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ANZAC DAY

You have all by now read about the **BIG** change for Anzac Day.

The Committee regret having to make this change, but it was forced upon them and was something out of their control. All they ask now is the support of all members on the 25th, and they guarantee that you will enjoy yourselves more than you have done in previous years at the Coronet. Let us all roll up this Anzac Day and show the Organising Committee that you have confidence in them. The members put them there so to my way of thinking the members should support them.

For those who may not have received last month's W.O.G. or for those who are still a little hazy, I will outline the procedure for you.

1. For all those wishing to participate in the march the form-up place is as in previous years, the corner of York and Erskine Streets (just down from York Street entrance to Wynyard and in front of the Occidental Hotel.)

2. Time will be 8 a.m. for the march for the Wreath Laying ceremony with the 4th Bn. 1914-18. We will then proceed to the form up area in Macquarie Street, for the main march.

3. This year we ask all members marching NOT to break off during the march, but to remain with the unit until the end. This will look better as far as the public is concerned and will assist your committee in organising the buses afterwards.

4. At the form-up place members will be advised as to the meeting place for transport so those who cannot or do not march can proceed straight to this area and wait until the termination of the march. The first bus will move off when full.

5. We will have some identification mark on the buses but if in doubt ask the Bus Marshall, Cec Chrystal.

6. **Dress.** The President requests that all members be correctly dressed. All decorations and service medals should be worn on the left breast and the association tie down the centre. Did you get the message? This will keep the march uniform.

7. **Free.** Yes the transport to the hall is free but you will have to find your own way back.

General. Buses have been arranged to transport you free to the Manresa Hall, North Sydney, and will leave the pick-up point as soon as each bus is full. They will leave as early as possible after the march.

Any member missing these buses can obtain public transport on any bus travelling along Miller Street, North Sydney and get off at the northern end of North Sydney Football Oval. I hope to have the numbers of these buses by next issue for you. The following buses however, travel the route: East Lindfield, East Roseville and all buses proceeding to the area of the northern beaches.

At the finish of the luncheon members will find the city is only a few minutes away. Buses run every few minutes along Miller Street to the city and North Sydney Station. Members travelling the northern line can catch buses for St. Leonards Station in Falcon Street, a few minutes away.

Members travelling by car will find ample parking space near the hall in the morning and they will be readily available as soon as the "do" is over.

We are this year expecting a big influx from the country owing to the Easter weekend, so come along, you may meet a few mates that you have not seen in years.

Limited accommodation is available for country members at the Royal Naval House, Grosvenor Street, on production of your admittance card.

The pipe band will be in attendance as usual and there will be plenty of room for them to move around in.

Hot meals will be served along with ample supplies of draught beer. No bottled beer this year.

WILL YOU COME ALONG

Officers: President, J. Copland; M.C., F. Staggs; Bus Marshall, C. Chrystal.

All committeemen and volunteers will also be on duty.

Our Patron General Dougherty will also be present during the afternoon.

If in doubt about anything please ring.

MONTHLY MEETING

The March monthly meeting was held on the first Friday of the month with 18 members in attendance.

J. Copland was in the Chair and the following men attended: Barber, Searle, Forbes, Morrisson, Davis, Robins, Stack, Wright, Morris, Cade, Cook, Bowman, Pinson, Jordan, Chrystal, Staggs, Humphries.

The meeting was informed of the difficulties facing the Association for Anzac Day and the majority supported the Committee's suggestion of booking the Manresa Hall, North Sydney.

After dealing with the remainder of the business the usual social gathering took place before going home.

The attendance at these meetings leave a lot to be desired so why not come along the first Friday of the month and help swell the crowd.

HERE AND THERE

Our old friend Frank Mallett was back in town but once again his luck is not holding as he had to sail again before the meeting. Never mind Frank, you may make it on your next trip. If you cannot make it then we will have to see what we can do for you.

While Frank was in our fair city, Johnny Morrisson and Ron Barber took the opportunity of having a few drinks with him.

After a small hotel session they went back to Frank's ship the "Norththumberland", where they were treated to some Napoleon Brandy. After a few nips the worthy pair decided to go home. Leaving the ship they caught a taxi. Ron got out at the Quay to get a ferry and John went on his way and was half way home before he realised Ron was missing. John still claims Ron must have left the taxi when it was travelling full speed (otherwise he would have seen him leave) in order to avoid his half of the fare. There are some cads around, John.

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Believe one of our worthy members was seen selling ties and badges at the 2/4th Smoko in Lismore at cut prices. Apparently he has not been reading the W.O.G. where it was advertised that the cost of production had increased, consequently we had to pass the increase on.

WAR HISTORY

I have received Photos of good value from Geoff Hawke (Inverell) for war history purposes and "Cock" Robin's Album.

The Sydney Mail — October 7, 1914

1. Officers of the 4th Bn. 1st Inf. Bde., showing 28 officers.
2. Photo of the Bn. under training conditions, 1914.
3. 4th Bn. officers giving orders to their subordinates.
4. Photo of a Light Horse Squadron.
5. Presentation of colours by the Governor of South Australia, Sir Henry Galway, to the C.O. of the Light Horse, Lieut.-Col. Frank Rowell.

All have been mounted for display to the 4th Bn. and 2/4th and hope to get a copy of the officers for the history. They will finally go into "Cock's" collection.

Received good account of details of New Guinea from Ferdie Pegg and this is now in Peter Cade's hands.

Jack Houston in Canberra is doing a fine job as Liaison Officer between the War Memorial History Section at Canberra and ourselves. Jack has also been able to send Peter along quite a lot of information and War Diary extracts as well. Good on you "Horse Doctor". (Jack's account of the Darwin section is now being edited—a mighty effort too.)

CEC CHRYSTAL

EDITOR'S ERRORS

I regret the following addresses appeared wrongly in last issue so for your information they should read as follows:—

Padre Reid, Sacred Heart Presbytery, Hindmarsh, S.A.

George Stack, 40 O'Keefe Crescent, Eastwood. 85-5312.

Vic Forbes, Flat 4, 26A Cooper Street, Ashfield. 76-7927.

N.S.W. EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION

Education Grants Awarded

The successful applicants for the N.S.W. Ex-Prisoners of War Association education grants for 1962 were Elaine Bock of 23 Tudor Street, Belmore, and Gregory Cavanagh of 85 Middleton Street, South Kempsey.

Elaine is the daughter of Mr. W. C. Bock who served with the 10th A.G.H. and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese. Elaine, who is 15 years old, is a pupil at Kingsgrove North High School.

Gregory, who is 14 years old and attends St. Pius' High School at Kempsey, is the son of the late Mr. N. B. Cavanagh who was a member of the 2/4th Infantry Bn. and was a prisoner of war of the Germans.

These awards of £50 each are awarded each year to children of members or deceased members of the above Association.

The awards being based on scholastic ability.

(Mrs.) MARGARET M. WINTER,
Secretary

COUNTRY REUNION

The response to our many appeals has not come up to expectations so it looks at this moment that Kempsey will be the place.

We did get a very kind and thoughtful offer from Joan and Ken Andrews, Mount George, to organise a "do" in Wingham. This did seem a good place but we find the accommodation is very limited and it would mean quite a lot of the boys having to bed down in Taree 8 miles away.

This coupon is only a reminder. Do not destroy your W.O.G. if you save them regularly. Just scribble a note and send your subs along.

THE TREASURER, 2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

Enclose herewith £1, being subscription to W.O.G. and Membership of Association to 31st December, 1962

NAME (block letters).....

ADDRESS

Signed.....

"A" COMPANY NIGHT

It has been strongly suggested that the monthly meeting in May be an "A" Coy. night as they wish to play host to their less fortunate comrades of the Battalion. Don't think this will mean that they will buy all the refreshments, but I am sure there will be cheese and biscuits available.

Roll up "A" and show your form.

This notice does not exclude other members so all come along and have a good time with the "A" Coy. boys.

SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

A return thanks card from Mr. and Mrs. Wallwork, Kyogle.

Joan Andrews, Mount George: Further to my telephone conversation with Mrs. Copland this morning. We have four or five chaps up here who we feel sure will pull their weight to keep the unit re-unions going as an annual affair. So far nothing has been lined up but we hope to arrange a bowls match 2/4'ers v. locals, maybe a round or two of competition golf (some of the visitors to Kempsey were very keen, remember?) As far as the various clubs are concerned we are sure of 100 per cent. co-operation and support. Ken having grown up with most of the members, etc. There are several good beaches handy for anyone interested in fishing, swimming, etc. Wingham accommodation is rather limited to two hotels, however, there are oodles of hotels and motels at Taree—a matter of eight miles from Wingham—too far do you think? The local hall is big enough to hold the thousands anticipated to attend the '62 function and we can line up a good dinner for the ladies at one of the hotels (chinese food, etc., if desired). The cover charge for the men's dinner can be arranged (as far as food goes) very cheaply and good. Well, that's all chaps—maybe someone else can arrange something better—but you can call on us if you are stuck.

Sailor Harvey has recently returned from a month's walkabout firstly to Melbourne via Albany. In Mel-

bourne he and his good wife met Ken Moses who escorted them to the new R.A.C.A. for a round of ale. Then returning to Sydney, made a solo flight to Brisbane and met Reg Angel and Tom Provians. Tom was nursing three or four broken ribs collected in a car smash, but was still able to down a few 4x's in good old 2/4th style. Reg was getting ready for a spot of leave in Surfers Paradise, Sailor was to have gone along but having gone to Bundaberg for a few days in the meantime got held up by floods and missed the boat—bad luck Sailor.

John Robertson of Broken Hill, sends best wishes to the Association and subs. Also a suggestion, and a very good one too, that we pay our travelling members a scalp fee for gathering in new members. Thanks John, for all three.

Welcome to a new member Howard Mathews (ex-carrier platoon) who is now manager of the A.N.Z. Bank at Hay. Thanks for the scalping, Frank.

Subs and best wishes from P. C. Betts.

Letter received from Rex Gilliland who is still on the sick list. Rex sends subs from Keith Costello. Will see that you get the W.O.G. you want Rex, thanks a lot.

Dear Fred. At the 2/4th Bn. Smoko held in Lismore on Saturday night, I had quite a field night re subs, ties, badges. I collected seven subs including one life membership. I will detail them as under:

"Tiny" Lloyd Eglington, Tyalgum, Tweed River, N.S.W.: £10 for life membership; 10/6 for tie; 5/- for badge.

Roy Andrews, Invercauld Road, Goonellabah, via Lismore: £1 for annual subs; 10/6 for tie; 5/- for badge.

Alf Schwietzer, Billinudgel, Brunswick River, N.S.W.: £1 for annual subs.

Tim Lamond, Grady's Creek, via The Risk, N.S.W.: £1 for annual subs.

Ron Ellem, Graham's Creek, via Woodenbong, N.S.W.: £1 annual subs; 10/6 for tie; 5/- for badge.

M. Hugh Livingstone, Fernside, via Lismore, N.S.W.: £1 for annual subs; 10/6 for tie; 5/- for badge.

Tom Clarke, Dorroughby, N.S.W.: £1 annual subs.

I will enclose a cheque for the amount which is

£19/2/-. Looking forward to the next W.O.G. to read the report of the annual meeting, also the venue for the next "Country Do". Hoping you and your good wife are in the pink, as it leaves us here.

Regards, Esca.

SUBS FRONT

H. C. Greedy, Paddy Reid, John Holland, John Robertson, J. McLaughlin, S. Doggett, F. Furley, K. Costello, E. McCaffery, J. Morrison, F. Mall.

ANZAC BLOODY DAY

It's been _____ years since I saw you all
 So I said to my _____ Missus
 "I'm going to catch that _____ plane
 I'll march with the _____ boys again
 On ANZAC DAY in the _____ rain
 I won't be home for a week."

I've been _____ good for _____ years
 So I'm due for a _____ bust
 I'll _____ well book a _____ bed
 In _____ Sydney. Strike me dead
 I'll bet I'll be thick in the _____ head
 By the end of that _____ week.

I've sold a couple of _____ pigs
 Got a spin for me strangly old draught
 There's a _____ brick that mum saved up
 I'll _____ well shake it. I'll sell me pup
 He's no _____ good. I won't let up
 I'll arrive on the 23rd.

If I do get to _____ Sydney
 And prospects are _____ dim
 I'd like to see the _____ show
 Slip out to Randwick and do me dough
 I've a bushell of oats to _____ well sow
 I'll pack me bag tonight.

There's a cute little _____ barmaid
 Pulls beer in a Tooheys pub
 She'll give me a _____ winner or two
 The key of the bar (I's a pub in the 'Loo)
 And if I get lonely she knows what to do
 I'll _____ well leave tonight.

I'll eat at a joint in Campbell Street
 Where the food's simply _____ grouse
 A Chinese bint with slit _____ eyes
 Just like _____ Bonny, she lies, how she lies
 Me temperature's started to _____ well rise
 And Mum's feeding _____ pigs.

I've reckoned it up and the _____ cost
 Will break me for _____ years
 A new _____ dress and a new _____ hat
 She'll _____ well nag me for this and for that
 She'll reckon it's tit for _____ tat
 The trip ain't _____ well worth it

Me pipe dreams over I'm down to earth
 And I'm not real _____ happy
 I've promised this trip for _____ years
 This year I'd reckoned I'd make it
 But _____ floods and _____ fires
 _____ house market, lousy buyers
 All combine to _____ try us,
 I might see you all next _____ year.

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,