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1966 EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

Our thanks to "Doc" for being prepared to continue as our patron. Congratulations to Harry and those elected to office.

Patron: Maj.-Gen. I. Dougherty.

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Committee

Johnnie Morrison, Russ McWilliams, Cec Chrystal, Johnnie Meehan, Athol Heath, Bill Luck.

This is a strong team; one which will certainly lead the Association safely through 1966, so back them up with your support by: (a) Being financial. (b) Attending meetings and functions if at all possible. (c) Sending in news from your area. (d) Bully any W.O.G. mates into becoming financial.

Cec did not stand for re-election for president.

Fred Staggs declined nomination owing to work and R.S.L. commitments, but as loyal as ever.

"Slim" Pollock did not stand for committee, still a W.O.G. helper though!

Rex Everson was pipped on the post by Bill Luck in a "play-off" for the committee.

A thought for the committee. Why waste good men? Co-op. those who missed out in the ballot.

DROUGHT

How are the country men faring these days? End of November rains may have helped. We sincerely hope so. What a really tough period it has been can only be imagined by we city slickers, but I know the welfare of each 2/4er is the honest concern of all members. Best wishes to the "boys in the bush".

GOLF

Our golfing wizard, "Slim" Pollock and mate had a fine win in the 4 Ball Best Ball v. Par event at a recent Ex-servicemen's Day at new Brighton Golf Club. Each received a fine English Coffee Set.

"Slim's" mate also won the Individual Trophy. Both agree the good form must have been due to the good "training oil" available at the temporary "waterhole" near the first tee!

"Slim" was flying the old colours for the occasion—badge pinned to hat and golf buggy be-decked with white and green ribbon. One cove came up and said he had known a lot of the 2/4men, but "Slim" was called to the "starting block" before the discussion really got under way.

They never did meet up again that day. Must have been quite a surf running in that "waterhole"!

ANNUAL MEETING

Prior to the meeting the committee got together to discuss the next Country Reunion venue as Dubbo seems to be "out". Talks continued after the meeting also. Should be something definite by next W.O.G.

Quite a fair roll-up, but I'm sure everyone concerned would prefer to see a much stronger attendance for the all important election of officers to provide the most representative voting. There were apologies from our Patron, Maj.-Gen. Dougherty, "Slim" Pollock, Dick Pinson and George Stack—all with very good reason for non-attendance.

Main business was of course the elections, but Elliott Schofield tossed in an early one—the suggested

URGENT

COUNTRY RE-UNION

DUBBO IS OUT

OFFERS, PLEASE

support of the R.S.L.'s move for a Vietnam medal. The flurry of discussion learned or otherwise was quite an introduction to the chair for Harry Gjedsted, and I'm not quite certain of the feelings of the majority, I **think** we support the general idea of the R.S.L. going into the matter.

The matter of a Bowls team was raised by Gordon Crisp.

BOWLERS: Attend next meeting and have a yarn to Gordon.

M. & B.

Congratulations to two fine Legatees on their marriage on 5th February, at St. John's, Neutral Bay. They were Sandra Alicia, daughter of Mrs. Kath Watts and the late Harry Watts, D.C.M., and Douglas Neville Clark, son of Mrs. Vince Jamison and the late Neville Clark, who went down on the "Centaur".

Best wishes for their future happiness, and congratulations and best wishes to you, Kath.

Return thanks received from Brian McGrath's family, Cowra (Sec./Mgr. Cowra Servicemen's Club).

Return thanks received from Harold Dunlop's family, Cowra.

Letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. Blandford for telegram of congratulations on their marriage, from the "Second Fourth WOGS".

Mrs. B is—was—"our" Edwina Lilley (Cec Chrystal's secretary).

In her letter, Edwina said, "With my military training from the Chrystal office, I was able to explain to my husband, the meaning of the telegram!!!"

Sec. also asked Cec to pass on her best wishes for 1966 to all Association members whom she has met.

Congratulations to Peter Cook's son, Bruce, who is rather good at tapping that little white "pill" (Handicap 4) and Pennant player for Strathfield, is one of the Juniors selected to attend coaching classes. This puts him in line for State selection, dependent on play-off results, for the Junior Inter-state series.

Dear Dick,

Sorry was not able to get down to the "North British" during my stay in Sydney—as a matter of fact I had some sort of a "wog" from the time I hit the "smoke" to the time we left. Attached is a short notice covering Pat Cusack's death. Pat died of cancer a couple of days after I arrived home from Sydney. Doug Stebbing had a yarn to him a day or so before he passed away.

All the best for the New Year to yourself and Joyce from Laureen and self.

—Fred. Varley.

Sorry you were ill, Fred. Thanks for info. on Pat. Jack Lister also forwarded details, so our thanks to you too, Jack.

The death occurred in Lismore on Wednesday, January 12, of Pat Cusack. Pat was a resident of Wingham and at the time of his death was visiting relatives in the Lismore district.

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The Association was well represented at the funeral, despite the fact that many North Coasters were holidaying out of the area at the time. Ex-members of the Battalion present were: Jack Chaseling, Ian Wallwork, Jack Lister, Mick Antonelli, Hugh Livingstone, Wal Graham, Norm King and Fred Varley, Messrs. Chaseling, Wallwork, Lister, Antonelli, Livingstone and Varley acted as pallbearers at the cemetery. The funeral service was conducted in the Lismore Anglican Church and at the graveside the President of South Lismore R.S.L. Sub-branch, Mr. Joe D'Arney, conducted the R.S.L. service. A bugler from the sub-branch sounded the Last Post. Pat is survived by his widow and three children. A wreath from the 2/4th Bn. Assn. was among the many floral tributes.

Our sincere sympathies to the family of a mate who sailed with Fred and most of the "North Coast Mob".

HAROLD MAXWELL DUNLOP

On Thursday night 5/1/66 the death took place of our late friend Harold Dunlop, aged 66, after a short illness.

On Saturday, 8/1/66, the Cowra members of the Bn. Assn. attended in force together with full R.S.L. Guard of Honour and Members of Cowra Bowling Club, at the funeral service.

Pall Bearers were: E. Harris, C. Buchanan, L. Carter and H. Batchelor.

Wreath Bearers were: T. West, J. Ormiston, C. Hogan and I. Butler—6 Div. Cav.

Ian Davidson—Club President—spoke for us all and stressed the fact that "Harold was small in stature but big in heart" and never had been heard to boast—except about his fat lambs and pasture improvement—and rightly so.

The full R.S.L. service concluded with the trumpeter playing Last Post and Revielle.

To sum up: "Loved and respected by everyone."

—H. Batchelor.

NOTES FROM COWRA

On Monday last, Vic Francis called on E. Harris and contacted me. We entertained Vic and his wife at the Club on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday we all had a great "natter" over dinner at my place—Ted was working—and they left on Tuesday night on the way back to Victoria.

Leo Carter returned home from Harold's funeral and received the news that his Aunt had died and the family had to take off immediately.

Jack Ormiston declined as a pall bearer—as he was suffering from a broken toe.

During the week Ted Harris had visits from Jack Chaseling and "Butch" Gattenhof. Proving the fame of Ted's organisation and the fame of Cowra is being noted.

When Ces Chrystal sent me four cards from Bn. Assn., Ted was horrified. "Send them back 'Butch', they may cruel us." However, we will keep them for

any future time—hope it does not come for a long time.

—Hylton Batcheldor.

Thanks for the newsy info. Hylton. (Ed.)

ANNUAL 6th DIVISION FUNCTION

Quite a good roll-up for the 6th Div. show, including Tom Provians, Brisbane, and others from far afield, such as John Bennett and Clem Killeen.

Harry Gjedsted acted as A.D.C. to Sir Jack Stevens, an honour for both Harry and the Association.

We were further honoured by reinforcements to the ranks in the person of Clem Coady, Canberra War Memorial, complete with reels of the film to be shown in the evening.

Clem also sat down to the excellent Barbecue Dinner with a large group of W.O.G's, as did Sir Denzil Macarthur-Onslow (6 Div. Cav.). It was a delightful evening on the lawns of the Members' Enclosure at Randwick Racecourse and the arrangements excellent Caterers: *Morrison's* !!).

"Doc", as President of the 6th Div. Assn. spoke to the troops, thanked his Committee and introduced Sir Jack Stevens, whose message was delivered in a most bright and virile manner.

The film brought up by Clem Coady was most interesting and presented a broad coverage of all Australia's activities in World War II.

There was a good roll-up of W.O.G's and all had a happy time. Noted Clem Killeen getting additional autographs in the "N.B. Corner" copy of our History. (Don't forget country visitors to the "N.B.", sign this "register" on your first visit.)

All in all, a well run show, worth looking forward to once a year.

VISIT TO 4 BN. ROYAL N.S.W. REGIMENT

Reported by Cec. Chrystal

An invitation was extended to Assn. Executive by C.O., 4 Bn. R.N.S.W. Regt., with Gen. I. N. Dougherty to address the Officers and N.C.O's on the subject of the 2/4th Bn. campaigns in the Middle East. Twelve members including "Doc" attended the Arncliffe Drill Hall on Thursday night, February 10. The C.O., Lt. Col. Gordon Maitland introduced "Doc" as a famous soldier of World War II — gave him and Members of the 2/4th Executive welcome—stressed the help and support given to develop the spirit of the Bn.

Congratulated Assn. on long years of activity after over 20 years past—said he had read the History and agreed with general opinion it was the best War History yet produced. (Cec sold five copies during the evening.)

After a brief talk to his Officers and N.C.O.'s where he stressed "the spirit of the Bn.", the C.O. asked "Doc." to address the troops which he did, using a blackboard to advantage showing areas, positions, etc.

"Doc." gave a most interesting first hand account of the early formation, training in Palestine and Desert Campaign. Dealt with great detail of Tobruk and everyone most interested. Followed briefly with Greece and Crete and Kennas citation to finish on!

Afterwards the C.O. asked Harry Gjedsted as Assn.

President to address the troops, then Cec. Chrystal as War History Committee Chairman.

Broke off after 10 and were welcomed to the Officers Mess for informal drinks and supper. A most enjoyable evening, and a good team of young officers — all extremely keen. Present: Maj. Gen. Dougherty, Harry Gjedsted, Jack Jordan, Cec. Chrystal, Rex Eversen, Bill Luck, Rusty McWilliams, John Meehan, John Morrison, Harry Wright, Fred Searle, Athol Heath.

1966 SUBS

Response has been excellent and subs. are rolling in from all over N.S.W. and interstate.

Please continue YOUR support by sending off £1 to Fred Searle NOW!! Also, how about prodding W.O.G. mates into being financial? A real effort in this direction could easily see membership topping the 500 mark. Do some arm twisting boys!!

Here are a few of the names noted as having renewed their membership by post. Incidentally each has invariably sent best wishes to all members.

Jack Lister, Dennis Jackson, Don Bundy, Roy Andrews, Neil Wallace, Jack McLoughlin, Billy Eslick, Dr. Gordon Brodie, John Robertson, George Ormiston, Ron Small, Barney Turley, Monty Siems, Charlie Hood, Graham Jackett, Rod Berick, Wally Taylor, Newton Howard, John Holland, Dennis Curran, S. R. Smith, Bill Colley, Jack Antony, Gordon Chrisp, Gerald Bohle, Duncan Russell, Ross Ellerman.

ANZAC MARCH — 2/4 MEN ONLY

The following Resolution will apply to all Anzac Day Marches:—

"In future only ex-members of the 2/4 Inf. Bn. march (in the 2/4 Bn. Group) on Anzac Day."

Members are requested to advise any ineligible person wishing to join the ranks of the above Resolution.

LAST POST

NX46989 H. P. (Pat) Cusack, Wingham.

LEST WE FORGET

SICK PARADE

Jim Davis, Jewish Hosp.

Sir Iven Mackay

Rene Pinson

Bede McKenna

Home again—George Stack.

Our sincere thanks to Mick Laurie for his continued help in locating W.O.G. Patients at Concord R.G.H.

COCK'S COLUMN

At the North British met Johnnie, Dick Morris, "Slim" Pollock, Ces Chrystal and Frank Frizelle. Ces had a ring from Harold Conkey, Harold was in Sydney for medical treatment and sent regards to the boys, is going overseas for a four months trip.

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Ces received a card to the Association from Mrs. Bindley (widow of George Bindley), also one from the 4th Bn. R.N.S.W.R.

Other cards received from Bub and Marge Graham addressed to the "2/4th Bn. corner, North British H," also letter from Bob and Ada Griffith, addressed to "White over Green corner, North British," which shows the unofficial Bn. Headquarters is well known.

Then Clem Killeen from Tilpa via Bourke strolls in, later near the end of the session Gordon Chrisp joined us.

Clem Killeen and Colin Campbell had a day out, ended up at the R.S.L. Campbelltown, were guests of Dasher Deacon and met Jack Hardiman. Clem also met Doug Barry.

I heard that Pat Lahey was seen at Long Reef at the Annual Tech Golf Day.

Report 24-12-65 from Jack Maloney (Don) To "C" Co. Charlie Davies is a farmer again. Jerrys Plains, via Singleton.

Kevin Moylan, popular cellar-man at the N.B. had a trip up North, met "Tappy" Gardner.

Tom Provians down from Brisbane, Tom has recently seen Ted Wearne, Laurie McCosker and had a phone call from Duncan Russell.

Reg Angel is also down from Brisbane. Percy Lawsen NX13542, please contact Reg Angel, Anzac House, Brisbane.

Vic Francis over from Melbourne wishes to be remembered to all.

Kevin King, No. 1 Sec. N.G. Don Coy., called into the North British, he had met Clem Killeen in the Carlton, and recognised him after 23 years.

A letter addressed to Mr. "Cock" Robin, C/- Public Bar, North British Hotel, Circular Quay, was handed to me when I walked in from Bill Sumpter, that he would be in Sydney on January 15, and would call at the N.B. Bill writes he has met Ces Williams (Don Coy.) of Ganmain, but was sorry to find that "Butch" Warren had moved to Yass.

February, at the North British

Johnnie Morrison walked in and was surprised to be greeted by Tommy Mort, the first time for many years. Tom over from Adelaide with his family for a holiday, sends best regards to all 2/4ers. The school built up to "Porky" Williams, Ted McCaffery, Jim "Happy" Davis, Jack Gaffney, Clem Killeen, and Laurie James. A good time was had by all. Sorry I missed you Tom, had I known you were over I would have been in.

Johnnie also met John Whitbread, John's address, 43 Constitution Road, Ryde, Phone 80-3742. Pleased to hear of you John, please write, give us details and news.

Friday, January 21, we were favoured with Interstate and Country visitors, when I arrived with Johnnie was Tom Provians, Brisbane. John "Bush" Bennett, Brewarrina and Clem Killeen, Tilpa (out from Bourke) the locals started to drift in, Harry

Wright, Dick Morris, Gordon Chrisp, Jack Heaney, Frank Frizelle, and a late arrival Laurie James. John "Bush" is down on a hurried trip to make arrangements to enrol his son Rowley at the University to do Vet. Science. "Bush" has recently seen Geoff Hawke and George—(Carriers) in Inverell, also Brian Waring and Ron Withers. It was good to see you again, "Bush" come more often.

Clem Killeen said he had met Ken Webb at the N.B.

Wednesday, February 2, I arrived, and was very pleased to find Murray Naismith from Narrabri, with the "regulars". Murray looks well on it, he reports that George Frater was sighted, lopping a tree (in the absence of the owner) to enable him to have a clear view of the town clock. (Wouldn't it have been easier to buy a Sundial, George?) Murray has recently seen "Snow" Lovelle, who takes a very active part on the R.S.L. Club Committee and League. Met Bill "Wimpy" Willmott, who persists in breaking his time with the R.S.L. Swimming Club, also met Geoff Hawke and Ross Smith. Murray is definitely going to the next Country Reunion and hopes to see all these boys there. We were pleased to see you Murray and would like to see you more often.

Now at the February meeting:

Met Elliot Schofield, another Annual Meeting for him, (he has not missed one yet). Elliot was the first Vice-President of the Association, but is now tied up with Social Welfare work, on behalf of ex-servicemen and their families, is also an advocate for Railway ex-servicemen, which takes up most of his time. Elliot has recently seen Ernie Twist, Les Adams, Col. Burrows and Jack Morwich.

Rex Everson reports that Bill "Punchy" Walker has been off sick with a bad heart. Very sorry to hear of this Bill, we all wish you a speedy recovery and back to the best of health. Rex also met Bill Bickley.

Jim "Happy" Davis will be going into the Wolfer (Jewish) Hospital, Woollahra, will be operated on Wednesday to have knee-cap removed. We all wish you the best too Jim, and a speedy recovery. Jim has recently seen Les "Hubbly Bubbly" Butler and Dick Chapelow, both are well.

Met Ray Harrison, 19 Bge. H.Q. after many years of coaxing by Fred Searle, decided to wear the "White over Green" having had close Association with the Bn. is now a member of the 2/4th Inf. Bn. Assn.

Bill Luck has been over to Western Australia and at Perth had a very enjoyable time, good luck Bill.

The boys I saw at the meeting as they came into view, Harry Gjedsted, Ces Chrystal, Harry Wright, Fred Searle, Johnny Meehan, Rex Everson, Bill Luck, Dick Morris, Rus McWilliam, Athol Heath, Elliot Schofield, Sailor Harvey, Jim "Happy" Davis, Gordon Chrisp, Jack Heaney, Frank Frizelle, Johnnie Morrison, Peter Cade, John Copland, Fred Staggs, John Jordan, Peter Armstrong, Ray Harrison and me.

—"Cock" Robin.