Doreen Grant, Edith Curtis, Molly Irvine, Phyl Chrystal, Gwen MacLennan, Nonie Bowman, Joan Hart with friend Jean, Betty watts and Heather Fox. It was really great that so many of our younger generation were in attendance. There were apologies from Una Denyer, Olga Everson, Madge Fraser, Jean Forman, Elsie Bradford and Florence Beach. After the march we adjourned to Mona's Cafe and everyone voted the meal and fellowship a wonderful success. During the luncheon, Doreen read to the ladies an Anzac Day appreciation message from President Alf... And so ended another Anzac Day Ladies Luncheon and reunion, & many then made their way to the GMC to join the men in the new restaurant facility, where we were made welcome.

HAMILTON RSL SWIMMING CLUB'S BUS TRIP TO THE VINYARDS & SINGLETON INFANTRY MUSEUM 30 MAR

To begin at the beginning, this was outside Hamilton RSL, 0900 30th March. Already our coach was full of Swimming Club Members, 2/4thers, Arty bods with family and friends with few seats left for people that were to join the bus during the journey, two of our Sydney members, Vic Forbes and Madge Fraser did just this... I hasten to add, our first stopover and attraction was Drayton's Belevue Vinyard, Pokolbin for - you guessed it, wine tasting. We sampled Drayton's 1990 William Shiraz, made from grapes harvested from the vinyard first planted by William Drayton more than 100 years ago, also, I mean, William wasn't a bad old horse in those days, he fathered 9 sons and one daughter.... Another hour in the coach brought us to our destination, the Infantry Museum. This being an integral part of the Singleton Infantry Training Centre and this centre remains a major facility being already recognised internationally as a centre of training excellence with the recent \$30 million upgrade of accommodation facilities.

The Infantry Museum displays aspects of the first Australian Infantry to go to war in the Sudan 1885, through to the Somalia Campaign in 1993. We saw items from.. Great War 1914-1919 sergeants uniform.. to the Australian Owen Gun, that made its name in Papua/New Guinea and 1885 Sudan Medals of a private soldier... Talking boots in a glass case, activated by a push button to a CD and this gave a poignant account of these boots as worn by an Aussie soldier of the Vietnam War... Shortly, that sweet smell of a barbecue wafted through the air with Pres. Alf and his team serving out steaks snags and trimmings, all under the watchful eye of Doreen and the girls... Liquid refreshments? you ask - a seemingly endless supply.

Getting along to the serious business of presentations, and this was carried out by Alf to Major Jim Johnson OC of the Museum who accepted Alf's contributions, these were - a map of the original Tobruk defences, a Sam Browne belt, an Arab knife, which I guess Alf captured during his many wartime skirmishes.

On the way back to Newcastle the bus made a stop over at Morpeth, Australia's oldest Port for more conviviality and sightseeing...All in all, a wonderful day with good company. Thank you Alf and your gang of merry men..Editor.

TREASURER'S "CASH REGISTER LIST"

| MEMBER | SUBSCRIPTIONS. | DONATIONS. |
|---|----------------|------------|
| R.STEELE | | 70.00 |
| W.FOGDEN,G.DALE,R.DENYER,Mrs D.IVEY.EACH \$50D. | | 200.00 |
| J.ANLEZARK*(LIFE MEMBERSHIP). | 50.00 | |
| A.BEDFORD | 10.00 | 40.00 |
| J.HAMILTON | | 30.00 |
| R.MORRIS,V.MANCHESTER,A.MILLER.EACH \$10S. \$20D. | 30.00 | 60.00 |
| I.ELLIS,J.HUSTON,Mrs M.IRVINE,K.KESTEVEN,A.MANUEL, | | |
| G.INGS,A.LINDSAY.EACH \$20D. | | 140.00 |
| H.WHEELER.US\$25 = AUST.\$29.52 | | 29.52 |
| T.MAXWELL | | 25.00 |
| W.NEWTN,M.HICKS,G.GORDON,F.GATTENHOF.EACH \$10S. \$10D. | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| L.ADAMS. | | 10.00 |
| D.CROSTHWAITE | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| K.KING | | 5.00 |
| J.STOREY,W.GORMLEY,G.HEWITT,C.KENNINGALE,G.THOMPSON,N.ABBOTT, | | |
| R.HOLMES,G.PATTERSON,W.CORDWELL,W.JORDAN* EACH \$10S. | 100.00 | |
| *NEW MEMBERS. COMBINED TOTAL:\$894.52 | \$ 240.00 | \$ 654.52 |

Les.Jones.Hon.Treasurer.

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BALLINA REUNION BOOKINGS.

HI CRAFT MOTEL

FRIEND,GEORGE & MARGARET
21/22/23

ROBERTSON,HERB & MARJORIE
21/22/23

TAYLOR,JOE & PEG
21/22

ELLIOTT,HENRY & MAISIE
21/22

ELLIOTT,DOUG & JUDITH
21/22

DESMOND,JOHN & DORIS
Mr & Mrs CARTER

Mr&Mrs McKINNON

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

DEACON,LILY

SLINGER,WILMA & KEITH
/21/22/23

CENTRE POINT MOTEL

LEVER,BOB & Daughter,Sue Ho.
21/22/23

HOSKINS,JOHN
21/22/23/24

QUINN,ELSIE,DAUGHTER MARION.
21/22

ANDERSON,LES & ENA
21/22/23

McCARROL,PAT

Mc MARTIN,WALLY
21/22/23

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

ANDREWS,ROY.

ANDREWS,ELVIN & VAL.

RICHMOND MOTEL

McWILLIAM,RUS.
21/22/23

BROOKE,PAUL & MYRNA
20/21/22/23/24

SMITH,ROSS.DEAN,SELBY.
21/22/23

HERITAGE INN

KIRK,ALLAN & CARMA
21/22

HERITAGE FAMILY UNIT

JOAN CHASELING with daughter,
son-in-law & children.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

GEELAN,CHRIS & SHIRLEY
MORTON,R.&T.

Bill Mitchell reports that everything is going well for the reunion and he has secured the Ballina Pipe Band for the march.Two trips have been arranged.
Phone contact for Ballina:-Bill Mitchell on 066-860458,Doug Grove on 066-863563.

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REPORT ON THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEETING,ANZAC HOUSE PERTH,30 MARCH - BY DON GUTHRIE.

In attendance:-Wal & Thelma Evans,Wilma & Keith Slinger,June Day,Edna Ding,Babs Robinson,Lily Deacon,Jim & Betty Lawrence,Don & Raema Guthrie,apology from Cec & Thelma Smith who are not well. Betty Lawrence had a fall and had a few days in Fremantle Hospital,is now up and about.

Wal Evans is now President of Scarborough RSL,and reported that an Anzac Day Service was held at the Club,and after the Service adjourned to the Bowling Club for drinks and afternoon tea.

AN IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER:Wednesday,30 June,11.30 A.M. A meeting of W.A. Members will be at Anzac House,Perth.

ANZAC DAY IN GLOUCESTER was attended by the following 2/4th Assocn.members & their wives:-Jack & Mary Partridge,Ron & Yvonne Maczkowiack,Hilton & Mavis Burt,Alex Miller,George and Heather Mitchell...Apologies from Chris and Shirley Geelan.

A Dawn Service,then a march to the Cenotaph for Wreath Laying...After the Wreath Laying,more than one hundred gathered at the local RSL for the Anzac Day luncheon provided by the Sub-Branch & Club,the luncheon was served by the Womens Auxiliary..of course all this was provided without cost to the gathering.

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NEWCASTLE MEETING ,HAMILTON RSL,5-5-94. This month we had in attendance:-Alf Carpenter,

Doreen Manuel, Ron & Yvonne Maczkowiack, Laura Via'll, Harold Tresidder, Madge Tynon, Pat and Gwen Bruty. During the evening we discussed Anzac Day in Sydney and the highlights of the whole day. Ron filled us in on the Gloucester Anzac Day show... Yvonne reported that she and Ron are in the process of shifting to Stockton from Loxton, Yvonne's mother has now reached 90 years. Gwen and Pat were congratulated on becoming great-grand parents. Some time after we, as a group wished Pres Alf. bon voyage for his coming tour of Greece/Crete.

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VALE: LEO DUNNE, VX92526 - 31-3-94. On Wednesday April 6 at the Springvale Crematorium, Doug Christian conducted the Service for the burial of our mate Leo who unfortunately passed away undergoing an operation for an aneurism. I was privileged to conduct a service representing the Battalion, and was supported by Ken Williams, Val Cunningham, Les Drayson, Merv Hicks, Stan Pretty and Barney Burns. Leo will be sadly missed by us all as he was a wonderful supporter of our Association... Bill Panter.

VALE: E.J. SWAIN, NX122375. On the 27 April, at the Orange Crematorium, Assocn. Member Geo. Gartrell delivered the eulogy for the late Ted Swain. The Orange RSL conducted their Service and a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille.. In attendance from the Association were:- John Hawkins, "Larry" & Yvonne Dooley and Norm Auberson. After the Service we attended a luncheon with Ted's family.... John Hawkins.

VALE: WILLIAM JAMES WHITFIELD, NX5888. Died at Parkes on 6-4-94 aged 85 years. Bill served with the Battalion in Greece/Crete, later as a "Rat" of Tobruk. Bill was buried at Narrandera on 9 April with full military honours after both an Anglican Service and a RSL service. Report from Dudley Meacham.

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY FRED STAGGS: If any know or can give information in regards to the following departed members, please contact me by letter or phone.

NX41875, PTE DOUGLAS ROY BARKER K.I.A. KOREA 1951.

VX42132, PTE GRENVILLE GEORGE McDONALD DIED ATHERTON 18 AUGUST, 1943.

REPORT BY JOHN HAWKINS: Bill Cearns, John Hawkins accompanied by their wives, Lyell & Nell, recently did a trip through the NSW Riverina. John reports seeing the following Assocn. Members - at Wagga, Max Sydenham, Bill Cosier, Joe Wells & Bob Jackson, at Griffith Ed Wilson, Arthur Webb & Dennis Jackson, all of whom send their regards and best wishes to Association Members.

TUESDAY, 12TH APRIL: John Hawkins organised a luncheon for 2/4th members and their wives. The following were in attendance:- Alf Carpenter & Doreen, Phil & Enid Smith, Norm & Nita Auberson, Ted & Heather Fox, Vic Forbes & Madge Fraser, Frank & Norma Rowell, Bill & Lyall Cearns, Harry & Hilda Wright, Rex & Olga Everson, Ted & Fran Wilson, Sheila McIntosh, Andy Phillips, Len Smith and Mick Hyem... A pleasant lunch at the Parramatta RSL Club was followed by a very convivial period in the lounge afterwards... John Hawkins.

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On behalf of our great Association, let us pay our respects to the following Official Guests Members and friends who attended our Anzac Day celebrations at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, these were:- A. CARPENTER, J. DOOLEY, G. MAITLAND, V. HALLINAN, G. FLEETON, C. RAYMOND, F. PEGG, L. JONP, F. STAGGS, PAT BRUTY, J. HAWKINS, V. FORBES, K. KESTEVEN, W. CEARNS, T. FOX, D. WILSON, N. AUBERSON, J. MEEHAN, W. MANGAN, G. STACK, A. BEDFORD, T. WILSON, J. HUSTON, J. RINGROSE, R. BERTHELSEN, A. MAXWELL, R. KING, H. WRIGHT, L. ADAMS, BILL POPLIN, D. RODDA, MICK GRAY, H. BOWMAN, T. MAXWELL, P. CADE, R. STEELE, P. SMITH, B. CORK, ALAN BOHLE, J. BOHLE, R. COUTTS, A. LINDSAY, B. LANE, WAL SHAW, J. HAMILTON, A. MANUEL, "BLUE EYES" SCOTT, C. CAMERON, M. COOKSON, C. GRANDQUIST, W. HONEY, Mac WILSON, R. PERCY, G. WILLIAMS, BOB FERGUSON, "SLIM" POWERS, N. MCGREGOR, HARRY DALE, "BANJO" PATTERSON, W. JOHNSTON, ROY DENYER, ALF SCHWEITZER, "SNOW" GORDON, L. CLARKE, N. JOHNSTONE, T. GORMAN, G. CHRISP, A. ARNOTT, J. HUSTON, JACK DUBBER, H. HOWARD, TED JACKSON, "BOOKIE" RAE, PAT LAHEY, W. CORDWELL, GREG MACLENNAN, R. MORRIS, "SLIM" DESMOND, OUR BANNER PARTY, THOSE YOUNG SOLDIERS FROM THE 4TH/3RD.

I know the above is somewhat out of context to the usual run of our newsletter, but, after a lot of thought, because when one gets lots of names to print, no matter how I try there is always some missed, if so, apologies to those persons from John Ringrose and myself.

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