



# White Over Green

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## Annual General Meeting : Friday, February 4, 1966

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1965

Another year has passed in the History of our Association. This report begins our new Battalion Year with the current issue of White over Green, being Vol. 21, No. 1.

What work has been done and what wonderful friendships have been made during those 20 years past. The toil and work side always so willingly attacked by Committee after Committee and the pleasure and profit of closer ties and friendships so magnificently maintained. With our Country Reunions developing and being so successfully planned and put into operation by our country sub-Committees we have further strengthened Battalion relationships.

The past year has seen many developments, and has been a highly successful one as far as our Association and increased membership have been concerned. The newly formed 6th Div. Association became established; had a record Anzac Day (as well as a front page photo of the Association marching down Martin Place). Yet another mighty Country Reunion, this one at Cowra, and of course, our Ladies' Night. Our meetings with the 4 Bn. A.I.F. and the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band were as congenial and successful as ever and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are justly proud of "our band" and their impressive performance at Cowra was worthy of the outstanding praise given.

War History sales have continued, we have lodged a further £100 in the Benevolent Fund; White Over Green has never missed a beat and still is the backbone of the Association. Its early issue has a large bearing on the attendances at our monthly meetings. Our thanks to all who play such an important part in its production and dispatch, and in particular to our hard working Editor.

I have once again spent a very happy and proud year as your President. My personal thanks go to our members of the Executive, to their hard working wives, and to all members of the Association for their continued support without which we would surely fall by the wayside.

My best wishes to one and all for 1966 and please make a special note of our next Meeting, the Annual General Meeting, at Royal Naval House, on February 4, 1966.

CECIL CHRYSAL,

7th January, 1966

President.

### A HAPPY 1966 TO ALL MEMBERS

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the 2/4 Infantry Battalion Association will be held at Royal Naval House, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, at 8 p.m. on Friday, 4th February, 1966.

#### BUSINESS:

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (1965).
2. Receive and consider the Annual Reports for 1965.
3. Receive and consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ending 31st December, 1965.
4. To elect the following officers for the ensuing twelve months:  
Patron, President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Asst. Hon. Secretary, Six Committee Members.
5. To elect one Hon. Auditor.
6. General Business.

All members are requested to attend.

G. STACK,  
Hon. Secretary.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1965

Once again it is my privilege to comment on the passing of another year and what it has brought to mind.

First — a very successful year in regard to anniversaries 1915, then our own 1940 and our very happy associations with the "Bow and Arrow Boys" during 1965, first on Anzac Day and at our usual Smoko in November.

Second — Cowra — its first Re-union, and for many attending also their First, the years slipping back over 25 years very quickly in a short week-end for many had little contact since October, 1945 — a function well enjoyed by all who attended in what was almost perfect weather.

Third — the passing of time seems to bring an increase in strength with the Monthly issue of W.O.G. rapidly nearing the 500 mark, a sure indication of the strength in the chair, one which our Country Members rely on, so it must not weaken.

Last, but by no means the least, Time Marches On, and the Bugle Call echoes more frequently, but as in



War, so in Peace, and we must all be thankful, and uphold the ideas we once strived for.

In conclusion a very Peaceful New Year to all, and health and happiness with their Families.

To my Fellow officers and Committee many thanks for work as a team, and to our Patron, our best wishes and all thanks for his valued assistance and interest over the years.

May the Association prosper in 1966.

GEORGE STACK,  
Secretary.

#### 1966 SUBS ARE NOW DUE

The Association to continue its "winning way," needs **YOUR** support, particularly by renewal of your membership **each** year. Believe me it is always saddening to your Executive and Committee to note that **ANY** well-remembered name is missing from the list of financial members. They like to feel they have the support of all.

Show them they have. Send **YOUR** £1 to Fred Searle, NOW!

Only financial members can vote at meetings.

#### FREE W.O.G. TO T.P.I.'s

Attention is drawn to the fact that W.O.G. will be sent free to any ex-2/4 Inf. Bn. T.P.I. Pensioner.

Congratulations to Edwina Lilley, "our" Secretary—who was married to Doug Blandford on the 16th December at St. Swithun's Church, Pymble.

Congratulations also to Rolfe Chrystal, son of our President, on obtaining two credits in his second year exams in Architecture.

There was quite a happy gathering at the N.B. Corner for a Christmas "ale-fellow-well-wet", no names — no pack drill!

My personal thanks and best wishes for 1966 to all members who sent Christmas Cards.

#### LAST POST

NX13300 H. M. (Harry) DUNLOP, COWRA  
Vale Harry  
LEST WE FORGET

#### COCK'S COLUMN

North British News:

Walked in and was pleased to see Bruce Stewart from Wagga with Johnnie and Jack Gaffney. Bruce over on holidays, looks well, has recently seen Perce Dalla, Jim Crowe, Jock Cummin, Joe Crawford, Dick Latimer, also Johnnie and his troupe as they passed through.

A coo-ee to Dick Latimer. Jack Gaffney says that "Elky" Ryan wishes to be remembered.

Heard that Doug Barry, Gordon Chrisp and Alex Maxwell had called in.

Johnnie met C. Laughnan, original was a D.R. in the Sigs.

Ted Gamble met Maurie Wilson at Gordon. Maurice has taken over a pastry-cook business, next to the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers. Ted, on a recent

visit out West, met Geoff Hall (Tadpole) who is now Country Public Works chief at Tamworth.

Tom ("Bluey") Saunders—looking well.

Esca Riordan was speaking to Jack Huston on the phone.

Fred Staggs was looking forward to the Cowra Reunion, but pulled a muscle in his back and could not go.

Was pleased to see Jim ("Happy") Davis without crutches. Jim was having a drink in the Banks Hotel, Newtown, when a chap came up and stared at him, said I know you. It was Dick Chappelow.

Harry Gjedsted met Kev Keeble (H.Q.) at Ryde. Kev spent many years in Parkes and was visited by Harry. Kev has promised Harry to come to meetings.

Walked into the North British and met Johnnie, Jack Gaffney, Jack Heaney and Clem Killeen (Tilpa). I heard that Reg Angel, down from Brisbane, had been in, also Stan Harris, who has been to Groote Eylandt, working for B.H.P. Jimmy Crowe, from Coota, had also paid a visit.

Received a Christmas card from Frank Mallett "To me, and all the Boys". Other Cards from Monty Siems, Jimmy Crowe, Bob Griffith, Johnny Ringrose, Bub and Margaret Graham. Thanks folk.

Dick Morris had a Christmas beer with Harry Stafford, 4th Bn. 1914-18. Harry had just left Pat Galvin, who is not enjoying the best of health these days.

Harry also mentioned that their Assn. needs help with hospital visitation.

In their Christmas Card Bob and Ada Griffith mentioned that Guy Vance had taken ill whilst visiting Bairnsdale. Still very ill. (Chin up, Guy.—Ed.).

Congratulations to Johnnie Jordan — £12,000 Lottery win. Sad to say there were 10 others in the syndicate, I understand, still !!!

Long letter received from Bill Sumpter with Christmas Greetings to myself and all members. Thanks Bill. Will quote info. from letter in next issue.

Dick Morris sees Les Adams brother-in-law every so often on the Ashfield buses. First time he spotted the badge he said, "Are you one of that drunken W.O.G. mob? (seems to know us!). He was 6th Div., why not bring him along one night, Les?

George Stack would like to thank the Crowe Family, also Roy Moores for Christmas Cards received.

Pre Christmas gathering of the boys at the North British:— Ron "Porky" Williams, Jerry "Fang" Coughlan, Bill Sandstorm (our artillery support), Clem Killeen, Russ. McWilliam and brother Frank, Jack Heaney, Johnnie Morrison, Sailor Harvey, Johnny Meehan, Jack Maloney, Colin Campbell, Jack "Cheeky" Keating, Teddy McCaffery, Bill Keough, Jim "Happy" Davis, Curley Callaghan, Les Adams, Stan Bowen, Gordon Murray. It's many years since I last met Jack Maloney, South Coogee, he bought a War History from Johnnie.

I was surprised to see Bill Keough, it's almost 23 years since I last saw him. Bill's address, 21 Sandokan Road, Revesby, he occasionally meets Sid Davis (Unit Postman), Reg. Cole and Gordon Williams. Also met Teddy Dobbin.

Our first country visitor for the New Year was



FROM "POP" WILLIAMS

Dear Dick,

I have some items of news which you may be able to use.

I recently met Morrie Frankham at Evans Head. He sends regards to all and is ordering our Bn. History at last. Called to see Royce McDonald, but, unfortunately for me, he was out. I then called on Mick Antonelli. He was delighted to have news of the fellows. Mick is in poor health, so attention Transport, drop your cobber a few lines. Woodburn, N.S.W., will be sufficient address.

Also had another letter from Graham Woodward, of Kuwait. He recently spent several weeks holidaying in Britain and Europe. He received the tie, badge and car sticker. He writes: "I put the sticker (2/4) on the back window and drove down through France and Spain, but, unfortunately, I was not hailed by another 2/4er. Still, it did cause quite a lot of comment, even in England!"

FROM LT.-COL. JOHN WELLS

Dear Dick,

I have just received my latest copy of White Over Green and, as usual, I pushed the files onto the corner of the desk whilst I caught up with the latest news. On this occasion my conscience stirred more than usual, and this note is the result — I do feel guilty at the way I have lost touch with the old "2/4 mob."

I am still stationed at Army Headquarters in Canberra and I intend to stay here — in fact — have just launched out and started negotiations to buy a house here. I remember back in the old days A.H.Q. was a remote place where "THEY" lived and work. "THEY" were all-powerful and all-knowing and all-wise and "THEY" completely guided our destinies. It is a bit of a shock sometimes now to realise that "They" were ordinary blokes like the rest of us, and it certainly makes me stop and think twice when I have to make a decision which can be so impersonal to me, but can vitally affect the Diggers. I guess that is what training and experience is for.

I am afraid that I have not been able to get down to Sydney very much. I am still having a lot of trouble with my feet and, at the moment, have been in callipers and on crutches again for several months. In fact, I am just waiting for word for another spell in hospital. However, I will try to make one of the Sydney meetings, in the not too far distant future.

Please pass on my regards to "Cock" Robin and ask him to pass on my regards to the "mob". I often think of them all — particularly when I take visitors to the War Museum and stand in front of the Wewak Diorama.

My regards to yourself and the Committee.

JOHN WELLS.

A swollen head is Nature's frantic effort to fill a vacuum!

W.G.P.

"Life not only begins at forty—it also begins to show!"

W.G.P.

Dennis Jackson, from Griffith, I was pleased to see him with the regulars when I arrived. Dennis reports that Ted Swadling won a Holden car in the Police Boys' Club Art Union, and Ted promptly gave his Vauxhall to his mate. Congratulations Teddy. Dennis has also recent met "Nedda" Erskine, David McClure, Nevis Farrell, Arthur Webb, Ted Swadling and Fred Driscoll. It was good to see you Dennis, come over more often.

COCK ROBIN

MELBOURNE ANZAC DAY

When Vic Francis was up to one of our meetings, he requested that individual members — or more preferably the Assn. — consider forming a contingent to visit Melbourne for 1966 Anzac Day.

Our Melbourne members would dearly love to put up a real show of strength (and ties) behind their banner after all the years with only a handful of men representing the old White Over Green. They promise a right royal time for all who attend.

This could be a good idea, which would depend on the reaction of you members. How about writing in, or attending the Annual Meeting and indicating your views? (VIC'S ADDRESS: 42 TUDOR STREET, SOUTH OAKLEIGH, VICTORIA).

Telephone call from Vic Francis (Melbourne)—returning home on the 10th January. Sends regards and best wishes for New Year to all Association members. He is having a meeting of members at his home in early February and will be forwarding a report in due course.

COWRA CORRESPONDENCE

From Cowra and District Services Club to Cec Chrystal:

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for the manner in which your re-union was conducted.

The behaviour of the members of the 2/4 Bn. was excellent and we would like you to know that if you wish to conduct a similar function in this Club in the future you will be most welcome.

Yours faithfully,

H. ELLIS,

Actg. Sec. Manager.

Cec suitably replied to the above, pointing out what a wonderful week-end we all had and how much their hospitality was appreciated. Cec also mentioned what a great shock it was to us to hear of the death of their Sec./Mgr., Brian McGrath.

Your Editor received a letter from "Jock" McDiarmid, Manager of the Lachlan Valley Motel, Cowra. "Jock" was happy to receive W.O.G. and read of us, and, of course, the report on the re-union. Also proud to accept the copy of our History, presented to him by the Cowra rearguard group.

George Stack in R.G.H. Concord for eye operation, Ward G 20.

People who carry "tales" should not "monkey" in other people's affairs.



## 2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

Income			Expenditure		
Balance at Bank 31/12/64 .....	776	8 1	Printing .....	255	11 8
Fees in Advance .....	125	10 0	Rent .....	27	10 0
Association .....	93	10 0	Stamps — Postage .....	17	3 2
W.O.G. ....	93	10 0	Wreaths .....	8	8 0
<b>Functions:</b>			Benevolent Fund .....	9	1 6
Anzac Day .....	322	13 0	Anzac Day Luncheon .....	332	16 3
Combined Smoko .....	24	0 0	Buses .....	16	5 0
Ladies' Night .....	45	10 0	Smoko .....	42	2 6
	392	3 0	Ladies' Night .....	52	7 3
<b>General Items</b>			Funeral Notices .....	6	6 8
Ties and Badges .....	18	10 0	Ties and Badges .....	55	18 0
R.S.L. Books .....	9	0	MacDougalls .....	2	2 8
Car Stickers .....	4	16 0	R.S.S.A.I.L.A. ....	7	4 0
Donations to Benevolent Fund .....	9	1 6	General Items .....	34	2 10
Bank Interest .....	30	2 6	Petty Cash .....	10	6
Bank Deposit by Members .....	4	0 0			
				867	10 0
			Balance at Bank 31/12/65 .....	680	10 1
	£1548	0 1			
				£1548	0 1

## BENEVOLENT FUND

Income			Expenditure		
Balance at Bank 31/12/64 .....	217	5 1	Welfare .....	45	0 0
Transfer from War History .....	200	0 0	Hospital Comforts .....	34	3 6
Transfer from Gen. A/c. ....	9	1 6		79	3 6
Donations .....	12	0 0	Balance at Bank 31/12/65 .....	365	14 0
Bank Interest .....	6	10 11			
	£444	17 6		£444	17 6

## WAR HISTORY

Income			Expenditure		
Balance at Bank 31/12/'64 .....	100	7 5	Postage .....	3	10 8
Receipts of War History .....	129	2 0	Transfer to Benevolent Fund .....	200	0 0
Bank Interest .....	2	6 10	Bob Jackson .....	7	12 6
			Balance at Bank 31/12/65 .....	20	13 1
	£231	16 3		£231	16 3

I have audited the Receipt Books, Cheque Books and Vouchers of the 2/4 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.

January 6th, 1966.

W. LESMOND,  
Auditor.