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

**TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER:** Normal Monthly Meeting commencing at 1400hrs. Committee to meet at 1100.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO Monthly Meeting in October at the GMC, instead something short, sharp and decisive will be held during the Ballina Reunion.

**TUESDAY, 27 SEPT: PLEASE NOTE:** Ladies luncheon to be held at the Gallipoli Club, Loftus St., arrive 1200 to 1230-reason, a fire at The Bowler's Club..Contact Heather Fox on 416 1200.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO ladies luncheon at the Bowler's Club on 25th October, somewhat clashes with the date(s) of the Ballina reunion.

**"WOG" PRODUCTION: MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER:** Sticker Team (3) John Ringrose, Ted Wilson, Alex Maxwell, and Pat Bruty.

**WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER:** F/W/M Team. Larry Dooley, Wal Johnston, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser plus the permanents...**NOTE:** For the November issue, and then on, we are mailing our newsletter out in envelopes. (Easier for those with arthritic joints.)

**MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 1995:** Sticker team (1) Peter Cade, Doug Wilson, Alex Maxwell and Pat Bruty.

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JAN. 1995:** F/M/W Team..Larry Dooley, Wal Johnston, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser plus the permanents...**NOTE:** A new WOG production roster for 1995 will be distributed to those involved during January...**NOTE:** You may notice that I have "doubled up" on teams, this is because a few have dropped out owing to changes to the days we produce WOG..Food for thought, my suggestion is that we all become permanents, so, please give this some consideration, and let me know your thoughts on this..Thank you. Editor.

**FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER (1st Friday)** Newcastle Monthly Meeting to be held at the Hamilton RSL, 1700 onwards. Raffle held for Hamilton RSL Swimming Club...Contact Alf Carpenter (see top of this page.)



FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, NEWCASTLE MEETING (Same details previous page).

THURSDAY 6 TH OCTOBER (1st Thursday each month except January, 1100hrs onward). "Ring-a-Rosie" day at Forestville RSL. NOTE: It is now necessary to notify John on (02)451-5761 a few days in advance if you are attending.

THURSDAY, 3rd November. As above.

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER: (2nd Wednesday each month, 1130 hrs onward). Central Coast Meeting to be held at Gosford RSL. Contact Wally Mangan on (043)68-3487.

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER: As above.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 21/22/23 OCTOBER 1994, BALLINA REUNION.

Last call for the reunion. If making phone bookings please send your booking fee of \$15.00 per person ASAP. Contact phone numbers for Ballina:- Bill Mitchell (066)860-548... Doug Grove (066)863-563.

JUNE 27, 1995. 50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO NEW GUINEA ON BOARD M.V. MIKHAIL SHOLOKHOV.

Duration 13 nights. Ports - Brisbane, Rabaul, Madang, Lae, Milne Bay, Port Moresby, Cairns.

Programme available from Commonwealth Bank Travel Centres. The particular cruise number is 983. Postal address for the Pacific Cruise Company is G.P.O. BOX 4714 SYDNEY 2001.

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1994 (1800 - 2200hrs). Ned Kenna V.C. will be visiting the 4th/3rd Battalion at Ingleburn Camp. This will be a social occasion and all members of the 2/4th are welcome to attend the Edward Kenna V.C. other ranks mess on that night.

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER (1900-2200hrs) Ned Kenna V.C. will be visiting the "E" Coy 2/17 Battalion Depot at Arncliffe. All members that would like to attend both these functions are to contact W.O.2 Warren Barnes on (02)618-4405 or (02)618-4459 on Tuesday nights. Home contact is (02)668-8543.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13/14/15, 1995. 2/4 BN. ASSOCN. COUNTRY REUNION WILL BE HELD

GOSFORD N.S.W. Booking in pro forma for this should be available from convenor Wally Ma

and Committee, Connie Mangan, George and Margaret Friend at the coming Ballina reunion.

Pro forma will appear as a supplement in our January issue.

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 26 JULY 1994.

OPENING: President Alf Carpenter, asked Pat Bruty the number of Members who had signed the attendance book, Pat replies: "34 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.

A special welcome went out from the President to the following members in attendance:- Patron Major-General Gordon Maitland, Alf Carpenter, John Hawkins, Pat Bruty, Les Jones, Doug Wilson, Vic Forbes, Norm Auberson, Larry Dooley, Wally Mangan, Ted Fox, Fred Staggs, Jack Dubber, Lionel Clarke, Alex Maxwell, Ray Berthelsen, Harry Wright, Ted Wilson, Phil Smith, Rex Everson, "Slim" Desmond, George Frater, Nap Alavoine, Dick Pinson, Alan Bohle, Frank Rowell, Jim Forman, Rod Steele, Peter Cade, Harold Silver, Alex Arnott, "Banjo" Paterson, Wal Johnston.

Apologies:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, G. Stack, W. Cearn, J. Ringrose, K. Kesteven, G. Chrisp, B. Lane, L. Dubber, J. Meehan, F. Pegg, "Tich" Fordham, W. Lambourne, Bob Fergusson, B. Lever, M. Gray, "Slim" Powers, Dave Follington.

It was resolved that the Minute's of the previous Monthly Meeting as published in "WOG" taken "as read" and adopted. Business arising from Minutes: NIL.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE PRESIDENT FROM:-

DES LOYDELL sends thanks for the forms enclosed, will enable Des to join the 39thers Assocn.

JACK HUSTON is pleased that the Bn. History which he presented to the Association has been passed on to the 4th/3rd Battalion.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE SECRETARY FROM:-

ARTHUR HARRADINE sends greetings to all at "White over Green", this includes the ladies, Committee, Sir Ivan, Alf Carpenter, Bruce Cork. A special message to Ken & Fi Kesteven, he hopes their health is improving, kind regards to Frank & Enid Crutchett... In his letter which contains a potpourri of greetings, Arthur also gives kind thoughts to Bill and Beryl Poplin... Mentioned Muriel Kleem and her shift from Young to Sydney and before this event, last year, both George Cole and he visited Muriel at Young... Closes with kind regards from 2/4thers in the region, this includes Roy & Una Denyer Arianh Park.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE EDITOR FROM:-

HORRIE CAMERON writes to say that he is shifting from Goulburn to Grafton and is looking forward to seeing all at Ballina.

REPORTS:- PRESIDENT ALF reported that he attended the funeral service of Molly Irvine and Bill Newth... Was in attendance at the Wallsend RSL for the District Council Meeting where Major-General Digger James, President of the RSL as guest speaker gave his thoughts that there should be some redress and this would give some balance in compensation to ex-servicemen.



Spoke about the dishonesty of Japan's roll in World War 2 and should use next year's 50th Anniversary of the war's end to acknowledge it. Major-General James said the successful preservation of peace demanded 'an honesty' that Germany had found but Japan had not.

SECRETARY REPORTED re correspondence from Bill Connell, Glenbrook Military Museum.

TREASURER REPORTS: SUMMARY OF FUNDS: WESTPAC BANK GENERAL A/C \$2951. BENEFIT FUND A/C \$916.

AUST. GUARANTEE CORP: DEBENTURES (BEN. FUND) \$14,500. M.M. ACCESS A/C (BEN. FUND) \$2,111.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 26 JULY, 1994... \$20,478.

All accounts passed for payment.

Les Jones. Hon. Treasurer.

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EDITOR REPORTS: With the wonderful support from "WOG" production teams all newsletters mailed out. Readers reported that they received their newsletter a day earlier than normal; this is the result of "WOG" production being put back one day... Through this newsletter, and on behalf of all 2/4th Members Australia wide, including the U.K. and U.S.A., I would like to thank the staff of the GMC for their help, their contribution to both our newsletter and Monthly Meetings has been quite extraordinary.

Attended the N.S.W. Ex-PoW Assocn. (Newcastle Branch) Memorial Service, Gregson Park, Hamilton on 7 August.

Branch President Mr Alf Stone O.A.M. welcomed the 150 plus people assembled in the Park and in the Dedication said: "We are assembled here this morning to think of the comrades who went out with us to the battlefields of the Second World War, but did not return. We feel them still near us in spirit. We wish to be worthy of their great sacrifice. Let us therefore once more dedicate ourselves of their ideals for which they died. Let their memory inspire us to work for the coming of the new light into the dark places of the world."

TR PRAYERS... LAST POST... ODE... REVEILLE... A WREATH AND BOOK LAYING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT 1. PARK'S CENOTAPH.

During the book laying ceremony the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman John McNaughton, acted as presenter of these books from 20 District RSL Sub-Branches to senior schoolchildren representing their respective schools.

At the conclusion of the Service in the Park, Members and invited guests (Including Pres. Alf Carpenter, Jack & Doris Tonks and self) proceeded to the Hamilton RSL Club for a luncheon.

GRACE was recited by the Rev. Bill Brown.. LOYAL TOAST, Alf Stone, their followed other toasts and responses... musical interludes, speeches, liquid refreshments. All in all an enjoyable day, with a wonderful friendly atmosphere - thank you - POW Association.

FROM THE FOX: Two Irishmen each tied two budgerigars to the side of their heads and jogged up to the top of a steep cliff and without hesitation they launched themselves over.. crash, bang. When they recovered at the bottom of the cliff, one said to the other: "Paddy, I don't think this budgie jumping is all it's cracked up to be!" Thanks Ted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS: President ALF reported that Bill Mitchell, Doug Grove and team have 228 booked in for Ballina, all systems go for this, various raffles in hand, including Gordon Maitland's book, "Tales of Valour", a clock as donated by Pres Alf, even the racing fraternity is coming to the party with something, of course by the good graces of that racing fan Doug.

Bohle made reference to page 3, June/July "WOG" regarding location of the headstone for V... 463 Pte. G.G. McDonald and NX191589 (not recorded in our history) Pte S.T. Fyffe.. Allan, from this goes on:- During the 6th Div. exercises, Trinity Beach, Mosman area, 2/4th Bn. had 21 cases of scrub typhus, of these cases, one died, Pte Fyffe. He had apparently put his hat on the ground during a halt and on putting his hat on the mite bit him, the poison went straight to his brain. After hospitalization the remainder returned to duty and shortly after embarked for New Guinea and the fact was forgotten. Before the attack on Wewak and before Minga Creek, "C" Coy was forward company and provided one platoon for an "A" Coy fighting patrol inland. When Pte Cassidy reported back to me he looked so fatigued, and I ordered him to drop his heavy gear & immediately rest, which he did, and with his back to a coconut palm, he died.

Captain Owen Williams, M.B.E. prior to being KIA came forward immediately to investigate and told me that regardless of recovery, all typhus cases retained 'disability' and the M.O. at the time should have drafted them out and insured that they were never again given duty involving mental or physical stress and he hoped to get them all to the rear and their medical files marked accordingly.. However, as we are aware, he may not have been able so to do before he was killed in action. Hospitalization would be mentioned on Veterans' Affairs files but members still with us should mention appropriately to Vet. Affairs should it apply.

If I remember rightly, John Hawkins was one of the 21... Allan Bohle.

Vic Forbes gave thoughts following a phone call from David Wren who passed on special thanks to all those kind people who helped him during his short stay in Sydney, particularly the late



Mollie Irvine, and others who came to his aid, namely, Dave and Sally Follington, Vic Forbes and Madge Fraser.

Frank Rowell, Club President, Western Suburbs Disabled Club spoke of having three motorised wheel chairs surplus, if interested, contact Frank at 26 Hume Highway, Liverpool. 2170.

Patron Gordon Maitland, as always proud to be associated with the 2/4th, and gave the meeting a number of features on the life and times of Digger James, including Duntroon, Korea and his winning of the M.C., leg amputation, graduation as a doctor, R.M.O., in charge of all Army Medical Services, now President of the R.S.L.

Wally Mangan reported that he has picked his Committee for reunion 1995 at Gosford, his choice is:- Connie Mangan, George and Margaret Friend.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 1415hrs.

LADIES LUNCHEON HELD AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB, 26 JULY. Report from Heather Fox.

We were pleased to welcome Yvonne Dooley to our group. It was voted a happy time together with ten ladies joining the men afterwards at the Gallipoli Club. Those present were:- Hilda Wright, Fran Wilson, Meg Arnott, Agnes Pugh, Nell Hawkins, Del Silver, Doreen Manuel, Joan Forman, Yvonne Dooley, Olga Everson, Madge Fraser and Heather Fox... Next luncheon September 27.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Nell, Mabs and Agnes at the sudden loss of their dear sister, Vi Burrows who was to have joined us at the luncheon... A lovely lady, whose company we all enjoyed and will be missed by all who knew her.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER: Hamilton RSL Club, Swimming Club will be having a cruise on Sydney Harbour SEA CAT, this will depart Circular Quay, continuing on to Parramatta, culminating in a luncheon which will be held in Parramatta RSL. A cordial invitation from Swimming Club Members goes out to 2/4thers and friends to attend... Contact - John Hawkins on (02) 622 0531.

SUNDAY, 16TH OCTOBER: At Canterbury Bowling Club, a dinner to raise funds for the 6th Division Greek Week celebrations. Time:- 1230... Cost \$15.00 per person.

NOVEMBER 11TH: At Randwick Racecourse, Shannon Room 1200 onwards - 55th Anniversary dinner to celebrate the forming of the 6th Division - Unit flags, Banners, medals to be worn. Invitations out to top brass, Army, Navy, Air Force... plenty of parking... Cost \$25.00 per person.

NOVEMBER 11TH: At the Cenotaph, Martin Place - Kokoda Day will be celebrated with a Wreath Laying Ceremony. Time 1100hrs... This day should be well attended because the Kokoda campaign has taken its place in Australian history alongside the landing at Gallipoli; the charge at Beersheba and the defence of Tobruk. The Kokoda campaign was that occasion when for the first time Australians were fighting for their homeland without the protection of large and powerful friends.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER: 2/4TH Battalion annual Christmas party will be held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, Loftus St., Sydney. A limited dry till will operate. Luncheon will be served from 1230 to 1300hrs at special tables reserved for us and this luncheon will be at your own expense... NOTE: No Monthly Meeting in December.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER: No ladies luncheon at the Bowler's Club in December, instead the President and Committee invites the ladies and their friends to join the menfolk at the G.M.C. for Association's annual Christmas party and luncheon.

REMEMBER:- There will be NO Monthly Meeting in October at the GMC, instead something short, sharp and decisive will be held during the Ballina reunion.

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COLD IN SYRIA!!! "It was cold where we were in Syria that the candlelight froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing, where we were, the words came out of our mouths in pieces of ice, and we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB 23 AUGUST, 1994.

The Meeting opened with President Alf Carpenter in the chair and the following in attendance:- Major-General Gordon Maitland, Alf Carpenter, J. Hawkins, J. Meehan, N. Auberson, T. Fox, P. Bruty, Fred Staggs, W. Mangan, D. Wilson, V. Forbes, Larry Dooley, "Slim" Powers, A. Arnott, P. Smith, A. Bohle, B. Lever, R. Everson, H. Wright, R. Berthelsen, T. Wilson, W. Johnston, L. Clarke, F. Rowell, Ferd Pegg.

Apologies:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, G. Stack, Bill Cearn, K. Kesteven, B. Lane, G. Chrisp, J. Desmond, Dave Follington, J & L Dubber, Dick Pinson, Tich Fordham, W. Lambourne, N. Alavoine, M. Grey, Bob Fergusson, G. Kent.

It was resolved that the Minute's of the previous Meeting as published in "WOG" be taken as read and adopted. Business arising "NIL."

Minutes' Secretary, John Hawkins recorded the following business dealt with at this August Monthly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE PRESIDENT.

HAL HERRIOT (ex 2/11, KAIRI, ATHERTON AREA, QLD.) Encloses a report on Greek nurses during the



German occupation.(This report will be promulgated in Oct/Nov. issue of "WOG".

CORRESPONDENCE OUT FROM THE PRESIDENT TO:-

THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO GREECE,MR.EDWARDS.(ATHENS.)

Enclosed a 2/4th Battalion plaque\* as promised during our 53rd Anniversary visit to Greece and Crete,May 1994. The tour party was honoured to participate in the hospitality given to them,and for your kindness shown to them,all are most grateful.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY.

G.L.KILLION(BROTHER OF THE LATE M.R.KILLION):Requests that his late brother's name be taken off the Nominal Roll.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE TREASURER.

CHRIS GEEHAN:Chris writes to report the passing of 2/4th Vic Cox,(having chatted with Chris at the local club,he is sure our Late Departed Member saw service in Greece/Crete.

Bill Bartlett and Chris attended the Service for Vic,both acted as pallbearers.

Chris appreciates "White over Green",helps those in the "bush" to keep in contact...Ends by sending regards to all,and will see most of us at Ballina.

REPORTS:President reported that he attended the 2/9th Fld.Regiment dinner on the 29 July, also attended the POW Wreath Laying and Luncheon at Hamilton on 7 August.Took part in the Vietnam Veterans' Wreath Laying Ceremony,Civic Park,Newcastle on 18 August,Alf reported that sixty "Tunnel Rats" from 2 Troop,1st Fld.Squadron joined the march to the Vietnam Memorial in Civic Park...This was one of similar marches held around Australia to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

A phone call from Bill Mitchell to Alf reported that 227 have booked in for Ballina.

Well,our President Alf has had a well deserved rest,having recently together with Doreen,

old Tresidder and Madge Tynan had a pleasant few days at the "Bombora" Coolangatta.

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TREASURER REPORTS:SUMMARY OF FUNDS:WESTPAC BANK:GENERAL A/C \$2666.BENEFIT FUND A/C \$905.

AUST.GUARANTEE CORP:DEBENTURES(BEN.FUND)\$14,500. M.M.ACCESS A/C(BEN.FUND) \$2111.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 23 AUGUST,1994...\$20,182.

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 R.KINGSLEY,K.KESTEVEN. EACH \$30D.		60.00
J.PROVIANS	10.00	10.00
W.GIBBS	10.00	3.25
R.WILLIAMS	30.00	
E.MILLER	10.00	
<u>COMBINED TOTAL:\$133.25</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>73.25</u>

NOTE: Subscriptions and donations received after 31st August will be acknowledged in Oct/Nov "WOG" as I am going on holiday.

Les Jones.Hon.Treasurer.

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RATIONS/ADDRESS CHANGES - EXISTING MEMBERS.

.H.V. Unit 34,Ex-Services Complex,71-73 Norton St.,Ballina,NSW 2478.✓  
CAMERON,H.A. Unit 64,Clarence Valley Asscn,Arthur St., Grafton,NSW 2460.✓  
CORK,R.B. 2/91 Bienvenue Drive,Currumbin Waters,Qld 4223.✓  
GARDNER,MRS D. 5 Prospect Street,Status Bay,Qld 4703 ✓  
HOSKINS,J.C. 34 Hacley Street,Knoxfield,Vic 3180.✓  
MILNE,A.D. Villa 74,Bayview Gardens 36-42 Cabbage Tree Road,Bayview,NSW 2104.✓  
STAGGS,F.W. House number now changed from 88 to 899.✓

NEW MEMBER'S ADDRESS.

CAMERON,MRS L.D. 30 Murray Street,Goulburn,NSW 2580.✓

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VICTORIAN NEWS FROM BILL PANIER 30-8-94.

Its hard to find good news these days,because as we get older we are all having our problems, but we are still soldiering on as is Hugh Burgdorf after a very bad run while waiting for a hip replacement,he took ill and had his gall bladder removed,and then a few weeks later a kidney was taken out,he is still waiting for his hip to be done.Hugh was very pleased to see all his 2/4th visitors and thanks them for their support,is now back home and progressing well..Jim Barrow is still battling with prostate problems but stays cheerful as always.Doug Christian is still doing his wonderful work and is always ready to visit and comfort anyone in trouble.

Stan Pretty,Barney Burns,Vic Hill and myself met for lunch at Clayton RSL recently and we decided that our NOVEMBER MEETING will be at that venue on SUNDAY,13TH NOVEMBER,1200 onwards-lunch - don't forget,bring your ladies,they may like to have a fling on the pokies...NOTE:



Bill would appreciate a call nearer the date to let him know how many are coming.

#### WELFARE REPORT:

GEORGE STACK. Has been in Concord Hospital-prostate trouble - it was reported that George is now home.

JOHN RINGROSE. Has been a patient in Concord, skin cancers have been cleared up, John also had fluid on the lung. Attended the August Monthly Meeting, and during that day, thanked all those people who visited him during his stay in hospital, these being:- Ted Wilson, Harry Wright Ted Fox, Alex Maxwell, special thanks to those 2/4thers who sent get well messages.

THE LATE TOM DAWSON. Harry Wright reported that the late Tom Dawson was the most visited in Concord by the Association Welfare Team.

LAURIE WATERHOUSE. Laurie was visited by John Meehan, John reports that Laurie has a bad skin cancer and has been in Greenslopes Hospital.. Not well.

KEN CARRINGTON. John Hawkins reported that Ken is seriously ill in the R.P.A. hospital - would appreciate visitation from 2/4thers.

HUGH BURGDOFF. Larry Dooley reports subsequent to a phone call from Bill Panter, Hugh is waiting for a hip replacement, and during his wait had to have an emergency op. to have his gall bladder removed, is still waiting for a new hip.

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

NX46308 COX, H.V. ✓	SX18955 HART, T.A. ✓
NX11176 MORTON, R.A. ✓	NX5162 DAWSON, T. ✓
NX5870 WATERHOUSE, L. ✓	

VALE: NX5904. WILLIAM HENRY NEWTH (BILL).

The funeral service for Bill was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Moss Vale at 10.30 A.M. on Tuesday 19th July.

Bill was born on 26th May 1913 and passed away on 13th July 1994. Aged 81 years. He joined the 2nd A.I.F. at Griffith and marched in to the 2/4th Battalion on 3rd November, 1939. He was an original member of "C" Coy.

The esteem in which Bill was held in the Moss Vale district was reflected by the large attendance at the service. Bill is survived by devoted wife, Gwen, daughters, Lorraine and Fay, grandchildren, Katherine, Timothy, Phillip, Warwick and Anthony.

In attendance from the Association:- Alf & Doreen Carpenter, Wally & Molly Johnston, Jeff Galvin Bob & Nina Fergusson, Ted & Heather Fox, Norm & Nita Auberson.

The R.S.L. Service was conducted by David Jones, President Moss Vale and District Services Club... The Eulogy was delivered by President Alf Carpenter.

Sincere condolences to Gwen and family from 2/4th Association Members Australia wide.

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VALE: NX11176 N.P. (TEX) MORTON.

Known widely in the Battalion as "Tex" a tag which stayed with him to his sudden end on 17th August in the midst of apparent good health.

The Service was held at the North Sydney Crematorium and was attended by family, friends the following 2/4thers:- "Slim" Desmond, Phil Smith, Norm Johnston, Ted Fox, Alex Arnott. The Eulogy was delivered by Phil Smith.

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BEREAVEMENT: Betty Isabel Lane passed on on 27th August, aged 74 years. Dearly loved wife of Bob, much loved mother, mother-in-law to Robin and Peter, Jenny and Mark and their families.

The Funeral Service was held at Palmdale on 1st September, and attended by fifty five people, this included close relatives, friends and members of the Umina Football Club.

Paying their last respects from the Association were:- Jack & Mary Partridge, George & Margaret Friend, Andy & Peg Kerr, Joe & Peg Taylor, Gordon Chrisp, Wally & Connie Mangan

Sincere condolences to Bob and his family from all Association members.

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#### REPORTS:

LADIES LUNCHEON AT THE BOWLER'S CLUB, 23 AUGUST - REPORT FROM HEATHER FOX.

Eleven ladies arrived to have a happy get together; the food was exceptionally good. With the approach of warmer weather we are hoping more ladies will join us, for our next luncheon on 27 September... Attending on 23 August were:- Del Silver, Hilda Wright, Meg Arnott, Olive Powell, Nell Hawkins, Agnes Pugh, Mabs Lupp, Fran Wilson, Madge Fraser, Olga Everson and Heather Fox.

REPORT FROM OUR OLD V.P. HUGH WITTLETON.

For their get together on Tuesday, 1st September, Hugh reports that there were 14 apologies, nevertheless, 11 were in attendance at his home, Bribie Island, included were two visitors, our South Australian V.P. Peter Denver and his wife Pat.

Hugh thought the Ballina reunion would be well represented by Queensland members, and both he and Eileen are looking forward to seeing all at the reunion in October.



REPORT FROM OUR W.A. V.P. DON GUTHRIE.

Sadly, Don reports the death of Thelma Smith wife of Cec Smith. Thelma passed away at Fremantle Hospital on 20 August... Lily Deacon, Wilma Slinger and Babs Robertson attended the Funeral Service on behalf of the Association.

Don was unable to attend the service owing to a prior specialist appointment for wife Raema. Sincere condolences go out to Cec and family from Association members Australia wide. DATE TO REMEMBER FOR W.A. MEMBERS: WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 11.30 ONWARDS... All W.A. members, wives and friends will meet at Anzac House Perth.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - EXISTING MEMBER: MONA ELLIOTT, UNIT 3, 4 SHELLEY RD., KALAMUNDA W.A. 6076.

REPORT ON NEWCASTLE MEETING FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

Raffle held in aid of the Swimming Club paid dividends to a couple of our members, Harold Tresidder and Marg Tynan & Doris Tonks... Alf & Doreen, Harold & Marge gave a glowing account of their recent holiday at Coolangatta. Doreen has been in hospital having a cataract operation, and is much better now, Doris Tonks tripped, sustaining a broken wrist - so, a couple in the 'wars', all in all, health wise, not too bad. Attending:- Alf & Doreen, Pat & Gwen, Doris and Jack, Harold & Marge, Laura Vial'l and Robbie & Mona.

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GENERAL BUSINESS 23 AUGUST, 1994.

This month's General Business kicked off with a cordial welcome to all from President Alf, & after that Vic Forbes set the ball rolling with his report on his attendance to the 2nd Anniversary of the dedication of the Sandakan Memorial, Burwood Park, attended by 600 plus, of these schoolchildren predominated... Guest Speaker, Sir David Griffin spoke of Japan, who as a nation has yet to come to terms with her past, to visit the sins of one generation upon another is civilised.

Fox gave thoughts on the 1995 50th Anniversary of the end of the Pacific War, and suggested that a church service at the Garrison Church would be appropriate for this occasion (Ted's suggestion was put on hold for further discussion at the September Meeting.)

Major General Gordon Maitland reported that he had lunch with Sir Ivan, and was very pleased to say our Patron seemed to be much better... Whils't on his feet, Gordon told an Irish joke, I guess having in mind the recent Games in Canada.

Happy moments when Phil Smith announced that he has joined those lucky band of men who have been awarded the O.B.E. (over bloody eighty), with that told a joke - strictly for men only. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 1500hrs.

PARCELS FROM HOME: Eagerly looked forward to were parcels from home, although it most entirely depended on the soldier's personal circumstances, the success or otherwise of enemy aircraft or shipping, and the inevitable delays, which could add up to weeks before they arrived. Parcels! What a word of wonder, what a word to conjure with, what a word of joyous memories! Think what it meant for us who had been fed on bully beef, cold and stewed, Army biscuits, plum jam, and tea, day in day out to receive a parcel containing such things as cake, chocolate, mixed biscuits, Cafe au lait! tinned tongue or tinned fruit! The ecstasy of reception, contemplation, mastication of such things is indescribable to any who have known really strained circumstances.

Otherwise reasonable selection could be ruined by one blunder. I once saw a parcel consisting of cigarettes, cake, socks and soap in the midst of which a bunch of a dozen bananas had been inserted, some 4 weeks earlier when the consignment had been proudly dispatched from a well meaning relation... The parcel would have been a good illustration for the phrase "the bondage of corruption" - even the socks seemed to have surrendered to the general dissolution

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LILLI MARLENE was a haunting song about a German Soldier's girl who crossed the front line in North Africa in 1942 to be adopted by allied troops. Lilli's remarkable international career began, according to her creator, World War 1 soldier-poet, Hans Leip 'as a private little love song' about the girl he became involved with on an officer's course in Berlin in 1917. Lilli - her real name Betty was a green grocer's daughter at his billet, Marlene was a part time nurse and a doctor's daughter whom he encountered in an art gallery. Dreaming of Lilli while on guard duty one rainy evening with the lamplights flickering in the puddles, Marlene passed by waving her feather boa. Then, while lying on the guardroom's iron cot, Fusilier Leip composed his sentimental poem. The poem expressed the sadness of a soldier's last farewell, with its final stanza anticipating his death in action and his ghost returning to meet his girl again under lamplight Norbert Schultz, a struggling composer in Berlin, set his words to a wistful march.

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FUNCTIONS FOR BALLINA.

FRIDAY, 21 BOOKING IN - BUS TOUR BALLINA AREA - RETURN FOR LUNCH AT RSL.

SATURDAY, 22 MORNING FREE - AFTERNOON, MARCH & WREATH LAYING - REUNION DINNER.

SUNDAY, 23 BARBECUE AT ROCKY CREEK DAM PARK.

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BALLINA REUNION BOOKINGS AS AT 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1994.

ALLARDICE, N. Centrepont	CLARKE, Mrs Pte	-KIRK, C. Heritage	-POTTER, J. Pte
ALLARDICE, R. "	-DENYER, R. Hi-Craft	-LAVIS, K. Pte	-PEGG, F. Heritage
ARNOTT, A. Richmond.	-DENYER, U. " "	-LAVIS, M. "	-PARTRIDGE, H. Pte
ARNOTT, M. "	-DUBBER, L. C/Point	-LAVIS, L. "	-PARTRIDGE, O. "
AUBERSON, N. Heritage Inn	DUBBER, S. "	-LAVIS, K. "	-QUINN, E. C/point
AUBERSON, NITA. " "	-DUBBER, J. "	-LAMBOURNE, W. S/downer	-RINGROSE, J. Hi-Craft
ANDERSON, L. Coast Inn	-DUBBER, E. "	-LEVER, B. Hi-Craft	-RIORDAN, E. S/downer
ANDERSON, E. " "	-DEACON, L. Pte	-LEVER, Sue. " "	-RAE, J. "
ANDREWS, R. Pte.	-DRAYSON, L. "	-LYONS, J. " "	-RAE, M. "
ANDREWS, ELVIN. Pte.	-DRAYSON, J. "	-LOVELEE, L. S/downer	-ROBERTSON, H. Hi-Craft
ANDREWS, VAL. Pte.	-DALLA, P. S/downer	-LINDSAY, A. Richmond	-ROBERTSON, M. " "
ANDERSON, T. Hi-Craft.	-DALLA, B. "	-LINDSAY, G. "	-SILVER, H. S/downer
ANDERSON, M. " "	-DENVER, P.	-LYNCH, E. Pte	-SILVER, D. "
BROWN, J. " "	-DENVER, PAT	-LYNCH, A. "	-SCHEIBEL, J. C/point
BROWN, G. " "	-ELLIOTT, H. Hi-Craft	LYNCH, C. Pte	-SCHEIBEL, M. " "
BRADFORD, E. Sundowner	-ELLIOTT, M. " "	-MITCHELL, G. Coast Inn	-SLEEMAN, O. Boom. Cara. Pk.
BURT, H. Pte.	-ELLIOTT, D. " "	-Mitchell, H. " "	-SLEEMAN, D. " " "
BURT, M. Pte.	-ELLIOTT, J. " "	-MAXWELL, A. Hi-Craft	-SKEWES, A. Hi-Craft
BOWMAN, H. Sundowner	-EVERSON, R. Coast Inn	-	-SMITH, P. Heritage Inn
BOWMAN, N. "	-EVERSON, O. "	McKENZIE, H. " "	-SMITH, E. " "
BERTRAM, R. Heritage Inn	-FORBES, V. S/downer	McKENZIE, D. " "	-SCHWEITZER, A. Coast Inn
BERTRAM, J. " "	-FORMAN, J. Heritage	McCOSKER, E. C/point	-SCHWEITZER, J. " "
BERTHELSEN, R. Hi-Craft	-FORMAN, J. "	McADAM, R. "	-SMITH, ROSS. Richmond
BERTHELSEN, P. " "	-FORMAN, M. "	McADAM, L. "	-STRONACH, L. Heritage
BROOKE, L. Pte	-FORMAN, W. "	MACZKOWIACK, R. S/downer	-STRONACH, C. " "
BROOKE, N. "	-FORMAN, K. "	MACZKOWIACK, Y. "	-HUGHES, JOAN. Pte.
BROOKE, P. Richmond	-FOX, T. C/point	-MEEHAN, J. "	-SLINGER, W. Pte
BROOKE, M. "	-FOX, H. "	MAITLAND, G. B. B. R.	-SLINGER, K. "
BURTON, W. Centrepont	-FRIEND, G. Hi-Craft	MAITLAND, D. " " "	-SLADE, V. S/downer
BATES, M. ?	-FRIEND, M. " "	-MANGAN, W. S/downer	-SLADE, B. " "
BARNES, A. Pte	-FACEY, W. Pte	-MANGAN, C. "	-SHEAFFE, W. Pte
BARNES, B. "	-FACEY, A. "	-MAVIN, G. "	-SHEAFFE, Mrs "
BARNES, W. "	-GORMAN, A. Hi-Craft	MAVIN, J. "	-SAVIN, G. "
BRANWRATH, R. Pte	-GORMAN, M. " "	MacLENNAN, G. Richmond	-SAVIN, T. "
BAILEY, D. All Seasons	-GORMAN, T. S/downer	McWILLIAM, R. "	-TONKS, J. S/downer
BURGESS, L. El Rancho	-GORMAN, C. "	McINNES, L. Pte	-TONKS, D. "
BRUTY, P. All Seas.	-GORMAN, B. "	MAXWELL, T. Coast Inn	-TRESIDDER, H. "
BRUTY, G. " "	-GEELAN, C. RSL	MAXWELL, B. " "	-TRESIDDER, M. "
CEARNS, W. Heritage	-GEELAN, S. "	MAXWELL, M. " "	-TAYLOR, W. S/downer
CEARNS, L. "	-GRAHAM, M. S/downer	MAXWELL, M. " "	-TAYLOR, N. "
CRUTCHETT, F. Centrepont	GRAY, M. Coast Inn	MAXWELL, A. " "	-TAYLOR, J. Hi-Craft
CRUTCHETT, E. "	-GRAY, D. " "	MAXWELL, M. " "	-TAYLOR, P. " "
CAMERON, H. Sundowner	-GATTENHOF, F. "	MAXWELL, J. " "	-WRIGHT, H. Heritage
CARPENTER, V. Boom. Cara.	-GATTENHOF, N. "	McCARROL, P. C/point	-WRIGHT, H. Heritage
CARPENTER, G. " "	-GROVE, D. Pte	McMORTON, W. "	-WITTLETON, H. Boom. Cara. Park.
CROSSFIELD, H. Sundowner	-GLEESON, B. Boom Cara.		-WITTLETON, E. " " "
CROSSFIELD, J. "	-GRIEVE, M. C/point	MITCHELL, W. Pte	McWILLIAM, R. Richmond
CORK, B. "	-HAWKINS, J. Heritage		-WALKER, W. S/downer
CORK, A. "	-HAWKINS, N. "	MITCHELL, Mrs "	-WOOLCOTT, N. S/downer
CARPENTER, A. Hi-Craft	-HART, J. S/downer	MEACHAM, D. Hi-Craft	-WOOLCOTT, M. " "
CARPENTER, D. " "	-HAWKE, M. C/point	MEACHAM, U. " "	-WEBB, K. Hi-Craft
CLARK, C. Sundowner	-HOSKINS, J. "	McPHERSON, B. Pte	-WATT, K. Boom. Cara. Park
CLARK, E. Sundowner	-HUGHES, J. Pte	McPHERSON, J. "	-WHITE, C. Hi-Craft
CHASELING, J. Heritage	-HUGHES, J. Pte	NERNEY, M. Pte	-WHITE, P. " "
McNEIL, J. "	-HAMBURGER, H. Pte	NERNEY, E. "	-WILSON, T. Coast Inn
McNEIL, B. "	-JONES, L. S/downer	PARTRIDGE, J. Boom. Cara.	-WILSON, F. " "
McNEIL, E. "	-JOHNSTON, W. Hi-Craft		-DEAN, SELBY. Richmond.
McNEIL, S. "	-JONES, M. S. B. C. P.	PARTRIDGE, M. " "	-WHITMAN, H. Pte
McNEIL, M. "	-PLENTER, J. "	POPLIN, W. S/downer	-WHITMAN, A. "
CORDWELL, B. Hi-Craft	-KENNA, E. VC Hi-Craft		-WILKINSON, R. Pte
CORDWELL, I. " "	-KENNA, M. " "	POPLIN, B. "	-WILKINSON, P. "
CORDWELL, S. " "	-KING, K. Richmond	PRIVETT, B. Richmond	-WILLIAMS (POP) Pte
CROMPTON, J. Pte	-KING, F. "	PRIVETT, Mrs "	-WILLIAMS, Mrs Pte
CLARK, T. "	-KIRK, A. Heritage	PINSON, R. Coast Inn	-YOUNG, S. All Seas.
			-YOUNG, F. " "

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