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NEA. TWO MEETINGS AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, LOFTUS ST., SYDNEY.
TUESDAY, 23 MAY: Monthly Meeting commencing at 1400hrs. Committee will meet at 1100hrs.
TUESDAY, 27 JUNE: As above.
TUESDAY, 23 MAY: Ladies luncheon at the Bowler's Club of N.S.W. 95 York St., Sydney. (Arrive 1200 to 1215.) Contact Heather Fox on (02) 416 1200.
TUESDAY, 27 JUNE: As above.
GREECE, CRETE WEEK, SYDNEY, 19/20/21 & 28 MAY, 1995... Please refer to the Feb/March issue, all details appear in it.
"W.O.G." PRODUCTION.... MONDAY, 10 JULY & WEDNESDAY 12 JULY.
FRIDAY, 2 JUNE: Newcastle Region Meeting will be held at Hamilton RSL.. 1700hrs onward. Please contact Alf Carpenter for info. on this activity.
FRIDAY, 7 JULY: As above.. 1700 hrs onward.
WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE (2nd Wednesday, 1100 onwards.) Central Coast Meeting to be held at the Gosford Gosford RSL.. Contact, Wally Mangan.
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY. As above.
2/4TH AUST. INF. BN. REUNION, GOSFORD, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, 2/3/4 OCTOBER, 1995.
NOTE: Accommodation at Galaxy and Palms booked out.. Members attending the reunion requiring camping or caravan parking, please contact Wally Mangan on (043) 683-487 - 68 Yarram Road, Bensville, NSW 2251.
SPECIAL "AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS" AIRFARES FOR 1995.
1995 is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. In recognition of the significance of this anniversary both QANTAS and ANSETT AUSTRALIA have advised that all

veterans of this conflict and their spouses will be eligible for substantially discounted airfares for the duration of 1995. The fare offered by both airlines will amount to a saving of up to 60% on the existing economy class airfares. For further details, the contact numbers are as follows:-

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ANSETT AUSTRALIA.

The veteran or spouse should call Ansett's National Customer phone number 131413 from anywhere in the Country and quote PS 13093 to make their bookings. Tickets may then be paid for at any Ansett Retail Office or local travel agent.

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SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER. "AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945 - 1995." COMMEMORATIVE & SERVICE & PARADE OF BANNERS.

The Garrison Church Council invites all associations to attend. The Parade will commence at 10.00 am and proceed from Observatory Hill to the Village Green, Argyle Place (opposite the Garrison Church) where the Commemorative Service will commence at 10.30 am. Assembly time will be at 9.30 am on top of Observatory Hill. Only Banner Bearers will march. Cars can take banners up to the assembly point, but cannot remain parked. R.S.V.P. 17 August 1995 Banners.

O.M. Sallans (Service Co-Ordinator) 02 798 4130. 3/51A Sloane Street, Summer Hill 2130.

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"PROXY HONEYMOON." Nobody quite knew how Dave of Dingo Valley gathered up enough courage to ask Mabel to marry him, but he did and was duly hitched... All went well until it was time for the young couple to go off on their honeymoon.

Dave took his father aside and said to him, "Look Dad, I wish you'd do me a favour."

"Of course I will Dave," said Dad. "What is it you want me to do."

"You go on the honeymoon," Dave pleaded. "You know more about that sort of thing than I do."

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MONTHLY MEETING AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 28 MARCH, 1995.

The Meeting opened with President Alf Carpenter in the Chair. The President recited the ODE, and welcomed the following members:- A. CARPENTER, L. JONES, J. HAWKINS, P. BRUTY, B. CEARNS, W. MANGAN, T. FOX, J. MEEHAN, T. WILSON, V. FORBES, F. ROWELL, F. STAGGS, N. AUBERSON, P. SMITH, M. GRAY, R. BERTHELSEN, W. SHAW, L. CLARKE, N. ALAVOINE, "SLIM" DESMOND, R. EVERSON, L. DUBBER, A. MAXWELL, J. GALVIN, BOB LEVER. A. BOHLE, H. WRIGHT, A. ARNOTT, W. JOHNSTON, R. STEELE, JOHN RINGROSE.

APOLOGIES:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, Maj. Gen. G. Maitland (in attendance at Committee for a short time) P. Cade, G. Chrisp, J. Dubber, J. Desmond, F. Pegg, B. Lane, "Curly" Gorman, C. Powers, Wal Lambourne.

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

The Minutes of the previous Meeting as published in "WOG" were adopted. Business arising NIL. Minutes Secretary, John Hawkins recorded the following Matters and Business dealt with at this March 28 Monthly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT FROM THE PRESIDENT TO:-

MAJOR GENERAL GORDON MAITLAND: Congratulating Gordon on his Life Membership of the Association, also, a get well message.

MAJOR DOUG CHRISTIAN: Personal congratulations on being elected at the A.G.M. to be a Life Member of the Association.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE PRESIDENT FROM:-

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE LARRY DOOLEY: A card, "The expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways during our sorrow, were of the greatest comfort. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness"... VALE: John Dooley, passed away 16 February, 1995 aged 69 years.

MAJOR GENERAL GORDON MAITLAND: What a wonderful letter to receive. Thank you so much for it. I must say I was completely taken aback to learn that the Association had conferred on me the honour of life membership. However, I am greatly flattered by the opinion that my 2/4th friends have of me and I will be very proud to receive and wear my badge.

MAJOR DOUG CHRISTIAN (SURRY HILLS, VIC.) Thank you for your letter of March 3, 1995. I count it as a honour and thank all concerned. I count it as a supreme privilege to have served with the 2/4th & 2/8th Battalions constantly to trying to discern the right place to be at times.

I would be with a 2/4th Company in the morning and a 2/8 in the afternoon, when they were attacking positions. My splendid helpers, Fred Elsley, "Brig" Mc Atamney and later Neville Snowden and Cpl Tom Fernshough (2/8), and chaps who "hopped in" and helped seeing the need of the 2/8th.

Well cessation of war did not end my service to either unit as it has not for the loyal teams of volunteers who have kept the respective Associations going effectively. To my many appointments over 50 years plus, both units, as well as others I served with have, & will, be the recipients of my service and ministry. What a privilege !! God Bless all.

LORRAINE TANNOCK (KURRI KURRI - MINDER TO HARRY NEWHOUSE.): Lorraine wrote to report on the general health and various activities both she (as minder) and Harry have attended during the last few months. They attended the launch of "Australia Remembers" celebration held at the Sydney Town Hall, and Harry was thrilled to meet and speak to lots of his friends from the 2/4th. Lorraine reports Harry is keeping well, has had a few outings, with a visit to Peter-sham RSL for the World War 1 luncheon, attended the War Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney where together with two other Gallipoli Veterans' who made the 75th Pilgrimage to Anzac, met up with the eight young people who are going to Gallipoli this Anzac Day for the 80th Anniversary of the landing.

Harry is having his 100th birthday on 3rd September, 1995 and this makes him a very proud old soldier. It is expected that after the Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Meeting on this day, the Sub-Branch will be giving Harry a party to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

ESCA RIORDAN (KEMPSEY): Your welcome letter to hand with cheque included, many thanks for this. I am disappointed in missing the tour to Hamilton, but am making slow progress with my back. "We do silly things when we get on in years." My grateful thanks to the Association, may it continue in strength.

BOB JACKSON (WAGGA WAGGA 21-2-95.): Greetings from "Dagwoods" diminishing mob" in Wagga - Joe Wells, Perce Dalla, Bill Cosier, Max Sydenham & myself, it is a pleasure to write yet again to congratulate the President and your hard working Committee on another great year - so well reflected in all their annual reports published in the last issue of "White over Green."

VOL. 50. NO. 1. That means the passage of 50 years since "White over Green" first saw the light of day on 15 May, 1946. Many probably do not know who was "at the helm" in the Association on that day. Well, they were:- Patron, Brigadier I. N. Dougherty, D.S.O. & Bar. President, Ken Kesteven, M.C. Vice-Presidents, Harry L. Watts, D.C.M. & John B. Wells. Secretary, Ross Ellerman. Minute Sec. P.R. Jackson. Treasurer, W. McNab. Committee, Messrs. Nelson-Slee, Powers, J. Graham, L. Morrison, J. Morrison, E. Jackson, E. Cheadle... Editors: Harry L. Watts, D.C.M. & P.R. Jackson.

How well that torch has been carried, and how thankful we must all be for the efforts of Cec Chrystal, Dick Latimer, Elliot Schoefield, Harold Sargent, John Morrison, Peter Cade, T. Richardson, Fred Staggs, Peter Armstrong, Dick Morris, Russ McWilliam, Bill MacLennan, Ken Deacon, Bob Fergusson, Laurie Waterhouse, Ted Fox and our current editor, Pat Bruty - and all the "editorial supporters" down the years. Wonderful, to think that our Patron, Sir Ivan of 1946 vintage is still with us in 1995.

Sadly, our first President, Ken Kesteven, M.C. has passed on in April, 1995.

Congratulations to all who have kept up the good work, very best wishes for the new year ahead.

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ODE TO A WARRANT OFFICER.

The night was dark and stormy,
The C.S.M. was blind,
He fell into a water filled trench,
His head we could not find.

Written in memory of a memorable occasion at the Ing-Ting-Bing, Kilo 89 in 1941.

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THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE SECRETARY & TREASURER FOR FEB/MARCH IS NOW RECORDED. CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE SECRETARY:

SELBY DEAN (TINGA). As indicated by your report in Dec/Jan issue you are still in the land of the living. Missed you at Ballina, Ross Smith, Mary Hawke and myself went over for a very enjoyable weekend.. Reports Nancy Smith is in the McLean Home now with "old timers" disease, Bill Brooks is okay but very shaky, and stays home most of the time.. My trouble is in remission, although I had another lump removed.

This part that I am writing is on behalf of Gordon Ramage, an original who enlisted from Tinga. Gordon has lost both legs, and at present is having trouble getting an electric wheelchair which was promised at Lady Davidson Hospital. Gordon would like some one from the Association to visit him at the RSL Veterans Retirement Village, Churchill Room 71, Collaroy Plateau, Narrabeen. Phone (02) 981 5228.

CHICK SLEEMAN (THIRLMERE). Owing to wife Dot's illness with heart problems they have shifted to 56 Westbourne Ave., Thirlmere, 2572... Their new abode is a single story dwelling whereas at their last home at Shoal Bay was a two story residence, with the resulting stairs a bit hard for Dot to get up and down.. (All the best Dot & Chic, hope you enjoy your new location.) Ed.

CORRESPONDENCE IN TO THE TREASURER FROM:

MAISIE ELLIOTT: Encloses a donation, enjoys reading "WOG" and would be lost without the "news". Sends thanks to the organisers of the Ballina reunion who made it an outstanding success. Maisie reports Harry is having problems with the blood circulation in his legs which is not good news.

JOHN & MARGARET RAE: Encloses cheque for subs, nothing to report in that neck of the woods, both are keeping well-almost fit, really...Wishes all the very best for 1995.

GEORGE WILLIAMS: Encloses subs and a donation, sends his kind regards to all 2/4thers.

GEORGE COLES: Subs enclosed, and wishes all that wonderful team at "WOG"-all the very best.

TEX DALLOWAY (EDEN): Tex and Una have booked accommodation in Sydney for Anzac Day and reports that is 15 or 20 years since he last marched with the Battalion, both are looking forward to the activities on that day.

CHRIS GEELAN: Chris encloses his subs for 1995, reports both he and Shirley enjoyed Ballina, and both are looking forward to Gosford...Reports Bill Bartlett has just had an operation and is making good progress. Both had a night out with George & Heather Mitchell at the Wingham Club.

DAWN & HARRY MCKENZIE (RALEIGH): Subs and a donation enclosed. At this stage do not think they will be attending the Gosford reunion.

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CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SECRETARY APRIL/MAY ISSUE.

SELBY DEAN (TINGA): Selby sends thanks for the news about Gordon Ramage. He would be in good hands (see Selby's letter Corro. IN for Feb./March, included this issue), he has a friend who attends his needs.

Reports that Ross Smith has to use a walking stick now, owing to leg trouble and doesn't see much of Bill Brooks. Reports that, each year the R.S.M. has a 39ers dinner, this is a good success and organised by Ross.

Selby writes that the Memorial Hospital Gates at Tinga have been moved to outside the Tinga RSL Club, it will be all systems go when the lighting has been connected up, this will be a Community project with apprentices from the County Council doing the wiring, so hopefully will be finished by Anzac Day. We have arranged for the Salvation Army Captain from Inverell to perform the opening ceremony, to be done on Anzac Day before the main Anzac Day service. The names on the Memorial are of those who were killed in the wars. Selby would have liked to get the names of those who joined up from Tinga and district put on the Memorial, but on asking the price soon put an end to that idea - a lotto win would have been the only way to do this..

E. BOWDIDGE (RAVENSHOE): Ernie encloses a cheque for subs, he has been busy travelling around the country the last couple of months.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TREASURER APRIL/MAY ISSUE.

BILL COLEMAN (PORT MACQUARIE): Encloses subs and reports that he has been in hospital with an artery blockage, thankfully, he has recovered.

PAUL LAZZARINI (VIC): Paul reports that he is still in the work force (shift work), and is very busy, enjoys reading "WOG", and sends special thanks to all at the Association - a special thought to his old mate, Fred Staggs.

BETTY LEECH (WESTMEAD): Sends a donation in memory of her late husband, Les Leech and dear friend Les Fox. Enjoys reading the newsletter, sends special greetings and kind regards to Hilda and Harry Wright, also to Dick Pinson.

PHYL CHRYSTAL (CASTLECRAG): Phyl sends a cheque towards "WOG" expenses, and as always sends her kind regards to all those involved in the Association.. Sadly a bout of ill health has precluded Phil from doing many things she would have liked to do, however, is slowly getting there and looking forward to a return of energy.. Sends regards to all.

HELEN MARTIN (GOULBURN): Enjoys reading our newsletter, with most of the news from the Assocn. encloses a small donation towards the upkeep of the newsletter. (Thankfully received).

P.S. Ten years this month since George passed away, unbelievable how quickly time passes by. Thank God for Veterans' Affairs and Legacy for their care.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE EDITOR.

YVONNE DOOLEY (FIVE DOCK): I would like to thank all the members and wives of the 2/4th Bn. Association for their love, kindness and support during the last few weeks since Larry's sudden death. Especially Bonnie and Bill Panter, who came to stay with me and were a tower of strength.

My family also wish to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone for their thoughtfulness in our sad loss.

Sincerely, Yvonne.

MAJOR DOUG CHRISTIAN (VIC.) Thanks for your kind thoughts and your congratulatory message on my becoming a Life Member of the 2/4th Association. It is well known, for I have never hidden the fact, that I think I was greatly privileged to serve the 2/4 & 2/8 Battalions for two & a half years.

So far as my movements in appointments in the Southern States have permitted, and my commitments allowed, this has continued during the years since wherever I have been, and up to this day. Naturally one could not meet every need, but I've "had a go". It all adds up to a profound respect for all concerned and the concerns and fellowship of the Association has kept us all in touch.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS WERE PUBLISHED IN "THE AUSTRALIAN" DURING THE 1989 50 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6TH DIVISION IN SYDNEY.

For Major Doug Christian the job of a Salvation Army Welfare Officer attached to an army battalion in World War 2 meant providing comforts the army could not... But for the men of the 2/4th Battalion, Major Christian not only provided comforts such as tea and coffee in the heat of battle, he also tended the wounded, accompanied night patrols and carried soldiers' equipment when they were tired.

Major Christian, was attached to the 2/4th Battalion in the Aitape/Wewak Campaign.

CHRIS & PAT WHITE (GORDONVALE). After their 7 week epic trip by train, plane, car and coach which included car in Victoria, plane to Sydney and Coolangatta, coach to Ballina, then Sunlander train to Gordonvale, both report it was wonderful to be back in that beautiful part of Oz, North Queensland. They actually attended two reunions, 1st to his mother's side of a large family, who celebrated 140 years in Australia, and have 250 descendants and have been growing grapes (not all of the descendants), since 1858, they being the "Gehriges" of Barnawartha, 21km from Albury.

The 2nd reunion, that great do at Ballina, it was good to see so many gather, a wonderful sense of comradeship prevailed during the weekend. Those that organised the show are to be commended.

On their way back home, they called in to Toowoomba to see Chris's brother from Doronland College and met up with the Principal's Secretary, Mrs Annette Knappe, Ned and Marge Kenna's daughter.

Chris reports that Pat is well after having a tussle with a gravel truck, lots of damage to the car, and Pat had shock and bruises.

VIC FORBES: REPORT ON THE UNCASING OF THE COLOURS OF THE 4BN. R.A.R.

On Sunday morning, 28 January I received a phone call from Daryl Green who is the Hon. Sec. Association of 4th Infantry Battalions. He informed me of the movement after unlinking from the 2nd Bn. R.A.R. of the 4th Bn. R.A.R. who were to arrive and take up quarters at Holsworthy in June 1995 had actually arrived. The unlinking of the 2/4 Bn. R.A.R. had taken place previous to the phone call from Daryl and the Bn. Colours had been encased and flown to Sydney that weekend. The uncasing to take place at the new 4th Bn. lines at Holsworthy at 4pm 2nd February. Daryl asked me to try and get some of our people to attend, and quite a few Sydney members were contacted, and our Association was represented by Frank & Norma Rowell, Madge Fraser & myself. The Association of 4 Battalions had a good rollup led by their President, Garry Heskett.

The uncasing of the colours were carried out on the Bn. Parade Ground with every member of the unit on parade, the battalion at this stage consisted of thirty Officers and O.R's, and owing to the lack of numbers two full guards could not be on parade with the Colours. However, this did not distract from the dignity or efficiency of the Parade. The Pipe Band of the 5/7 Bn. performed very well - after uncasing the colours the Battalion was addressed by Land Commander Major General Arniston... 1 Brigade Commander, Brigadier Jim Molan, whose Brigade consists of 3rd/4th and 5/7th Battalions was also present... The 4th Battalion C.O. is Lt. Col. Ray Smith and his 2 I/C is Major Andrew McKinnon.

After the official proceedings were over, we were entertained with a nice afternoon tea and later at the Mess... In closing, I should mention that from the present strength of thirty, the 4 Bn. R.A.R. are to raise three regular and one reserve companies to bring the Battalion up to strength.

BILL MITCHELL (BALLINA). Just a note to let you know that I will be living in the new house by the time of the next issue. The new address will be:- 1 Stefan Close, Emerald Heights, 2456. I visited Doug Grove yesterday (5-4-95), and although he didn't look crash hot to me he says he is well. He leaves for Melbourne on 21st April and will be away for about six weeks. Doug hopes to make the Ned Kenna gathering at Hamilton... I haven't caught up with Eddie Miller for a while but believe he is well.

KEN CLIFT, D.C.M. (P.O. BOX 738 BROOKVALE 2100). PRESS RELEASE - "MAGIC LAND FILMS."

For those who have a vested or casual interest in the above it is advised: six of the series near completion: twelve of series will be completed by August, 1995, 50th Anniversary of conclusion of World War 2. Australian Heritage has all ingredients of a best seller, high adventure, love hatred, compassion, vivid colour, valour & comradeship, combined with the talents of Country and Western singing star, "joltin" John Fraser expressing original lyrics - song for the series. Interested, if so please contact Ken on the above address for "The Magic Land" Ken Cliff's Brilliant Movie Series.

REPORTS: President Alf reported Esca Riordan has cancelled his trip to Hamilton because of a back problem. Gave his report on all of the various activities for "Australia Remembers", which will happen from the beginning of 1995.

Editor reports 505 copies of "WOG" mailed out to all states and overseas—a production record, 1½ hours to fold and insert into envelopes, thanks to Doug Rodda and Ted Wilson (Monday stick-er team), wrappers, Ted & Heather Fox, Heather provided yummy morning tea and coffee, included tasty cakes and bikkies, the rest of the team on Wednesday were:—Ted & Fran Wilson, Harry & Hilda Wright, Vic Forbes & Madge Fraser, Alex Arnott, John Meehan, Yvonne Dooley, Beryl Poplin, of course not forgetting our Treasurer, Les who keeps the mailing stickers up to date, owing to Nell being on the sick list, John Hawkins sent his apologies.

My congratulations and thanks to all our members, who in the past and present have helped in "WOG" production, I mean without your support the cost of producing "WOG" would have been much more than what it is now.

I know there has been some resentment to me in taking the newsletter to Newcastle, let's be logical and think - we are aging, and this includes me, and to make my task as Editor as easy as possible, thus the shift to Newcastle.

Senior Vice-President Wally reported that he has been invited to attend a book launch at Kempsey. This book is in memory of those who were K.I.A. from the district, and during this period the names of those appearing in the book will have streets named after them. Our own Sergeant H.O. Hughes, K.I.A. New Guinea will have a street named after him.

Wally reports Gosford reunion bookings have slowed down, impossible to get a band through the week, so Wally contacted Bill Ford (Parramatta Pipe Band), and Bill has agreed (as a lone piper), to provide the marching theme, Lament & Flag Raising Ceremony.

6th Div. Report, Norm Auberson reported that during General Business at the last 6th Div. Meeting the Secretary informed the meeting the death of Larry Dooley, who had been a stalwart member of the 6th Division Association. "Larry as an employee of Tooheys Brewery had given great assistance to the Association with the provision of liquid refreshments at the many reunions, dating from the first held at Randwick Racecourse. Larry had also been the driving force behind the issue of the unique 50th Anniversary beer can marking the Anniversary reunion and celebration of 1989."

TREASURER REPORTS: SUMMARY OF FUNDS.

WESTPAC BANK: GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$2701
BEN. FUND ACCOUNT	700
AUST. GUARANTEE CORP: Debentures (Ben. Fund)	15000
Growth Bonds (Ben Fund)	2000
M.M. Access A/C (" ")	2145
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 28 MARCH, 1995....	\$22,546

Les Jones. Hon. Treasurer.

CASH REGISTER LIST NO. 4.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS.</u>	<u>DONATIONS.</u>
Mrs E. LEECH		150.00
E.P.A. SMITH		50.00
R. MORRIS	10.00	30.00
L. HOPE		30.00
Mrs H. MARTIN		15.00
P. LANE, W. COLEMAN, D. TAYLOR*, S. SUTHERLAND. EACH \$10S. \$10D.	40.00	40.00
J. LYONS		10.00
H. HAMBURGER		8.00
H. COX	10.00	2.00
N. AUBERSON. (CHANGE FROM SALES ITEM).		1.00
D. GUTHRIE, W. EVANS, J. GAFFNEY, E. BOWDIDGE, R. HYEM. EACH \$10S.	50.00	
J. BURNS	10.00	5.00
* New Member. Combined total:	\$461.00	
	\$120.00	\$341.00

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Mrs P.M. Rixon, 33 Robinson Road, Millner, NT 0810. ✓

Mr O.C. Sleeman, 56 Westbourne Avenue, Thirlmere, NSW 2572. ✓

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Mr G.A. Ramage, Room 71, Churchill, War Veterans Home, P.O. Box 56, Narrabeen, NSW 2101. ✓

Mr D.R. Taylor, 107 Atherton Street, Downer, ACT 2602. ✓

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GENERAL BUSINESS, MARCH 28 MONTHLY MEETING.

President Alf, during General Business, had all in attendance sign a birthday card to go out to Sir Ivan for his 88 birthday, 6 April, 1995.

Allan Bohle reported that he attended the Memorial Service for Major General George Vasey, CB,CBE,DSO & BAR,MC(Greece),DSC(USA),held at St.Andrews Cathedral,Sydney,5 March,1995 and said that the Cathedral was packed to capacity...Mick Gray spoke of entitlements for service medals - the Africa Star for Syrian service,reported only those who took part in the actual 1941 Campaign were the only ones entitled to this medal...Some discussion on B.C.O.F. Korean service medals from Mick.Harold Silver,a veteran of the Korean Campaign gave his comments on this. There being no further business,the Meeting closed at 1430.

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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.

NX4012 K.L.KESTEVEN (PLUTO).

NX9721 G.Q.B.STACK (GEORGE).

VALE:NX4012 KEN KESTEVEN.

Ken was born at Belmore on 22 July,1915 and died on 9 April,1995.He was the 4th son of Dr. Hereward and Ivey Kesteven and much of his young life was spent at Bulladelah where his father was in charge of the local hospital.

He attended Canterbury High School,from there entered the motor tyre business until the outbreak of war,then enlisted in the 2/4th Bn.as an original member. Sailed for the ME on board "Strathnaver," January,1940.Subsequently saw action in Libya,then on to Greece where on 12/13 April,1941 during the actions at Veve and Sotir,Lieutenant Kesteven showed great courage & determination,for this Ken was awarded the M.C.

Evacuated to Crete,and during the heavy fighting in the Apex Hill area Ken was wounded,hospitalised and taken POW,then spent the next four years in Germany.

Soon after returning home from the war,Ken and Fi were married at St.Anne's Strathfield. From then on both Ken and Fi led a very interesting and fruitful life.Ken started a motor tyre business and introduced aluminium casting and became engaged in the design and manufacture of metal outdoor furniture.

Post war years saw Ken joining the C.M.F. in 1948,and duly appeared on the "Regimental reserve of Officers",2nd Inf.Bn.(Newcastle),transferred to 1st NSW Lancer Regiment,appointed 2 i/c HQ 1st Armoured Regiment,(CMF).Transferred to the 17/18th Inf.Bn.(Chatswood)in 1955... was promoted to Major during this service.On 5th May,1955 and seconded to Staff Duties,2 Div. from 1955 to 1957,serving as D.A. & Q.M.G.

His last appointment was the University of Technology Regiment as Lt.Colonel.

In 1946 Ken became President of the 2/4th Battalion Association,his solidarity,his warmth to his fellow men manifested in him becoming Secretary of the Association in 1953 and a Life Member in 1980.

Using his own resources,and together with the help of Fi,Ken printed "White over Green" for a long period; was on Committee until ill health forced him to retire at the 1995 A.G.M. On the 13 April,1995 at the Anglican Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Kenneth,Leighton Kesteven,M.C.,E.D., held at the Holy Trinity Garrison Church,the Eulogy was read by Ted Fox. Memories from son,John Kesteven,the RSL Service by Harry Wright.

Prayers and Bible Reading by the Rev.Brian Seers.

Ending the Eulogy,Ted Fox gave this final message:- "Fi,to you and to your family,your son John,your daughter Lynne and son-in-law Lew,your granddaughter Leonie,your sister Nao,and also to Ken's brother and sister,Geoffrey Kesteven and Barbara Cush,I now convey the concerned thoughts and deepest sympathies of Major General Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty,Lady Dorothy Macarthur-Onslow,Ion MacArthur-Onslow,Major General Gordon and Dorothy Maitland,our Association President Alf Carpenter,and all 2/4th Battalion Association members and supporters,Ted concluded by reciting,in memory of Ken...."The Infanteers Prayer."

Paying their last respects from the Association were:-Alf Carpenter,Wally & Connie Mangan,Fred Staggs,Ted & Heather Fox,Ted & Fran Wilson,John Hawkins,Bill Cearns,Norm & Nita Auberson,Vic Forbes,Madge Fraser,Phil Smith,Alan Bohle,Ferd Pegg,Jack Huston,Bob Lever,Dick Pinson,Alex Maxwell,Ray Berthelsen,Wal Johnston,Bob Lane,Frank Rowell,John Ringrose,Alex Arnott,Harold & Del Silver,Harry & Hilda Wright and Harold Bowman.

Apologies:- Les Jones,Pat Bruty,John Meehan,Chris Geelan and Audry Venn.

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VALE: NX9721 GEORGE STACK.

After being transferred from Concord Hospital to Lottie Stewart Hospital,Dundas,George sadly passed away a few days later on the 1st April.

George enlisted early in January,1940,joined the 2/4th Inf.Bn.and sailed the next week in the first convoy to leave Australia.

He then served with the Battalion till the end of the war with active service in Libya,Greece,Darwin and New Guinea.

After the war George joined the Battalion Association and would probably have been the longest active serving member, serving on Committee for years and was Secretary for eleven years from 1963 to 1973 and became a Life Member in 1971. One of his exceptional duties to his fellow men, he was on the hospital visiting team, visiting Concord Hospital for almost 30 years. A Funeral Service was held for George on the 5th April at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. George Williams from Epping R.S.L. conducted the R.S.L. Service.

Paying their last respects to George from the Association were:- Gordon Maitland, Norm Auberson, Ted & Heather Fox, Ted & Fran Wilson, Phil Smith, Vic Forbes, Madge Fraser, Ferd Pegg, Alan Bohle, Dick Pinson, Alex Maxwell, Rex Everson, Tom Gorman, Alex Arnott, George Parry, Harry & Hilda Wright, Mrs Mayer, widow of Albert (Gus) Mayer, M.I.D. NX5125.

Apologies:- Alf Carpenter, Fred Staggs, Bill Cearns, John Hawkins, Wally Mangan. Report from Harry Wright.

George, we that are left salute you, your wonderful friendship shown to your fellow men both in the old 2/4th and in the Association was an inspiration to all of us.

LEST WE FORGET.

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TREASURER'S CASH REGISTER LIST NO.5.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS.</u>	<u>DONATIONS.</u>
MS.R. & MRS G.BLACKSTOCK		100.00
R.DENYER.		50.00
G.GARTRELL, V.MANCHESTER, A.MILLER. EACH \$10S. \$20D.	30.00	60.00
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P.DALLA.	10.00	10.00
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A.BEDFORD	20.00	
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Mr. W.Mitchell, 1 Stefan Close, Emerald Heights, N.S.W. 2456.

ADDRESS NEW MEMBER.

Mr.T.W.Manser, 7 Macleay Avenue, Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076.

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BOOK LAUNCH. KEMPSEY 1-4-1995....REPORT FROM S.V.P.WALLY MANGAN.

TWO SERVICES. (1) Streets of Honour (the book), Service and Dedication for the servicemen named in the book.

It was held in the Memorial Gardens and Hall at Kempsey R.S.L.

An expected crowd of 250 expanded to 400 including relations of K.I.A. of the book, representatives of the units these servicemen were from in the action that they lost their lives.

Harold (parker) Hughes was from D.Coy 2/4th, killed at Wewak.

It was very well organised and very well presented. It was a moving and very sincere program. The speakers were very good and warmly accepted. Jim Brown and Ned Kenna must be congratulated. The included program was presented in full context on time. The speakers,

CHAIRMAN: Darrell Crilly, President Sub Branch... WELCOME & APOLOGIES: Darrell Crilly,

RESPONSE: Councillor Stuart McIntyre OAM, Mayor, Kempsey Shire Council.

Mr B.L.Jeffery MP, Member for Oxley

Mr G.E.Priest, State President R.S.L.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER: Mr G.B.Nehl MP, Member for Cower

Hon. Con Sciacca MP, Member for Bowman, Minister for Veterans Affairs.

J.H.Brown, O.A.M. invites Edward Kenna, V.C. to launch the book

THANKS: To Edward Kenna, V.C... M.J.Dutton, Vice-President Sub-Branch,

S.K.Saul, A.M. Vice-President R.S.L.

APPRECIATION: Mrs Margaret Telford.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR... AFTERNOON TEA... COURTESY RSL WOMENS AUXILIARY.

Kempsey-Macleay R.S.L. Sub Branch extends its appreciation to all who in any way have assisted to make this significant day possible.

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ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL, 1995.

Eighty years ago, as they drifted towards the beaches of the Gallipoli Peninsular, the Australian troops of the Anzac Contingent thought not of etching their names in history, they only wanted to do, what they believed to be their duty.

And they so did without flinching. At the end of it all, almost 8000 young Australians lay dead on the blasted hills of Gallipoli.

Their deaths were not in vain, for they wrote a chapter in the annals of courage and faith which inspires us yet. Today, we remember them, those who answered the call to serve; to give up their lives so that, we that remain, might enjoy freedom and peace.

ANZAC DAY IN SYDNEY - REPORT BY EDITOR.

Favoured with glorious weather, Anzac Day, 1995 in Sydney proved one of the most successful in the proud record of our Association's activities.

Beginning with an attendance of 37 members at the early morning march and Wreath-laying Ceremony at which Les Jones brought along the Flags and Banner and Pres. Alf Carpenter together with Doreen provided the Wreath, the attendance then increased to 70 for the Main March to 82 at our Official Anzac Day Luncheon at the Gallipoli Memorial Club.

The main Anzac Day March for the 2/4th Association was led by President Alf Carpenter, with Patron Major Gen. Gordon Maitland and our Banner Party from the 4th/3rd Battalion and preceded by the Parramatta Pipe Band, our Unit showed to great advantage on the Anzac March, with the Association "White over Green" ties conspicuous in their uniformity.

Mick Gray ably carried out his duties of Marshal, for which he has our thanks.

As a participant, one marvels at the popularity of Anzac Day with the march route lined with a sea of faces, young and old, babes in arms and Aussie flags waving, this, somewhat makes the adrenaline flow to a greater rate than normal, to cap this, halfway up George Street, and you know the old saying of "Dagwood's", "White over Green, always to be seen", came to light as our 2/4th Ladies Cheer Squad swelled out from the pavement to cheer us on. For this, from the 'boys' to the "girls"- I must say this, we love you all.

As mentioned, the march for this day and our age was well attended in the 2/4th ranks. Unfortunately, in having two conflicting bands with us, as those who marched know full well. Our band, the Parramatta Caledonian, giving us a nice easy 110 to the minute, and a gutsy brass band cheering us up at something of Light Infantry pace, and so far as the tail enders were concerned the step was a little ragged, to put it mildly.

This year our Anzac Day reunion and luncheon was held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club's South Pacific Restaurant, and with words of welcome and a minimum of discussion on Monthly Business, President Alf adjourned Matters/Business to our May Monthly Meeting.

Apologies received from:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, Lt. Col. Graham Fleeton, David Wren, Chris Geelan, Peter Cade, Charlie Hill, Mick Hyem, Ferdie Pegg, "Bookie" Rae and Dave Follington.

President Alf then proceeded with the formalities of the Anzac Day reunion, these were:-

Ted Fox recited the Dick Morris Grace.... John Hawkins with the Loyal Toast.

As we all stood in Silence, Secretary Fred Staggs read out the names of our members who had passed on since last Anzac Day:-

NX5834 GARDINER L.M.	SX18955 HART T.A.	NX68546 CHIDGEY
NX6084 GORHAM C.R.	NX5163 DAWSON T.	NX69853 HEAD A.J.
NX160852 BARRETT V.F.	NX2001 CARRINGTON K.C.	NX26868 DOUGLAS J.E.
VX30794 SHERIDAN J.J.	NX10742 RIXON R.	NX142329 ROSS A.K.
NX5904 NEWTH W.H.	NX5587 LOY W.H.	NX113224 PLATTS L.A.
VX93941 CAIN J.H.	NX2616 SHORT C.G.	NX73180 PRICE G.R.
NX11176 MORTON R.A.	NX5879 KINGSLEY L.K.	NX89118 TUCKETT R.G.
NX5162 DAWSON T.	NX68535 DUNN W.E.	NX174013 DOOLEY J.A.
N 0 WATERHOUSE L.	NX30835 KESSELL G.R.	NX126868 FRENCH R.
NX40308 COX H.V.	NX5984 ANDERSON B.W.	NX13261 HICKS J.M.
NX9721 STACK C.Q.B.	NX4012 KESTEVEN K.L. (MC, ED.)	NX5888 WHITFIELD W.J.

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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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The luncheon this year was a smorgasbord of good quality Chinese fare and generous proportions. A "dry" till operated during the luncheon and into the afternoon. As always, the Staff from the G.M.C. were helpful and courteous making our Anzac Day reunion a pleasant occasion. Two items of great significance, the presentation of Life Membership badges to a couple of stalwarts of the Association.... President Alf Carpenter presented Patron Major General Gordon Maitland with his badge... Major General Gordon Maitland invested Phil Smith with his Life Membership badge... Both gentlemen responded accordingly.

At appropriate intervals the relevant toasts and responses for Guests and the Battalion were made by our Official Guests in the persons of Major General Gordon Maitland, AO, OBE, RFD, ED (RL), Major General Ray Sharp AO, RFD, ED, (RL), Lt. Col. Vin Hallinan, RFD, ED, Lt. Col. Mat Vertzonis, C.O., 4th/3rd Battalion..

President Alf then congratulated all for their bearing in the march and was proud to be their leader on this occasion, he then gave special thanks to the Banner Party from the 4th/3rd for doing so much to make our day a success. With that, called on Senior Vice President, Wally Mangan to propose the Toast to our Guests, and during his address, Wally gave special emphasis to the importance of the Distinguished Guests to our Anzac Day Celebrations.

Replying, Patron Maj. General Maitland spoke of the privilege given to him on this 80th Anniversary of Anzac to march with the 2/4th, he then relayed a message from Sir Ivan, "Tell all of them to have a good day; tell them all that I am thinking of them."

Major General Ray Sharp responded by saying he was proud to support the 2/4th, not only at the luncheon, also to view the 2/4th swing along in today's march.

Both Lt. Colonel Vin Hallinan and Lt. Colonel Mat Vertzonis spoke in glowing terms of the old 2/4th, also their own involvement in the military scene.

President Alf Carpenter responded on behalf of the Battalion with:- "We can count ourselves privileged to enjoy the fellowship of our Distinguished Guests today in the presence of old faces we encountered during our youthful years and who are left on this day, and now regard themselves fortunate to be in the company of you distinguished gentlemen!" "We of the 2/4th toast you."

In ending my Anzac Day report, let's pause and thank Alf Carpenter for his dedication to this Anzac Day, Les Jones for his actions as minder of the Banners and Flags, and keeper of the purse, to John Meehan who hasn't missed an Anzac Day march with the unit, Bob Fergusson and "Lofty" Taylor, their appearance on this day gave all a special boost, Secretary Fred Staggs for his thoughts before reading the LAST POST about our three recent passing long serving members, George Stack, "Larry" Dooley and Ken Kesteven; special congratulations to our Committee and all of the gentlemen of the 2/4th and the gentlewomen who turned up to support our Battalion.

The following should be proud of their effort:- A. CARPENTER, MAJOR GENERAL G. MAITLAND, MAJOR GENERAL R. SHARP, LT. COL. V. HALLINAN, LT. COL. M. VERTZONIS, L. JONES, P. SMITH, E. JACKSON, A. BOHLE, MICK GRAY, V. FORBES, J. HAWKINS, F. STAGGS, P. BRUTY, JIM BROWN, BOB FERGUSON, "LOFTY" TAYLOR, T. FOX, G. DALE, R. BERTHELSSEN, A. MAXWELL, "BE" SCOTT, T. WILSON, D. WILSON, A. MANUEL, S. YOUNG, P. LAYEY, A. LINDSAY, ROD STEELE, CHAS GRANDQUEST, J. MEEHAN & SON PHILLIP, B. CORK, L. CLARKE, R. COOTES, G. BOHLE, WALLY MANGA, B. LANE, C. FAILEY, C. POWERS, "BISCUITS", J. FORMAN, N. ALAVOINE, N. JOHNSTONE, JOHN HYLES, J. HUSTON, F. CRUTCHETT, N. MCGREGOR, PARRIS MACDOUGALL, (son of the late J. McDougall, MM), G. PATTERSON & SON BARRY, JOHN KESTEVEN, (son of the late Ken Kesteven, MC, ED), TEX DALLOWAY, HARRY WRIGHT, L. ADAMS, R. DENYER, T. WATSON, W. HONEY, "CURLY" GORMAN, H. BOWMAN, N. AUBERSON, BILL FOGDEN, W. JOHNSTON, J. DESMOND, R. EVERSON, F. ROWELL, K. KING, C. CAMERON, BILL CEARN, WALLY SHAW, RICK MORRIS, (son of the late Dick Morris.) THE THREE SYDENHAM BROTHERS, MAX (WAGGA), LEN (SOLOMON ISLANDS) & BARRY, (HURSTVILLE). Included in the above - eight from the 4th/3rd Bn. Banner Party.. E&OE. Editor.

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VICTORIAN ANZAC DAY REPORT FROM BILL PANTER.

Another Anzac Day has come and gone and unfortunately we lose some of our mates each year, but I was very proud to lead our boys once again and the eleven able bodied men who marched were Les Drayson, Stan Carpenter, Val Cunningham, Wendy Oh, Jim Steel, Ken Williams, Stan Pretty, Barney Burns, Haydon Cook, Doug Christian and yours truly. I must thank Ken Williams for arranging his scouting family for carrying the Banner.

I had the honour of presenting Doug Christian with his Life Member's badge before the march on behalf of the Association and thanked him for the wonderful work and support that he has given all of us over the years, he has not been well lately but bravely came and marched with us.. Thank you Doug.

We proceeded to the Clayton RSL for our reunion and we were joined by Jim and Betty Barrow, Vic & Ruth Hill, Jack Lyons, Joan Drayson, Doug Grove, Betty Burns, Rose Hicks and Bonnie Pantar. It was great to have the ladies join with us and we were very well looked after again by the RSL who provided us with a hot meal. A big thank you to Stan Pretty for keeping sweet with the Committee and arranging for us to have a great day.. We had a message from Cec Chrystal's daughter, Sue wishing us all the best for the day.

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FROM JOHN MEEHAN.

Now every April I sit on my porch,
And I watch the parade pass before me,
And I see my old comrades, how proudly they march,
reviving old dreams and past glories,
And the old men march slowly,
Their bones stiff and sore,
They're tired old heroes from a forgotten war,

And the young people ask what are
they marching for,
And I ask myself the same question,
And the band plays Waltzing Matilda,
And the old men still answer the call,
But as year follows year, more old men
disappear,
Someday no one will march there at all.

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A LATE MESSAGE FROM PRES. ALF: "AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995." PAPUA NEW GUINEA VETERANS

AFFAIRS TOUR... A request for one nomination from the 2/4 Bn. Asscn. resulted in a ballot from a dozen nominations, including postal nominations. An independent scrutineer drew the ballot. Results: (1) Nick Allardice, (2) Alf Carpenter, (3) Ron Coutts. Nick Allardice had to withdraw on medical grounds. Pres. Alf forwarded to Vets. Affairs for national ballot. All the names were then forwarded to the ballot of Asscn. of 4th Bns, resulting in Douglas Kerrigan of 4th Bn. AIF funded.

God save the Queen.

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