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TWO MEETINGS: At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 - 14 Loftus St., Sydney.

TUESDAY, 26 JULY: Normal Monthly Meeting commencing at 1400hrs. Committee will meet at 1100hrs.

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST: As above.

TUESDAY, 26 JULY: (4th Tuesday of each month, same dates as monthly meetings, arrive 1200-1215).

Ladies luncheon, Bowler's Club of N.S.W. 95 York St., Sydney - contact Heather Fox (02) 416-1200.

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST: As above.

DATES TO REMEMBER: "WOG" production. It was MOVED/Seconded/Carried in Committee, 24 May, 94 that "WOG" production will be carried out on Monday and Wednesday instead of Tuesday

Thursday of each "WOG" production month. NOTE: A new production roster was given out to those involved at the May Meeting - the new roster was posted out to those not present.

"WOG" PRODUCTION: MONDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER: Mailing sticker team (2) Larry Dooley & Doug Rodda, Pat Bruty & Alex Maxwell.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER: F/W/M Team.. Lionel Clarke, George Stack, Bill & Beryl Poplin, John Hawkins, plus the permanents.

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER: Sticker team (3) John Ringrose and Ted Wilson

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER: F/W/M Team.. Wal Johnston, Nap Alavoine, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser, plus the permanents

FRIDAY, 5 TH AUGUST (1700 onwards): Newcastle Monthly Meeting held at Hamilton RSL... Contact Alf Carpenter (phone top of this page.)

FRIDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER: As above. NOTE: Newcastle meetings held 1st Friday each month 1700 onwards

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST (1100hrs onwards, 1st Thursday each month, except January). "Ring-a-Rosie Day" at Forestville RSL. NOTE: It is now necessary to notify John Ringrose on (02) 451-5761 a

few days in advance if you intend to attend.

THURSDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER: As above.

WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST: (2nd Wednesday each month, 1130hrs onward.) Central Coast Meeting held at Gosford RSL. Contact Wally Mangan on (043) 68 3487.

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER: As above.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 21, 22, 23 October, 1994: 2/4 Association country reunion, Ballina, N.S.W. Booking in proforma Dec/Jan issue. If making a phone booking, please include your \$15 per person deposit ASAP. CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR BALLINA: -BILL MITCHELL (066) 860 548... DOUG GROVE (066) 863 563.

MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 24 MAY, 1994.

OPENING: In the absence of Pres. Alf Carpenter, Senior Vice-President, "Larry" Dooley asked John Ringrose the number of Members who signed the attendance book, John replied: "37 members have signed, Sir." "Larry" Dooley: "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: - "Larry" Dooley, Gordon Maitland, John Hawkins, Les Jones, Pat Bruty, John Meehan, Bill Cearns, Norm Auberson, Doug Wilson, Vic Forbes, Ted Fox, Fred Staggs, Ferd Pegg, Harry Wright, "Slim" Powers, Wal Woods, Dick Pinson, "Tich" Fordham, Nap Alavoine, Peter Cade, Lionel Clarke, Lew Dubber, Rex Everson, Bob Lever, "Banjo" Patterson, Doug Wilson, Ted Wilson, Jack Huston, Frank Rowell, Vic Forbes, Alex Maxwell, Mick Gray, Wal Lambourne, Alex Arnott, Wal Johnston, Rod Steele.

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 & READ BY SENIOR V.P.

FROM: - BILL PANTER: Thank you for informing me of the honour conferred on me at the A.G.M. "I had the privilege of serving in what must have been one of the 2nd A.I.F's best Battalions, and as such am keeping up those traditions by keeping our Victorian Members in touch." I have received my Life Membership badge, and will wear it with pride on Anzac Day. Bill reports that up to the date of writing (28-3-94) he is recovering very well from his heart op.

FROM: - FRED STAGGS: Fred writes that the Custodian of the Cenotaph rang on 15-4-94. It appears several other units have applied for an early march, he has trouble fitting them all in the time slot allotted before the main march. The Custodian has requested that we move off at 8.20 A.M. instead of 8.30 A.M... Fred's thoughts on this... doesn't think this alteration will effect us because most of the participants turn up early.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE SECRETARY FROM: -

JOYCE TOYNTON & FAMILY: A card expressing sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy on the sad loss of Eric, devoted husband, father and Pa.

VALE: NX122567 E.G. (Eric) Toynton.

STEVE McDUGAL, O.A.M. (President 2/3rd Fld. Reg. Assocn. of N.S.W.): With thanks for your congratulations upon my award of the O.A.M. Please pass on to the Patron's, President and Members my deepest appreciation for their kind thoughts.

BILL PANTER: A letter of thanks to the President, Secretary, Committee and Members for the honour conferred on him by being nominated and accepted as a Life Member of the Association.

THELMA, GARY, NEIL SWAIN & FAMILIES: A card in appreciation for kind expression of sympathy in the passing of Ted. Special thanks to Norm, John and "Larry" for attending the Service.

VALE: NX122375 E.J. SWAIN.

LANG STRONACH: A short sit-rep from Lang advising an orderly evacuation from his patrol base in Armidale to Carey Bay (via Toronto). Whilst this is permanent at present, the house is more of a holiday home, reports that they are looking for a house that will readily accommodate their furniture which at present in storage at Belmont.

After his accident last August, when he lost an eye, Lang reported that he had a fall and broke his left arm - of all places, in the bath.

ALAN LINDSAY: I wish to congratulate the President and Committee for the great show put on Anzac Day. As always, the march was inspiring and brought back many memories. The reunion luncheon was excellent, the new decor, pleasing. In all, well worth the time, trouble and expense to to be amongst those present. One small criticism, in future I hope some arrangement will be made for speeches to be made over a loud speaker system, because, at our age some are getting hard of hearing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FROM: -

FRED STAGGS: Following on to Fred's request, page 8 April/May issue re two long deceased members of the Battalion, D.R. Barker, KIA Korea, 1951 and G.G. McDonald, died Atherton 18 Aug. 1943 Pat Sydenham (Wagga) came up with the following... He, (Pat) knew "Babe" Barker well, as with

Pat were members of the Mortar Pt. A phone call from Roy Findlay(ACT) reported that he (Roy) knew "Babe" well, both in the Mortar's, the BCOF, and I think Korea.

Chris White(Gordonvale), wrote that he had located McDonald's headstone in the Military Section, Atherton Cemetery - he died 18-8-43 aged 21, also resting there another 2/4th Pte. S.T. Fyffe, NX191589, died 15-3-44 aged 20.

The above inquiries were made in the first instance by Bill Connell, Glenbrook Museum. Subsequent to his original question for info. Bill rang to say that he had furnished the wrong regimental number in the case of McDonald, this being VX29463 instead of VX42132.

ALF SCHWEITZER(MULLUMBIMBY): Congratulations to President Alf, the Committee for a great Anzac Day. Alf encloses a cutting from The Northern Star as submitted by him on 25-5-94...

On Anzac Day I marched with my 2/4th Battalion in Sydney and was struck by the enthusiasm of the large crowd watching the march...I believe it was the largest crowd for years.

Small children waved hand held Australian flags and shook hands with returned servicemen as they marched along...It occurs to me that with all other type of marches in Sydney, the Anzac type of march is wanted by the younger generation, with all the decent values it represents...Alf Schweitzer, Mullumbimby.

JIM BROWN(20-4-94): Passes on best wishes to all present on Anzac Day, reminisced on the past and present spirit of the 2/4th as generated by Sir Ivan.

Jim was talking to Arthur Worthley's daughter and thought that someone in the Unit knew him in fact lots of people knew Arthur, he was in Don Coy for a time...According to Jim it's a small world - talking to the Minister at a recent funeral service, the question came up as the Unit Jim served in, when the name 2/4th came up, the Minister said that his father served the 4th Bn 1914-18. In 1942 the old digger was in hospital at Katherine & during his stay in that place met another patient, Jim Forman, Jim as always a friendly type gave the old soldier a 2/4th colour patch, and even today that colour patch is a prized possession of the old soldier's son, Dick Dakeyne..A letter from Jim to Jim Forman followed - let's hope it strikes a chord.

HUGH WITTLETON: A great day had by all at Hugh and Eillen's place, Bribie Island for their monthly get together on the 17 March..Hugh reports most members are well, Frank Gattenhof is coping OK, he marched in Brisbane on Anzac Day..Hugh and Eillen had a visit from Nick & Ruth Allardice, enjoyed both their company..Ken Watt(Cleveland), owing to a kidney complaint couldn't attend our get together...NOTE: The next get together at Hugh and Eillen's, Bribie Island is the 30th August...all welcome, passing through? Well what better place to pass the day with a friendly bunch of 2/4thers and friends.

LETTERS TO THE TREASURER FROM:-

PAT HAMILTON(TWEED HEADS): Pat writes for husband Jack, who has developed Parkinson Disease, despite this, is still with all in spirit, and sends regards to his old 2/4th mates...Those travelling North would be very welcome to call in to their "little bit of heaven" at 6/20 Francis St., Tweed Heads..enclosed cheque for subs and a donation.

BILL PANTER: Brings to notice the death of Leo Dunn, also reports that on behalf of the Association had placed a bereavement notice in a newspaper..encloses new address for Mrs E. I

HENRY & RACHEL WHEELER(301 ORCHARD AVENUE, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, 81501 USA): After travelling 2/3rds around the world Henry and Rachel have settled down at home for a while.

Both hope that we enjoyed Anzac Day and stayed sober; would like to make it one year.

Being their 50th year of married bliss and to celebrate this occasion, their daughters are planning a big family reunion(in summer), but Henry reports they will be away in December.

His thoughts, "Spring is here, and it's great not to have the worries of the orchard, also, trout fishing will start soon - one thing though, I have been enjoying lately on cable T.V. is Aussie Rules football." Encloses a cheque as a donation.

MERV JONES & JUNE PLENIER: Reports that they have moved to Sebastopol and have been busy bringing the new property to first class order...Merv reports Anzac Day was enjoyed, was able to meet some of his old mates on that occasion in Melbourne..Both plan a trip up the Centre, middle July, taking in Alice Springs, Darwin, Townsville, Cairns, then on to Ballina for the country reunion.

Both had an evening with Ned Kenna at Ararat where Ned launched an appeal for donations to help restore the Ararat War Memorial, which at present is in a bad state of repair.

FRANK GATTENHOF: Frank writes that last year he was in and out of hospital, having chemotherapy, has to see a specialist in four months..Frank sends kind regards to all, a cheque with subs, and on 21 April reached the grand old age of 74..congrats. Frank from all.

REPORTS: Vice-President Larry thanked those who participated in the Anzac Day celebrations, spoke about the Association of 4th Bn's RNSWR impending move to either Sutherland or Ingleburn. Their last meeting at Arncliffe will be the 10th June.

Gordon Maitland reported on Sir Ivan's health and spoke about the 45th Battalion, Militia & the 4/3rd and the effects the change of boundaries will have on the various units. The Secretary spoke re the letter received from the Curator of the Glenbrook Military Museum, Mr Bill Connell requesting donations of memorabilia, with that an invitation to view the facility, which in this day and age keeps a tangible record of the past and (I presume) present military history.

Editor - No problems with "WOG" Production, "Snap" Printing, by arrangement, from now on, will be doing the printing, colating and stapling of our newsletter- moved in Committee that the usual three days of "WOG" production, Tues./Wed./Thursday, be changed to two days, Monday and Wednesday of each production month. For this and later issues we will be going on to Print Post.

Editor further reported that Mr. Tom Mowbray, the Hunters last original Anzac passed away on 19 May aged 97.

Treasurer reports: Summary of Funds: Westpak Bank General A/C \$3181. Ben. Fund A/C \$926 Aust. Guarantee Corp: Debentures (Ben. Fund) \$14,500 M.M. Access A/C Ben. Fund) \$2094

Total funds as at 24th May, 1994....\$20,701. All accounts passed for payment.

Heather Fox reports on the Ladies luncheon held on 24 May at the Bowlers Club of N.S.W. Another happy luncheon was enjoyed by 14 ladies. We were pleased to welcome Muriel Kleem to our group. Good wishes for a wonderful holiday were conferred on Gwen MacLennan as she leaves in June for a trip to Alaska. A get well card was signed and sent to Betty Beasley hoping she will be able to join us when feeling well again... The ladies present were:- Agnes Puc Nell Hawkins, Mabs Lupp, Hilda Wright, Meg Arnott, Madge Fraser, Molly Irvine, Olive Powell, Mc Johnston, Muriel Kleem, Gwen MacLennan, Olga Everson, Daphne Herden & Heather Fox... Next luncheon is on June 28th, same venue.

General Business: Bill Cearns suggested that after the early Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day, participants should be allowed to make their own way back to our main Anzac Day forming up point, the reason, the up hill march from Martin Place distresses some men.

Harry Wright suggested that seating should be provided for those participating in the annual Greek celebrations in Martin Place... most weren't inspired for having to stand for the rather long period which generally happens during these functions.

Ted Fox, on behalf of the Association sent out expressions of sympathy to Bob Lever on the sad loss of Bob's wife, Gladys.. In the presence of Bob, all at the Meeting gave a special one Minute's Silence in Memory of Gladys.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1455hrs.

53RD ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & CRETE, MAY, 1994.

REPORT BY PRESIDENT ALF CARPENTER.

Three members of the 2/4th Bn. Association joined the 6th Div. Association tour of Greece and Crete to commemorate the 53rd Anniversary of those battles. These were:- President Alf, Esca Riordan and new member, Jim Smith, ex 2/11th Bn and PoW in Crete.

The party consisted of 30 persons including some wives, our tour operator, Chris Lepouris accompanied the pilgrimage.

Our first Wreath Laying Ceremony was at Fallion War Cemetery in Athens, where some 40 2/4th Bn are resting in eternal peace, this was organised by the Australian Ambassador and Staff. Ambassador Edwards invited the party to his private residence for drinks and nibbles. It was pleasing to see that all the outdoor setting on the balcony overlooking the Aegean Sea was in our Bn. colours. I promised the Ambassador and his wife that I would send them a 2/4th Battalion plaque to compliment their arrangement.

By this time the Cretan Association of Athens had heard of our presence in their city and an invitation was accepted by us to attend a Wreath Laying Service in one of the outer suburbs. A bus was provided by them and after the Service we were entertained by an organised group of singers and dancers. We were braced for the speech making with Raki and nuts. A tasty dinner followed in an adjoining Travena.

Our hotel in Crete was the five star plus "El Greco" at Rethynon on the sea shore and we were welcomed with a lavish reception.. The hotel is about 9Km from Rethynon & 2 or 3 Kms from Stravmatos.

An opportunity was taken to visit Heraklion and to conduct a Silent Tribute to our 2/4th at the Martyr's Memorial, after the Service we met up with the United Kingdom Crete Veterans' Association Members at the Apollonia Hotel.

During the weekend 20th, 21st May there were many Commemoration Services in Crete, and our

party attended as many as possible, including Civic Receptions and Welcomes. The Service at Suda Bay was conducted by the British and Australian Consulates and were indeed very impressive. Our party availed themselves of the invitation to march behind the U.K.C.V. Assocn. party of some 50 strong and accompanied by their piper.

The Church Service on Sunday paid homage to our Dear Departed Comrades and was attended by all Services with high ranking Dignitaries, also in attendance, members of the Police Force who are regarded as part of the Crete Armed Forces. After the Service the congregation were invited to the adjacent Police Barracks for a luncheon and entertainment.

At Galatos Memorial where the museum to house our 6th Division Flags (entrusted to the Greek National Guard), is to be erected. A most impressive ceremony was conducted. The Memorial is on a very prominent hill overlooking the City. The land of some 60 Ha has been donated. The Ceremony was conducted by the Crete Dignitaries and Priests. After the usual speeches, the names of different categories of soldiers were read out; after each category, an artillery shell was fired, this was followed by machine gun fire in the Valley below, following on to this the Memorial Guards fired a volley. During this time, three Air Force jets buzzed the site, emphasising the horrors of war to those present.

An Australian Service was conducted at the Australian Memorial in Rethymon after which we were entertained at a Cretan feast consisting of cold boiled mutton and rice boiled in the mutton broth - not real appetising, but very sustaining, this was washed down with Retsina, Raki and beer, what hospitality and this shows that the Greek and Crete people are eternally grateful for our efforts during the dark days of 1941.

Another spectacular presentation ceremony was conducted at the Primary School at Stravimartas. Hal Herriott from the Atherton Tableland, and ex 2/11 Bn had scrolls printed and a 1941 Aust. penny attached to each scroll, prior arrangements had been made to present one to each child at the school. Our party arrived in taxis, the children, en masse gave us a rousing welcome as each cab arrived, then they surged forward to take our hands in welcome. A short speech preceded the presentations, following on to this each child received his or her scroll. After this joyous occasion we were conducted into the main Assembly Hall for refreshments. I think each child there brought a plate of food, for many and varied were the tempting morsels put before us, again washed down with a strong spirit distilled in Turkey etc from grain usually flavoured with aniseed or other aromatics - commonly known as raki.

Visits to Arkadi and Perelli Monasteries were made, both of these Monasteries assisted in the escape of Allied soldiers and the Monks and civilians suffered harsh penalties and many were put to death for their efforts, such bravery by these wonderful people.

A trip across the mountain saddle that runs the length of Crete was made to Safika, it was here in 1941 that the last troops were evacuated by submarine. A short Service was conducted at the Memorial on the waterfront. The local Travina did us proud for lunch at a negotiated price by Chris Lepouris.

Arrangements were made to conduct another Pilgrimage in 1996 for the 55th Anniversary, and no doubt some of us will be fit enough to make the trip and receive the hospitality from these people who in a small way try and show their appreciation for our efforts to try and prevent the invasion of their homeland.

All in all, a wonderful tour, each member of the party gave their full cooperation. We were fortunate to have three Greek speaking ex-servicemen to assist as interpreters, and this included Chris, our tour operator who did a great job in making sure we arrived at our different ceremonies on time, that we were suitably accommodated and catered for at all times.

I do hope this short descriptive summary of events has been of interest to readers. Myself, I certainly enjoyed a wonderful trip. Alf Carpenter, President 2/4th Battalion Association.

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB 28TH JUNE, 1994.

OPENING: President, Alf Carpenter, asked John Meehan the number of Members who signed the attendance book, John replied: "31 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 Infanteers Prayer." He then recited the Infanteers Prayer.

A special welcome went out to the following: - Lt. Col. Matt Vetlonis, C.O. 4th/3rd, W.O. Warren 4th/3rd, "Spike" Galvin (Goulburn), Max Sydenham (Wagga) and Newton Howard (Southport).

The following members were in attendance: - A. CARPENTER, L. JONES, J. HAWKINS, W. MANGAN, PAT BRUTY, J. MEEHAN, BILL CEARNS, "LARRY" DOOLEY, V. FORBES, D. WILSON, T. FOX, N. AUBERSON, L. CLARKE, A. ARNOTT, GEOFF. GALVIN, TWILSON, WAL JOHNSTONE, F. ROWELL, N. HOWARD, A. MAXWELL, BOB LEVER, F. PEGG, M. SYDENHAM, J. DUBBER, R. BERTHELSEN, DICK PINSON, P. SMITH, P. CADE, HAROLD SILVER.

APOLOGIES: - Sir Ivan Dougherty, Maj. Gen. Gordon Maitland, F. Staggs, G. Stack, K. Kesteven, B. Lane,

G. Chrisp, "Tich" Fordham, R. Everson, D. Follington, L. Dubber, N. Alavoine, W. Lambourne, J. Desmond, "Tex" Morton, Bob Fergusson, John Ringrose.

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 from Minutes: NIL.

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

CORRESPONDENCE "IN" TO THE PRESIDENT FROM:-

BOB LEVER & FAMILY: To the President and all Members of the 2/4th Association..We deeply appreciate your expressions of sympathy conveyed to us on the sad loss of my dear wife, Mother & Grandmother, Gladys Ellen Lever who passed on 14 May, 1994, aged 71 years.

DES LOYDELL: Des sends thanks to Alf for signing the application form which will enable Des to become a member of "The Thirty Niners" Association.

TO THE EDITOR:

SYLVIA KENNINGALE (GRIFFITH): Sylvia enclosed a cutting from "Post" magazine, although somewhat vague, I guess if one reads between the lines, this message has far reaching memories of the late Clem Killeen, in particular, his mates of the 2/4th.

The message goes thus:- During the festivities, there was a serious eulogy in the form of a poem to Clem Killeen, a regular at the Tilpa pub who has his own corner. Clem was a dinky-di tough and rugged bushie who worked around Tilpa for 40 years as a fencing contractor. His tough attitude was summed up when he arrived at Wygilla Homestead with a broken leg. "It's all right," he said: "I pushed it back into place before I walked to the truck."

Sylvia reports that husband Bob still manages to look after the garden, although the cold weather stirs his arthritis up.

SOLDIER CAREER AGENCY (MELBOURNE): In reply to my letter inquiring re medals for service in Syria and Darwin (restricted dates).

On 19 April '94, the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel announced the introduction of a number of new Defence Related Awards to recognise service to Australia. The awards, in general, encompass the period of the 2nd World War through to current members of the Aust. Defence Force... Regulations and guidelines for the awards are still to be finalised, and that the authorisation to issue the awards has not been formally granted to date.

TO THE TREASURER:

BEV COCHRANE (Jim Stilwell's daughter-in-law) Bev writes to say that Jimmy hasn't been too well, has had a stay in hospital and is home again. Encloses subs.

E.C. DAVIS: Encloses cheque for subs and donation. Sends thanks to Treasurer Les and Committee for a job, well done.

REPORTS:

In Memory to Panagaitis Poliodakis, his Cretan family and friends, President Alf, as a mark of respect to these people read the following at this June Monthly Meeting:-

Panagiotis Poliodakis, a retired teacher, was about 70 years old and used to live in Asteri, a small village on the east of Rethimno... As soon as the conquest of Crete had been completed, German Paratroopers surrounded his village, arrested and executed all the men they found in the village without any kind of trial or excuse. Among those executed were the son of teacher, Georges and two of his nephews, his brother's sons, bearing the same name as his... Panagiotis himself managed to survive then. Three days later and while they were still burying the victims of the execution, the Germans came back to the village and started burning down the houses. Panagiotis Poliodakis was in his house with his wife and they were preparing "koliva" (a special treat in memorial of the dead) for the soul of their son... His wife did not manage to remain calm when she saw the executioners of her son entering the house. She got a burning log from the fireplace and threw it at the head of one of the paratroopers. Another German then shot her dead with his machine gun. Her husband tried to come to her rescue but he was also shot dead with the same machine gun... Panagiotis Poliodakis had served as a teacher in village Prases and he had started his career in the beginning of our century. He was one of the very few literate people in his area at that time and that is why he used to read "the service" in church. The Commander of Crete in 1900 had appointed him as a Councillor of the village Pigi and later he had been elected as Representative of his village in the Municipality of Arkadi.

CHURCH SERVICE, ST ANNE'S, STRATHFIELD: Alf reported he attended the service with Doreen, Larry and Yvonne Dooley - 2/4th attendance dropping off, although about 150 members, wives and friends of other units attended. The day was rounded off by a tasty afternoon tea as supplied by the ladies of St. Anne's.

HOLY TRINITY GARRISON CHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICE, SUNDAY, 29 MAY, 1994.

Ted Fox reported a well attended service, with some 14 members, wives and friends of the Assocn. attending... After the Service, those that were able attended a luncheon at the Gallipoli Memorial Club's Chinese Restaurant.

REPORTS: Editor reported no problems with "WOG" production since going to "Snap"Printing, is very pleased with the resulting clarity of our newsletter.

AT THE NEWCASTLE CITY FORESHORE: During May, a memorial was dedicated in Memory of those Merchant Seamen who perished in their line of duty during World War 2.

"HARK! DO YOU HEAR THE SEA." (Shakespeare.)

TREASURER REPORTS:SUMMARY OF FUNDS:WESTPAC BANK GENERAL A/C \$2,938.BENEFIT FUND A/C \$913.

AUST.GUARANTEEN CORP:DEBENTURES(BEN.FUND) \$14,500. M.M.ACCESS A/C(BEN.FUND) \$2,094.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 28 JUNE,1994...\$20,445.

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

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TREASURER'S CASH REGISTER LIST.

<u>MEMBER.</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS.</u>	<u>DONATIONS.</u>
Mrs P.CHRYSTAL		50.00
J.STILLWELL		20.00
E.DAVIS,J.LYONS,I.LALAS, EACH \$10S. \$10D.	30.00	30.00
J.BURNS	10.00	5.00
W.EVANS,D.GUTHRIE,J.LAWRENCE,C.SMITH,H.BOWMAN,J.SMITH*,		
H.JURD,J.RAE,J.PARTRIDGE,A.HARRADINE. EACH \$10S.	100.00	
*New Member(2/11th Bn).Combined total:\$245.00	\$140.00	\$105.00

Les Jones.Hon.Treasurer.

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WELFARE REPORT: IMPORTANT:Please ring Bill Cearns on (02)575-6063 if you know of a member who is sick or hospitalised,this will enable Bill to duly record the matter at our monthly meetings.

Tec. x reported that John Ringrose was admitted to Concord,skin cancer and fluid on the lung. Wally Mangan reports Bob Lane is not very well...Max Sydenham reported on Lofty Taylor's health,Lofty isn't the best,Hugh Burgdorf has had a couple of operations,one being a hip replacement..Even Editor's get "crook",presently suffering from bad knees,necessitating using a walking stick...Our President also has a "dickie" knee,is receiving treatment for same.I tell you things are crook in Tellarook,(or wherever).

6TH DIV.REPORT:Norm Auberson spoke of a special meeting to be held to arrange Kokoda Day, which falls in November - recommended venue for this will be Randwick Racecourse..Reported in regards to the 50th Anniversary Cruise to New Guinea,as per page (3) April/May issue - for this,itinerary will appear in September "WOG".

GENERAL BUSINESS: President Alf suspended standing orders to enable our guest,Lt.Col.Matt Vetlonis,C.O.,4th/3rd,RNSWR to address the Meeting...spoke of his father and his service in the Greek Navy during World War two,and during this service,Matt's father served on four ships all of which were sunk by enemy action.He then transferred to the British Navy and took part in some evacuation runs during the Greece/Crete campaign..With this,he feels proud to wear the White over Green,although some changes to the colours with the new distribution of boundaries.Lt.Col.Vetlonis,who works close to the GMC looks forward to visiting again.

Warren Barnes spoke of the changes to the general layout of the RNSWR..Warren is trying to organise something for the 50th Anniversary of Ned Kenna winning his V.C.,it is envisaged that this very significant event to both the 2/4th and Assocn.of 4th Bns will have as the V.I.P.guest Ned Kenna,V.C.,and maybe held at the Kenna V.C. Mess,Ingleburn,May,1995.This being a one off event,should be given No.1 priority.

"Spike"Galvin gave his thoughts on Goulburn,one event though,and touched on by "Spike" was the coming out from the Police Academy of Nap Alavoine's daughter,following this "Spike" hosted a show at the local RSL for the proud lady,her dad and friends...Another report from "Spike" was that Paul and Myrna Brook's grandson took part in the passing out parade at Kopooka.

Newton Howard,introduced to the gathering by Pres.Alf gave good thoughts to the 2/4th,was pleased to see a couple of old mates from his platoon,"Slim"Desmond and Tex Morton, and: reported that he is heavily involved in the coaching side of bowls..Wally Mangan said that Tom Maxwell sends congratulations for a great Anzac Day - must have enjoyed the day,as he didn't get home for 5 weeks...Phil Smith gave his thoughts on things in general,as always,we enjoy a good laugh to end a happy and well attended meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 1500hrs.

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FROM THE MEMOIRS OF THE LATE PADRE KEYTE - ARMY CHAPLAINCY - NEW GUINEA.

Most groups had a humorist who,in times of stress,would say something funny to make others laugh and relieve the tension.Their value was incalculable.Such a man was Joe Tozeland.

One day, he was in the company quartermaster's tent, when the Q.M. Sergeant mentioned that Herb Wilson wanted a new hat. Herb had a very small head, and the only way they could fit him was to get the smallest size the army handled and place paper inside the sweatband. For those who no longer wear hats, the size was measured fore and aft in inches, a popular size being six-and-seven-eighths. "What size does Herb Wilson take?" asked the Sergeant. Joe replied, "Six and three Women's: Weekleys." That was Joe's form.

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BALLINA REUNION BOOKINGS.HI CRAFT MOTEL

White, Chris & Pat
21/22/23
Graham, Margaret
21/22/23
Cordwell, Bill, Iris, Sue.
20/21/22/23 (2 rooms).
Lyons, Jack
21/22/23
Webb, Ken *
20/21/22/23
*Not Sundowner.
Slade, Vic & Beryl*
21/22
*Not Sundowner.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION...

Potter, Joyce

Phone contact for Ballina:--Bill Mitchell- 066-860458, Doug Grove- 066-863563.

HERITAGE INN

Chaseling, Joan
Julie McNiell
Brian "
Emma "
Sarah "
Matthew "
21/22 (Family room).
Stronach, Lang & Colleen
21/22/23

CENTER POINT MOTEL

Burton, W. Grieve. M.
21/22/23 (Share).

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Jones, Merv & June.
Nerney, Max & Edna
Brooke, Lance & Noeline

COAST INN MOTEL

Gattenhof, Frank & Norma
21/22/23
Wilson, Ted & Frances
20/21/22/23
Gray, Mick & Dorothy
20/21/22
Mitchell, George & Heather
20/21/22/23
R.S.L. HOLIDAY UNITS
Geelan, Chris & Shirley
21/22/23

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Hughes, Jack & Joan
Hoskins, John
21/22/23/24.

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LADIES LUNCHEON HELD AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB OF N.S.W. 28-6-94. REPORT BY HEATHER FOX.

Ten ladies braved the windy wet winter's day for lunch this June. We sooned warmed up with hot food and good company. Six of the ladies joined the men at the Gallipoli Club. We are hoping after the school holidays and winter chills, everyone can join our next luncheon, same place on 26th July.

NEWCASTLE REGION MEETING AT THE HAMILTON R.S.L. FRIDAY, 1ST JULY.

The usual 2/4th spirit and goodwill prevailed when the gathering farewelled two of the Region's long standing members, Doug and Deidre Milne. Both have moved to Bayview Gardens, Bayview.

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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.

NX160852 BARRETT, V.F. ✓ NX6084 GORHAM, C.R. ✓
VX30794 SHERIDAN, J.J. ✓ VX93941 CAIN, J.N. ✓
NX5904 NEWTH, W.H. (BILL). ✓

BEREAVEMENT: MOLLY IRVINE, (Widow of the late "Scotty" Irvine).

Molly passed away at the Prince Alfred Hospital after being seriously injured in a street accident. Molly's passing brought a cloud of sadness to her close family, and this included her many friends from the Uniting Church Guild, the War Widows Association and the 2/4th Association.

Molly's high esteem was reflected by the big attendance at the Service held for her at the Uniting Church, Rookwood on the 15th July, 1994. The following Association Members paid their last respects to our Dear Departed, Molly: DICK PINSON, ALEX MAXWELL, CEC POWERS, ELSIE BRADFORD, ALEX & MEG ARNOTT, ALF CARPENTER, DOREEN MANUEL, VIC FORBES, MADGE FRASER, REX & OLGA EVERSON, TED & HEATHER FOX, WALL & MOLLY JOHNSTON, WALLY & CONNIE MANGAN, LARRY & YVONNE DOOLEY, HILDA WRIGHT, TED & FRAN WILSON, DEL & HAROLD SILVER, NORM & NITA AUBERSON, LES JONES.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

ALTERATIONS/ADDRESS CHANGES - EXISTING MEMBERS.

DUNN, Mrs E. (widow of Leo Dunn). 2/27 Wellsford St., Stratford, Vic 3862. ✓
LINDSAY, H.R. 8 Farrelly Close, Oxley, ACT 2903 ✓
WHEELER, H.A. 301 Orchard Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado, USA 81501. ✓

NEW MEMBERS' ADDRESSES.

ANELZARK, J.C. 1/16 Flint Street, Hillsdale, NSW 2036. ✓
JORDAN, W. 1 Wentworth Avenue, Mascot, NSW 2020. ✓

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