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LADIES NIGHT

DECEMBER 1st

ROYAL NAVAL HOUSE (Grosvenor Street)
at 8 p.m.

THAT'S THE DAY, THE PLACE AND THE TIME,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

We'll be glad to see you there and you will be glad
that you have come

DICK PINSON'S **FULL BAND** WILL SUPPLY THE MUSIC

Lucky Door Prize (a Beaut)

IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN YOUR WIFE OUT THIS YEAR
IT'S TIME YOU DID. — TAKE HER TO
THE LADIES' NIGHT !

ANNUAL COMBINED SMOKO

The Annual Combined Smoko of the 4th Bn. 1914-18 and the 2/4th Bn. 1939-45 was held in our meeting room at the Royal Naval House, Grosvenor Street, City, on Friday evening, the 3rd of November.

The official side of the business was held over until 9 p.m. when a very impressive ceremony, in memory of Fallen Comrades, was conducted by our President, John Copland.

At 9 p.m. the lights went out and all present faced the Cross of Remembrance for two minutes' silence. The Ode was repeated by Fred Staggs, and after an interval of silence the Lament was played on the pipes. This was a very imposing ceremony and much better than our usual two minutes' silence.

After the ceremony, John Copland proposed the Royal Toast and then called on our Vice-President, John Morrison, to propose the toast to our Guests and Visitors.

Col. Hovendine (President 4th Bn. Ass.) responded on behalf of the Guests and Visitors and gave a very interesting speech, touching on his relationship with the 4th Bn. in the 1914-18 show and the 6th Division in the last do.

After completion of the official business the eats were served and thanks to our caterers there was more than enough for every one. Naturally refreshments were served as from admittance until "Time Gents" was called.

Our old friends of the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band were in attendance as usual and during the show entertained us at intervals with some very inspiring Scotch tunes. Unfortunately they could not turn up en-masse as they had another important function to attend so some of the boys went there. This may have been all for the good as Tony Parkison (Manager of the Royal Naval House) claims most of his customers walked out.

If I had another brain it would be lonely as I nearly forgot one of the most important events. Immediately after all the speeches Dick Morris presented to Col. Hovendine a new name plate for the cottage at Brooklyn. This plate was designed and manufactured by Dick himself. It was a simple but impressive design. It included the 2/4th colour patch over imposed with a large brass "A" in the centre for Anzacs. Originally it was to have been a plain colour patch but Bede Keary (Secretary 4th Bn.) insisted that it should bear the grey background for the 2nd A.I.F.

Amongst our distinguished guests was Fred Townshend of the 4th Bn. Fred is senior Vice-President of the Western Australia R.S.S.A.I.L.A. and is over here to attend the Annual Congress in Canberra. He read our ad. in the paper and decided it was a must. Good on you Fred and very pleased we were to see you come down.

Jack Read, original Drum Major of the 4th Bn., claims he was the first official Drum Major appointed in the A.I.F. While the pipes were playing he gave a display with his walking cane.

I did hear a rumour during the evening that Barney Conaty was the first man crimed in the 4th Bn. The charge was that "Prejudice to good order and military discipline he did appear on parade with a dirty bow and arrow. (Must have been in the early stages of the war as I believe the weapons improved later on.)

Roll Call

4th Bn.: R. Read, L. Mawson, G. Milner, H. Hovendine, B. Keary, F. Townshend, H. Stafford, and the old warrior Barney Conaty.

2/4th: D. Morris, F. Searle, T. Gorman, R. Gilliland, J. Robin, J. Morrison, J. Copland, C. Chrystal, F. Staggs, J. Jocelyn, T. Bartlett, R. Barber, P. Betts, L. Karanges, V. Forbes, L. Hadlow, K. Kesterven, H. Coomber, W. Stewart, R. Jackson, M. Wright, N. Bowman, R. Everson, J. Jordon, E. Binstead, D. Pinson, C. Hanson, K. Deacon, Squiz Taylor, A. Aulzelak, Slim Pollock, R. Lever, J. Caffney, J. Ringrose, and last but not least four members of the pipe band.

GUESSING COMPETITION

I had the pleasant duty of delivering the first prize (Transistor Radio) to Alec Reamey and this was done on the Saturday afternoon following the drawing.

He was tickled pink at winning a prize and invited me in for a drink. Over two Scotch whiskies (Alec not drinking) both he and his good wife said that they were overjoyed with winning the radio but they had absolutely no use for it as they were well equipped with that type of thing and all they could think to do with it was to donate it back to the Association.

I told them that I thought they were being over generous and they should keep it for a few days and give it some thought before deciding definitely.

They both insisted that they did not require any time as their minds were definitely made up.

The transistor was donated back to the Association for the Committee to decide on how to dispose of it and the only stipulation made was that all monies raised were to go to the Welfare Fund. This I think was an excellent gesture and both deserve a word of praise for their wonderful and unselfish thought.

To both of you I wish many years of health and prosperity.

CORRESPONDENCE

Guessing Competition butts and money from following:—Gil Hewitt, T. Gorman, G. Friend, and subs, W. Eslick. G. Vilder also subs. Mrs. Widgery, F. Catley, D. Stubbins and subs. F. Varley and subs. D. Taylor. G. Moore and two years' subs. E. Hester also with two years' subs. C. Cameron and subs. N. Nai-Smith and subs. G. Munro. T. Fox and two years' subs. A. White sends £2 donation as cannot find books. B. Sumpter. J. Reynolds and mentions meeting Snow Morgan (Lithgow) and Jack Chambers (Wellington), J. Robertson, F. Frizelle, S. Kennin gale. S. Blacksley, N. Rogers and subs. W. Grenner. R. Carter, B. Keary, Snow Moores. Bub Graham, J. Moloney. Snow Morgan and two years' subs. T. Clarke. B. Watson. R. Coutts and subs. D. Stronach. A. McCaffrey. Bill Reamey and also £1 donation to welfare fund and don't forget the donation of the transistor. S. McCready and subs. Pat Conway. J. Andrews.

From Ted Knox we received the butts and money along with the information that he has given up

banana growing and has been with the Department of Main Roads for the past four years. There are two 2/4th boys with him on the job, the Slade twins from "C" Coy. They are doing quite well with a tip truck each. Also meets Roy Lane each May when he comes up to Brunswick Heads for his annual holidays.

Subs from Hugh Livingstone, Ternside, via Lismore—a new member.

From Esca Riordan we received the information that the two women behind the scenes helping with the correspondence and typing which helped to make Kempsey such a successful do were Mrs. Dalling and Miss Purdy. To these two wonderful ladies we offer our thanks. Esca also informs us that since we left the district it has rained heavily. (How fortunate not on our weekend!)

Pat Conway, Stockton, gives news of Jack Trehearne and Dick Mennie. He also passes along the information of the death of Jack Dawber and that he had the honour of doing the R.S.L. Service at the burial. Jack Trehearne would like the address of Slim Desmond. He also includes a nice poem but doubt if we will have room in this issue.

From R. Saunders, Hon. Secretary of Macleay Sub-Branch:

"Dear Sir. The Macleay Sub-Branch of the R.S.S.-&A.I.L.A. has directed me to write to your Association to express our feelings on the impression created in Kempsey during the occasion of your Re-union.

All members agreed that the conduct and comradeship of your Association was of a standard to be envied by any organisation. Thank you for having visited us and you may be sure that a hearty welcome will always await your members in Kempsey.

Please do not hesitate to consider Kempsey as a venue for any future Re-unions of your Association."

From the Parramatta Pipe Band, accepting the invitation to the Annual Smoko.

Kim Lindsay, son of John Lindsay: I saw in the latest W.O.G. that you have extra reproductions of the map showing the 2/4th Bn.'s position in the first encounter with the Germans. Apart from collecting war books (about 150) I also collect souvenirs. I have about 25, which include a German Iron Cross (1st class), a War I German helmet, an Australian officer's ceremonial sword, a Spitfire control handle, and Dad's summer tunic, etc. The one thing I have not got is a German helmet from War II. These are actually rarer than those from War I, but there must be a few around. Of course an Afrika Corps cap would be asking too much. If you would ask your mates for me I would appreciate it very much. (What about it boys.—Ed. Also believe map in question will be left at the Imperial Services Club for your dad to pick up, Kim; thanks for the letter.)

From Bill Smith: Received a visit from Harry and Hilda Wright, whom I have not seen for 16 years,

on their way back from Kempsey. Pleased to hear the Kempsey Re-union was a success. Talking about Re-unions. No doubt you or your Committee has at some time or other thought, why don't we, here at Tamworth put on the Re-union. Well the date laid down for it is not suitable for Tamworth. This is because the 8th Div. have their Re-union at that time. Also many sporting events are held in the town. These cause a shortage of accommodation and booking out the R.S.L. for the weekend. (Too bad Bill, we were hoping.—Ed.)

Bill also sends in two years' subs. and a donation of 10/—.

Return thanks from family of the late Roy Hobman.

From Robyn Jocelyn: 7/6 for Association Badge for Jack Jocelyn.

Subs. from Fred Bourke, Long Jetty.

(Continued from October Issue)

Cheque to cover tie and badge, two years' subs. and a donation to the benefit fund from K. Montgomery. Thanks Keith.

Another cheque from Fred Dibden to cover ticket butts and subs. Thanks Fred, you are now financial to 1963.

Snowy Moores is now living in Gorokan (Newcastle area) and sees a few of the boys from time to time. Recently he met Bill White, ex "B" Coy., at a Bird and Dog Show up there in aid of Legacy. Sends best wishes to the Association.

D. R. (Speed) Taylor sends subs. and is working on Keith Bailey (also of Canberra) to get him into the Association. Also hopes to convert George Taylor. Thanks Speed.

Correction of address from Bill Hodge. It's noted, Bill.

Cheque for balance of subs. from Wal Taylor and for the ticket butts. Thanks Wal.

Noreen (Harry Dowling's wife) sends cheque for Harry's subs. for a couple of years, tie and for the ticket butts. Thank you both.

Subs. are also acknowledged from the following: Clem Roddy, Harry Whitman, K. W. Hunter, F. Wright, Ray Ford, Charlie Reynolds, Leo Lynch, A. Kirk, and the following new members: Ray Want (Maclean), A. Priest (Bonaldi), M. N. Pezzutti (Lismore), W. H. Sheafe (Goonengerry), John Smith (Macksville), R. A. Green (Wingham), Max Nernay (Urbenville), S. Blanche (Port Macquarie), C. J. Byrne (Tweed River) and Jack Hughes (Lismore).

From Ian Campbell, a return thanks card for our sympathy on the death of his wife.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

GENTLEMEN!

Well the Guessing Competition is over, much hard work, meticulous records kept and the result? £215 towards our very worthy Battalion funds.

To the old Faithfuls who bought or sold tickets go our thanks and thanks again. Regarding the others — well we can only wonder!!

Two books of 10/— each — one pound in all — were sent to 495 members of the Association and of these 288 sent back butts and money. 183 people did not reply in any way and 24 others returned the two books completely intact.

Now some of the latter two groups are men of substance, well to the fore, and men you'd stake your life on being good men for the cause. The details of course are confidential to the Guessing Competition Sub-committee, but Goodness me, Gentlemen, what do you expect from the Associa-

tion? Do you think costs have gone down? Rent decreased? Our monthly paper being printed free? Do you consider our efforts to build up a Benevolent Fund and to publish a Unit History are not worthwhile — or what?

Anyway here are the results:

Total receipts, £288/0/0.

Expenditure: Prizes, £48/14/0; Postage, £10/0/0; Printing, £14/0/0; Total, £72/14/0.

Net gain, £215/6/0.

We have much to be grateful for in those both inside and outside the Association who did more than their share and so kept the costs down to a minimum.

There were, too, the good friends who sold us the prizes at very low rates just to help an Infantry Association. But one can't go on month after month naming the same stalwart members who remain firmly in the background but are always anxious to do more than we could ever ask of them.

The names of the lucky winners are published elsewhere. I thank them for their support and wish them every joy in their prizes.

LADIES' NIGHT

You may have noticed on the front page that we are having a Ladies' Night.

YOU NOTICED IT? (

WILL YOU AND THE GOOD LADY BE ALONG?
GOOD-OH, WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

General and Mrs. Dougherty will be there.

Alf and Mrs. Carpenter are coming down from Newcastle especially for it.

Dick Pinson's FULL band will be supplying the dance music.

There will be a lucky door prize donated by Massa Brooks.

We are to have a Christmas cake especially designed and executed for the occasion.

Wally Lambourne will be showing up with a party, including Jim O'Regan, of Kempsey fame.

Lizard Leech is about due for a night out, too, so he and his good wife, Betty, had better get cracking and organise a party. He needn't bring his paint brushes this time though.

SO SHOW UP ONE AND ALL, IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD NIGHT.

GUESSING COMPETITION WINNERS

1st Prize (Transistor radio): Bill Reerney, 8 Com-

modore Street, North Sydney. Ticket No. 7502.

2nd Prize (Pair of double blankets): G. Gordon, 16 Cecil Street, Caringbah. Ticket No. 3438.

3rd Prize (Sheets and pillow cases): Miss Susan Holey, Hotel Coonamble, Coonamble. Ticket No. 5769.

We congratulate the winners and thank them and all others for their support.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

At the R.G.H. we saw Fergy (that is D. Ferguson). Fergy is unemployed at the moment but hopes to get a job at Repat. in the Grace Buildings.

Also there in Ward 510 is Jim Davis. Wal Brooks, we think, is in Ward 530, and we have to look up Fred Hubbard on our next visit. He was admitted since the last visit, and is in Ward 520.

COCK'S COLUMN

From Mrs. E. Herbert, of Northmead, an excellent post card size photo of Cpl. C. W. Herbert, NX 5188. Charlie enlisted Parramatta, was in H.Q. Coy. Pioneer Pte. (Was a mate of Scottie Irvine.) I was very pleased to get this photo as we did not have one of Charlie. Many thanks Mrs. Herbert.

After seeing some friends off at Central (railway) a voice behind me said: "2/4 Battalion". It was Slim Morgan, lives at Berala, is a mate of Joe Lowe's. They work together (what a double). He said Joe and himself would definitely be at the September meeting and they failed to do so.

From H. Leo Carter, NX 5980, "Murrella," Kenyu Road, Boorowa, by post a registered package. Items for War History. A Sports and Social Club Programme of the Strathnaver, a Souvenir issue, a copy of the Blue Light, Feb., 1940, on back page details of Cricket match at Colombo. (Leo wishes this copy returned to him after use.) Newspaper photo of Mr. Eden with Australian Troops in Palestine, also oil tanks burning at Haifa, one P.C. photo and twenty-seven snapshots. (These will be detailed later, Leo.) Some of the boys he mentioned: Keith Ross, Roy McAdam, Darkie Abbott, Curley Donaldson and Bob Griffiths. The Sports and Social Club programme has been autographed by the following: H. Leo Carter, Old Junee; L. T. Loiterton, Stockinbingal; Alex Maxweel, C. Brown John, Lithgow; C. R. Gorman, Barmedman; G. M. Donaldson, Temora; C. Burrows, Auburn; W. D. Quimell, Young; E. J. Spriggs, Wollanet; H. R. McAdam, Junee; A. Gabriel, Parramatta A. R. Moores, St. Mary's; and Richard Butters, Rockhampton.

Apart from his "news" Leo writes: "While in the 7th A.G.H. with sandfly fever, at meal time the Sister asked if we had had enough to eat. I requested some bread and jam. On returning to the mess end of the ward she told an orderly to take Pte. Carter a bed-pan. The orderly had the hide to go crook when I told him I asked for bread and jam.

The Sister was known as "Bombhappy". Many thanks Leo.

Detailing the twenty-four snapshots received from Norman Lane ("C" Coy.) sometime back. I have been trying to find out the names, with not much success. At last meeting (Sept.) I looked for "C" Coy. boys, also asked others present could they name those in photos, but drew a blank in both cases. Even Norman can't help me. So here goes, I'll do my best. 1. Section of the Band, marching into Julis. 2. Troup spine bashing in tent with sides rolled up. 3. Norm and two Arab camp workers walking along wire meshed road leading to camp. 4. A Section in file marching towards tents. 5. Group of five in summer dress and equipment. 6. Norm and Tim Cloak resting on manoeuvre. 7. British Troops rounding up Arabs during the disturbance between Jews and Arabs. 8. Norm and two others on wrecked barge Tel-a-Viv beach. 9, 10, 11 are almost the same in an open air cafe, Tel-a-Viv. Four of the boys sitting around a table and two girls who were escapees from Poland, and worked in the cafe. 12-13. The same group of ten camped in fowl house area. 14-15 are almost similar. Norm and postman resting on the bed boards; in one the postman is writing a letter. 16-17 are the same. Troops outside Australian Canteen in Beirut. 18. Norm in Group convalescent camp, North Palestine. 19. One of the boys at old ruins, Syria. 20. Norm outside tent. 21. Norm and mate outside "dug-in tent". 22. Group of six, taken on leave in Beirut (all faces in this group are very clear, so come along "C" Coy.). 23. Tim Cloak and another soldier holding a bottle and pretending he's full, on leave in Tel-a-Viv, local boozers look on. 24. Bill Rieley and Norm Lane, taken on leave after Evacuation of Crete.

Many thanks, Norman.

From George Catt, two photos, a snapshot of the "Rajula" in convoy, and a postcard photo of Sgt. Les Tards, who worked with us all down the coast of N.G. as interpreter, interrogator and translator. Some of the boys would remember him. He was an Hawaiian born Jap., and served with the Yanks.

Many thanks George.

—Cock Robin.

UNIT HISTORY REPORT

"Dagwood" thanks those who sent information since his last spell on this subject.

Would like details of former 2/4th men killed in action in other units. Would also like gen on members who won decorations while serving in other units; e.g., John Woods, "B" Coy., believed got the M.M. in 2/13th Bn. Any others please?

Thanks to Max Nierney for details re 2/4th vs. 2/3rd M.G. Bn. football match on the tablelands. Will check with Ted McCaffrey further on this.

Would like further details on the following:—

Was Harry Watts in the **first** patrol in the desert?

Also where and for what action was he awarded his D.C.M.?

We've got a jolly good poem entitled "To Our Mate—The Battler" and we want to use it. Who wrote it and who was "The Battler"? (sounds a pretty good type, too). Someone thinks it might have been by Joe Lowe and written about Bill Troop. Correct or not?

Re Jack Lister again. The question is can we get the story on Jack's escape from Greece or Crete on a British submarine? We would like this as soon as possible.

Edward Kenna, V.C. Would like a good photo of him if anyone has one. Come on Ted, be in it sport. This is the history of the Battalion we are writing.

We have two good screeds, unidentified, which we want to know about. One is called "Number One Patrol" by "Shoofy" who is thought to be O'Hara of "C" Coy. The other is Libyan Diary which goes from December '40 to 24th March '41. Who is the Editor?

It was good to have a yarn to John Anelzark, Harry Coomber (who has sent lots of very good dope in throughout the year), Jack Jocelyn who has helped me with a lot of R.A.P. details, and Vic Forbes who has offered to help on N.G. material when we are ready for it.

Lastly, thanks to "Paddy" Reid for information about the Battalion Chaplains, received to-day (6/11/61). Very helpful, Padre, and will keep in touch with you.

The history is shaping up well now and we'll be able to tell you a lot more about it next month. We'll still be glad to get any material on Greece, Crete (though these are pretty well covered now). Syria, trip home, billets and leave in Adelaide, Tablelands and New Guinea.

So please send it in no matter how rough or brief. Incidentally, an SOS to Dick Latimer, Bairnsdale, Victoria. You must have some good stories you can tell about the early days, Dick. What about it?

No more for now or I'll never win that battle of Tobruk!

Cheers,

"Dagwood".

LAST POST

We regret to announce the passing of the following Fourth ('14-'18) Battalion men:—

66110, Pte. A. C. Moule; 7081, Pte. J. Woods; 369, Pte. H. H. Smith; 4287, Sgt. F. York.

The Fourth and Second Fourth Battalions' Associations express their sincere sympathy to the relatives of these men.

LEST WE FORGET.

LITTLE ODD BITS

Firstly Padre "Paddy" Reid has been on sick parade for some time and is at present convalescing in Croydon, Victoria. We had a letter from him recently and with a little bit of luck we should see him at the Ladies' Night. He was sorry to have missed the Kempsey show, especially when he read the list of those who were present in the last WOG. Hope to see you soon, Padre.

Also on sick parade has been Cec. Chrystal. He has been harbouring some sort of a wog that has affected his middle ear and is a bit off balance in consequence. All the sensation without touching a drop. Snap out of it Cec. so you'll be allowed to sample something you can get wobbley about.

It would be good if all those who took photos in Kempsey would bring them in and show them to the boys at the next monthly gathering. Not necessarily to hand them over but to let the interested parties see them. Particularly interesting would be the movie film taken by Ric Carter who had a most professional approach to the business of making a film. Could we see it some time, Ric.

Bill Andrews has donated £20 towards the cost of getting the Battalion War History printed. Bill is one of our behind the scenes toilers. Besides getting all the WOG wrappers printed for us free, he has put a lot of work into the War History in the form of submitted material, the re-typing of the drafts as they are completed and lesser projects. Now on seeing the first drafts ready to go into manuscript form he is impressed enough to write out a cheque on the spot just to make sure it doesn't bog down for the lack of money. Thank you Bill, we appreciate the cheque and your other efforts very much.

From Alf Carpenter we have received further copy about his recent motor tour through Europe. We will recommence this series in our next issue.

Had a late letter from Artie Harridine (Temora). He sends news of Lionel Horne, Roy Denny, Les Thomas, Bill Wilson, Keith Ross and Frank Crutchett — all of whom are well. Also sends subs. Thanks Artie.

Also had a late letter from Roy Moores, of interest, but that's for next month.

Butch Warren (Ganmain) has been in the Repat. at Concord. Had to have a brace made. Hope you managed to get down to the North British Butch.

COMMITTEE MEETING, 27th OCTOBER, 1961

There was a good roll-up for the Committee Meeting last month. It was held a week earlier because of the Combined Night that was to be held on the usual monthly meeting night.

Present: Messrs. Copland, Gilliland, Brooks, Searle, Robin, Barber, Gamble, Staggs and Morrison. Cec. Chrystal sent apology for absence.

Very nice letter received from the Macleay Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. at Kempsey, commending the Association on the Reunion and general behaviour of the members. It was decided to send reciprocal letters of thanks and copies of W.O.G. to the R.S.L. and others in Kempsey, including their Ladies' Auxiliary, Riordan, Brown and Co.; also to the hotels which were very good in their treatment of the boys who stayed there.

There was discussion on policy regarding best use of funds in the future, particularly as far as Welfare was concerned. John Morrison led the discussion, and Bob Jackson had some interesting comments to make. More of this anon. He also reported progress on the History. This is reported elsewhere in detail.

HOLIDAY REQUIRED

Would any of you members like to have a boy of seven years for a house guest for three weeks over the Christmas period? His father, one of our members and a widower, has two children, one of whom is set for a break at the Christmas period and he would like to give the boy a holiday break too. For details please contact Cec. Chrystal who will supply further details.

AUTHORITY FOR PERIODICAL PAYMENTS

The Manager,

Dear Sir,

Commencing on 1st January, 1962, please debit my account on the first day of each January in each succeeding year, until further notice, with the sum of One Pound (£1/-/-) plus current bank charges for this service, in force from time to time, and place the amount less such charges to the credit of 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Association with the Commonwealth Bank of Aust., West Ryde.

Yours faithfully,