



# White Over Green

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1964

With the close of another year in the life of the Association, I have pleasure in submitting the following report in respect of activities during 1964.

Your Committee worked zealously throughout the period with each member fully justifying the confidence evidenced in his appointment.

On 6th November, the Association attained its majority, after an unbroken existence of twenty-one years from the date of inauguration.

Looking back over this long lapse of time it is of particular interest and a matter of pride that our organisation has retained its strength and virility and has displayed no evidence of decay. This is due mainly to the holding of regular monthly meetings and the editing and dissemination of our journal "White Over Green", the former affording numerous members the opportunity of retaining personal and regular contact with each other and the latter in detailing Association social activities and items of interest regarding the progress and movements of individual members.

Outstanding features of the year were the unequalled success of the Lismore reunion, the annual 4th and 2/4th combined reunion which coincided with our twenty-first birthday and the Ladies' Night at which Sir Iven and Lady Mackay were guests of honour.

Special thanks are extended to Peter Armstrong for his work as Editor of "White Over Green" and to his successor, Dick Morris, the present editor. Particular mention must here be made of the constant and onerous work performed by Pat Lahey and his wife with "Slim" Pollock and his family in assuring the punctual mailing of "White Over Green" to members each month. In this regard the assistance given by Mrs. Margaret Stack, wife of our Secretary, as typist and addressograph expert, was of major importance.

Appreciation and thanks are extended also to Mrs. Dot Searle for cakes supplied and the fashioning of wreaths when required.

Finally, my particular thanks are extended to members of the Committee, as also to members generally, for their constant support throughout the year.

J. M. MORRISON, President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1964

Once again we record the passing of another year—this time a full year for your present "Scribe" since coming into office, and the Association, now in its "Majority Year", can be proud of its record.

The Committee had the honour of serving this 21st year under our President Johnnie Morrison, who is mainly responsible with other stalwarts of 1943 for the solid footing on which the 2/4th Bn. Association stands.

Anzac Day was a notable function, and the Union Jack and Australian Flags presented by the "War History" Committee were carried for the first time. People from near and far are still enquiring for copies of the "War History".

The Lismore Reunion was an outstanding success, due to the fine efforts of the "boys outback", and Cowra are going ahead with plans for 1965.

During the year through the efforts of Cecil Chrystal, backed by the Committee, the Association now has its own typewriter and addressograph machine, which has been a great help to the Committee in its work, making us independent of outside assistance. In this regard the Secretary's Secretary, Mrs. George Stack has been of valuable assistance in typing and addressing wrappers of W.O.G., also "Slim" Pollock and Pat Lahey are in the team.

We have maintained our close association with the "Bow and Arrow Boys", the main events being Anzac Day, their Annual General Meeting, and the Combined Smoko, which included our friends of the Parramatta Pipe Band.

Ladies' Night was truly a social success.

Last, but not least, the Remembrance Service at Saint Anne's, Strathfield, some of your officers and Pat O'Keefe attending.

During the year the Association has had the satisfaction of being able to assist members and families in many ways.

Finally, we have affiliated ourselves with the newly formed 6th Division Association N.S.W. Branch, more details of which will be published at later dates.

To our Patron, my fellow officers, and all members of the Association, my best wishes for a happy and peaceful 1965.

GEORGE STACK, Hon. Sec.



**JOHNNIE'S INTERSTATE TRIP****(Continued and conclusion)**

Dubbo next stop to see Frank Saddler. Called in on R.S.L. Club, was about to sign my name, noticed the last signature on book was Roy (Mary) Moores from Bourke. After a short chat we left to book in at a Motel for the night. On return we found Roy had taken off hurriedly for Nyngan—squib!

Settled in with Frank for an excellent evening and travelled most places the Unit had been to over the next hour or so. Jack Heaney left us at Dubbo to return to toil (nasty thought).

Then Cobar-Wilcannia to a real way back pub, stopped the night. Next morning took off for Broken Hill. Called in at R.S.L. Club and made enquiries of "Junior" McIntosh and was shocked to learn of Junior's death six months ago. He suffered a coronary occlusion.

We were directed to John Robertson's home. John is in charge of the Fire Fighting unit in one of the mines.

South Australia's Eight Hour weekend holiday is held on second week in October. Half of South Australia seems to spend it in Broken Hill. As the city was booked out for the week-end we had to take to the road again after one night. Bad luck as John would have shown us the city over the weekend.

Through to Adelaide, Ted McCaffery and Rex Gilliland had to return to Sydney, so I rang Peter Denver and spent several days on his property on Hindmarsh Island. A real holiday for a city slicker. Pat (Mrs. Peter) and Peter run sheep and cattle on the property besides farming.

His daughter Helen (15) is at boarding school. Eldest son John (20) is on a working holiday making his way round the world, Brian (17) helps Dad run the property. Kim, a lad eight years old, attends the local school at Goolwa on the mainland seven miles away. Thanks, Pat and Peter for a most enjoyable holiday.

While in Adelaide met Ken Royal, missed "Paddy Reid", made enquiries at R.A.A. for Owen Harrison, he had left their employment. Peter and I called on Max Rungie and had lunch with him, Max is very much his old self.

Peter and I also looked up Dud Schlank without luck. Unfortunately, Dud had been off work for a considerable time and was in hospital then. I feel sure members will be sorry to hear this and extend every wish for his return to good health.

Mildura next stop to have a chat with Bob "Bot Fly" Griffiths. Met Mrs. Griffiths and daughter Denise, who matriculated this year and is going on to Teachers' College; also son Gary (10). Bob took me to Mildura Workmen's Club. Biggest bar in Australia,

twenty-two barmen on duty at peak. Through to Wagga to see Bruce Stewart, Jack Cummings and Joe Crawford. Bruce looks like a budding publican, Jack and Joe much the same, only Joe, unlike Bruce, is tapering off a bit.

Set off for home, dropped in at Yass, disturbed "Butch" Warren having forty winks. Butch got a slight surprise on awakening.

Incidentally, "Butch" Warren, ex-butcher, is now baker; Bub Graham, ex-baker, is now a butcher—silly, isn't it?

Left Butch. Next stop the cot!

JOHNNY MORRISON

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 8 p.m., ROYAL NAVAL HOUSE, Grosvenor Street. Don't stand on the side-lines—use your democratic vote to ensure a hardworking and enthusiastic executive and committee.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Subs are now due for 1965 so please maintain your support and also round up those of the old mob that you may know to be a bit backward in this direction. Only financial members can vote at the annual meeting so send along your £1 or see Fred Searle on 5th. What we need are subs and U-votes!

**ANZAC DAY**

Free rail warrants being available for all Ex-Servicemen from any town in New South Wales to Sydney for Anzac Day weekend, the Committee anticipate a much greater attendance at our Anzac Day Luncheon.

We have already been advised of a large group from a northern country town.

To facilitate catering arrangements it is suggested that prior bookings together with £1/5/0 to cover cost of luncheon and refreshment, will ensure success for this most important function.

This is applicable to Metropolitan as well as Country members.

All bookings should be posted to —

**FRED SEARLE, 31 GRIFFITH AVENUE  
WEST RYDE**

**THIS ISSUE**

If you will open out this "W.O.G." and peruse the front and back pages, you have the Annual Reports and Balance Sheets.

Please bring your copy to the Meeting to help you in any discussions when these items are presented for approval.

**COCK'S COLUMN (Reunion News)**

Esca Riordan, Kempsey. We paid a visit to Esca's place and was made very welcome, then had the pleasure of again meeting Esca and Vera at the re-union. Esca apologised for Jim and Gladys Brown, who were committed to prior engagements in the Kempsey area.

Alf Schweitzer sends regards to Jack Keating ("Cheeky Charlie") is sorry to hear you're in hospital Jack.

Bub Graham, Bowraville, was pleased to see Bub and Margaret there, with their pretty teenage daughter,

**16th BRIGADE G.P.  
OFFICERS' DINNER**

**FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY  
IMPERIAL SERVICES CLUB  
Barrack Street, Sydney**

Contact John Copland, 80-3771, 23 Belmore Street, Ryde, before 31st January, for details and bookings.



Kathy (she takes after her mother). Bub has recently met Bernie O'Mara, Forbes and Frank Sadler, Dubbo.

Hugh Livingstone wishes to be remembered to Teddy Dalton and George Arthur, both in Victoria.

"Tiny" Eglington, Tumbulgum, has seen Corby Lloyd McCallum, Bluey Hayles, Stan Andrews and Tom Scott.

Doug Grove had a letter from Teddy Dalton, of Warnnambool, Vic., telling him that Stan Tolman had died. Doug also had news of Bill Coleman, who's mother had passed away at Kyogle, 24th September.

Ron Ellem (D. Coy.), Woodenbong, reported that Bill Hyde and Mick Pethers were sorry they could not attend re-union.

Frank Gattenhof (Brisbane) saw Norm McIntyre, said he looks well.

Sam Goodwin, Bonalbo, reports Johnny Hynett and Clarrie Ryan are in that area, but could not get down to Lismore.

Tom Provians conveyed apologies from Reg Angel, Bill Sumpter and Ken Garnham. Any 2/4ers in Queensland, contact Tom—Brisbane 95 4181.

Eddie Slade (C Coy.), Kyogle: First reunion, but definitely not his last.

I heard a whisper that Russ McWilliam and Barbara left five kids at home. Russ offered an apology from John Meehan, who had to go to Tasmania that week, business bound.

Dave Crosthwaite, Murwillumbah rang Campbell Jamison, but he could not attend reunion. This is unusual—there are three 2/4ers living along side each other: Dave, Charlie Byrne and Bernie Shoebridge. (Wot, do you fall in for mess parade?)

Aub Priest said that John Hinett, Bonalbo would like to hear from "Spike" Galvin and Gus Mayer. Aub bought a copy of the "War History" to present to Bonalbo R.S.L. Sub-branch.

Ray Want, Maclean, has recently seen George Phillips from Palmers Island, and Sid Bailey. Ray also pointed out that Ernie Plummer is in perfect health and teaching school at Maclean. (Let's hear from you, Ernie.) Ray, one of our "Juniors" is now at the ripe old age of 38.

Ken Casey, Bentley, met Gus Kyle in Mima Muna; also Wally Hawkins who apologises for not being at reunion, had to attend a wedding.

Doug Stebbing presented me with 52 photographs. These will certainly boost the collection.

Doug "Blue" Milne, Lismore: If I remember correctly, Doug warbled for a while with the Concert Party, but when they got the piano tuned, Doug returned to his Company.

Wally Lambourne met "Tiny" Bleakley at Yagoona. "Tiny" looks well. Wal said his two children are a credit to him.

The Lismore R.S.L. Club Small Bore Rifle Shoot booby prize went to "Dasher" Deacon with 13 points. (Of course "Dasher" was considerably helped with a handicap of plus 8.)

It was a sight for sore eyes to see such a good roll-up for the "Smoko". Here are some Tit-bits from the boys:—

Jack "Brick" Bradford met Don "Coon" Ellicot, who sends regards to all.

Don "Scotty" Anderson, looking well. Met Ernie "Mac" McDougal in Parramatta. "Mac" lives in the

Westmead area. When in Hobart Don also met Dick "Col" Butters, who works at Tasmanian National Tools, Elizabeth Street, Hobart.

Cec "Snow" Whitehouse, often meets Jack Shoveller in the Mosman area. Jack works for the P.M.G. and said that "Shorty" Livingstone works on the Water Board, North Shore; also that Noel "Mick" Weir comes from the Hornsby area. Another Hornsby resident Albert Milner works at the White Bay Power House on shift work. Try to bring them along to a meeting "Snow".

I was pleased to see Jim "Happy" Davis there. "Happy" wants to know if Jock Cummins is still a Milestone Inspector?

I was surprised to see the Silent One, Roy Moores, from Bourke there. Roy has recently seen Jack "Bush" Bennett at Brewarrina, and visited Brian and Alison Waring of "Pendiana" Coolabah. Also met Max Humphries of Bourke, one of the bow and arrow boys, original 4 Bn.

Charlie "Scull" Scully turned up for his second meeting—good work, mate.

Larry Dooley met Jim Stillwell at the Grand Hotel, Bowral, also met "Dasher" Deacon, who was still singing praises of the Lismore reunion.

Jack Morgan, Berala said that Joe Lowe could not make it, was busy on his blackberry farm. I was pleased to see Auburn was represented by Les Adams.

Harry Gjedstead driving along Cleveland Street, got the red light. A utility alongside honked, and the driver called out, "I see you've got a 2/4 sticker on your back window. My Father was in the 2/4 Bn." Then the lights changed, gears ground, and they lost contact. The three W's—We Wonder Who?

I heard that Fred "Tinny" Searle did it again. He won £4 at Ballina, then struck the Jack Pot at Lismore R.S.L. (Hiss, Hiss.)

Congratulations Michelle Jordan on your new job closer to home; also on your Confirmation at St. John's, Ashfield.

Ernie Swain's Father, a 4th Bn. A.I.F. man sent along an apology for non-attendance at the Smoko, owing to ill health—sends regards to both Bns. Ted Swadling's Dad was also a 4th Bn. man—any more doubles?

Now back to the N.B. and some of the boys I met there: Regulars Johnnie Morrison and Jack Heaney. Jack Keating (Cheeky Charlie). Jack has recently seen Ken Hale (Sigs) who has joined the Maroubra R.S.L. and he is going to bring him to a meeting. Jack often sees Jack "Pappy" Maloney, who is not in the best of health. "Cheeky" also met Maurie "The Champ" Broome. Clem Killeen from Tilpa, via Bourke is down for a holiday. He recently met Don "Coon" Ellicot who, incidentally, called into the N.B. when I was absent. Colin Campbell often calls in and also Bill Keogh.

Met Gordon Chrisp, who looks well, but had no news.

Ron Raymont, 23 Lurline Street, Ettalong, is rejoining the Association. Happy to have you with us again, Ron.

Well chaps, that's it for this month. I can't write it unless I get news, so please send any to me at 20 Adderstone Avenue, North Sydney.

COCK ROBIN.



January, 1965

## WHITE OVER GREEN

## 2/4th INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 31st December, 1964

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Balance at Bank, 31/12/63	£870	17 1	Printing .....	£241	6 3
Fees in Advance .....	89	10 0	Rent .....	27	10 0
Association .....	126	5 0	Wreaths .....	22	15 0
"W.O.G." .....	126	5 0	Stamps—Postage .....	16	11 11
<b>Functions—Raffles</b>			Reveille .....	4	16 0
Anzac Day .....	£195	0 0	Anzac Day Luncheon ....	204	17 0
Raffle .....	22	15 0	Combined Smoko .....	39	13 9
Combined Smoko .....	16	18 0	Ladies' Night .....	52	10 0
Ladies' Night .....	45	11 2	Caretaker Manresa .....	1	0 0
			Deposit Anzac Day, '65	5	0 0
	280	4 2	Funeral Notices .....	4	3 4
<b>General Items</b>			Hire of Buses .....	10	16 8
Ties—Badges .....	33	0 0	Addressograph .....	55	4 0
Car Stickers .....	6	6 0	Typewriter .....	20	1 0
Donations to Benevolent			Badges .....	21	11 3
Fund .....	11	18 6	General Items .....	74	8 2
Bank Interest .....	28	18 8			
				£812	4 4
			Plus Cheque No. 145		
			Drawn December, 1963,		
			presented to Bank, Jan-		
			uary, 1964 .....	2	2 0
			Plus Dishonoured Cheque	2	10 0
			Balance at Bank, 31/12/64	776	8 1
				£1593	4 5
			Less Unpresented Cheque	20	0 0
				£1573	4 5
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BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Balance at Bank, 31/12/63 .....	£130	2 6	Welfare .....	£20	10 0
Transfer from "War History" .....	100	0 0	Hospital Comforts .....	20	5 6
Transfer from General A/c .....	11	18 6	Balance at Bank, 31/12/64 .....	217	5 1
Raffle of Cake (Lismore) .....	12	14 0			
Bank Interest .....	3	5 7			
				£258	0 7
	£258	0 7			

"WAR HISTORY" ACCOUNT

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Balance at Bank, 31/12/63 .....	£27	5 4	Postage .....	£8	0 3
Receipts for "War History" .....	201	5 10	Transfer to Benevolent Fund .....	100	0 0
Bank Interest .....	15	10 2	2 Flags .....	19	5 8
			Printing and Advertising .....	14	6 0
			Plus Late Presented Cheque .....	2	2 0
			Balance at Bank, 31/12/64 .....	100	7 5
				£244	1 4
	£244	1 4			

I have audited the Receipt Books, Cheque Books and Vouchers of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association General Account, "War History" and Benevolent Fund, and in my opinion these are a true and correct record of the Association's financial position.

HUGH SMITH, Auditor.