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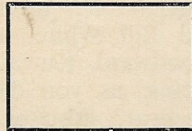
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**Next Meeting: 8 p.m., FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 1, 1966, Royal Naval House, Grosvenor St., Sydney**

**IF A CROSS APPEARS IN  
THIS SQUARE YOU ARE  
UNFINANCIAL**



**\$2 TO FRED SEARLE WILL SQUARE YOU  
ANZAC DAY IS THE DEADLINE**

## ANZAC DAY

Our Anzac Day programme is well established these days. All are especially requested to be "On Parade", in "good order and condition", at 0800 hours, as the Wreath Laying Ceremony is our main Anzac Day gesture to Fallen Comrades. "Doc" will be there.

**Fall in, 0800 hours:** Corner of York and Erskine Streets, outside the Ex-Occidental Hotel.

**Move off:** March to Martin Place for Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph, with 4th Bn. A.I.F., breaking trail and "our" band heading us.

**March on** to main assembly area, probably in Phillip Street.

**R.S.L. Info. Centre:** Corner Martin Place and Macquarie Street.

**After the March, 1130 hours:** Buses at corner of Macquarie and Bridge Streets.

**Luncheon, 1230 hours:** At Manresa Hall, Carlow Street, North Sydney (just off Miller Street, opposite St. Leonards Park).

**Band:** "Our" band has been invited to again lead us as well as attend the Dinner. You can bet they will be there with kilts—sorry, boots on!

**Note:** Entering Domain, LEFT eight files will proceed behind banner, RIGHT files halt, joining on at rear of LEFT ranks.

## MELBOURNE

Anyone intending to march in Melbourne (there is a request for massive reinforcements to the ranks) remember to write or ring Vic Francis, 46 Tutor Street, South Oakleigh, Melbourne (phone 57-8873), where their luncheon will be held.

Otherwise, just look for the Banner before the March and report for duty.

## FROM MR. PRESIDENT

I wish to record my appreciation of the confidence placed in me in electing me to the presidency, and ask for your full support throughout the year.

My hardest task will be to maintain the wonderful standard set by Cec, Johnnie M. and committee last year.

I congratulate the re-elected and newly elected executive and committee, knowing I have a most able team in support.

What ability I may be lacking in any direction will be made up by "what comes from the heart".

Harry Gjedsted.

President Harry Gjedsted and Cec Chrystal as past-president, have been invited by Col. I. A. Geddes to attend the Officers' Training School, Scheyville, via Windsor, for the official opening of the Soldiers' Club (wet canteen, old-timer) on 1st April (April meeting night).

Reason: Army custom is to name these clubs after V.C. winners. This one at the O.T.S. is being named after our "Nedda" Kenna—an honour to "Nedda" and the 2/4 Bn.

The executive has taken steps to endeavour to have "Nedda" up from Victoria for the occasion. Should he come to Sydney I'm sure "A" Coy. boys would like the opportunity to see him, as would all other 2/4ers. So let us hope that, apart from the O.T.S. function, we can have a special little W.O.G. get-together some time that first weekend in April. Details should be available at the April meeting, 1st April.



**RIORDAN TO THE RESCUE!**

Following the collapse of Dubbo Reunion, arrangements and a "left feint" at Canberra, the committee contacted Esca Riordan, who re-affirmed his previous unofficial offer to put on a "return bout" at Kempsey.

The committee feels that although a fresh venue would have been interesting, we are on sure ground with Esca, Jim Brown and Bub Graham running this year's Country Reunion at Kempsey. The boys have already met as a committee and made block bookings, so back them up by booking early—in fact NOW!

See you at Kempsey!

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"Doc" has been re-elected president of 6th Division Ex-Servicemen's Branch for 1966. Congratulations, Sir.

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Sir Iven Mackay is home again from Concord. Good health to you Sir Iven and best wishes to Lady Mackay.

**WATERED DOWN NEWS**

Congratulations to ex-2/4er S. R. (Ross) Smith, who recently became the Sydney Water Board's tenth secretary.

Ross began his career with the Board thirty years ago as a temporary junior clerk, at the age of 14. Later he obtained a Diploma in Public Administration at Sydney University, and became an expert shorthand writer, winning the State Gold Medal. During World War II, he enlisted as a private, and was later commissioned. He served in New Guinea with the 2/4, and after the surrender remained for six months to help establish the Wewak Formation College to train troops for their return to civilian life. While there he lectured in economics, and taught shorthand, typing and commercial English. Ross attended the Australian Administrative Staff College in 1959, and in 1962 spent three months in North America and Europe studying management techniques. At the time of his appointment as Secretary he had for two years been Assessor and Receiver, and prior to that was Assistant Secretary.

Speaking to Ross on the phone, he mentioned that last Anzac Day he met for the first time, the Ross Smith (Inverell). They stuck together and had a most enjoyable day.

And here's meself been after thinking for a whole year that 'twas the grog making me see double that day!

**COCK'S COLUMN**

At the North British I heard that "Bookie" Rae, from Newcastle, had called in. He was down on a Business Conference. Sorry I missed you, mate.

A chap came around to "our" corner, and introduced himself—Barney McCauley, 2/1 Engineers. He was also in Stalag 383, and knew several of our boys and was a friend of Lex Michel, Murray Naismith and Don Ellicot. He wished to be remembered to all, "shouted" a drink and departed.

A chap travelled on the same bus as me to the city and we did not recognise each other till we arrived at the N.B. He was Mick Owers, Moree, who came in to see the boys. Mick is down with Mrs. Owers who had to go into King George V Hospital for a serious operation.

We are all very sorry to hear of this and wish the good lady a speedy recovery to the best of health. Mick's daughter Barbara is a nurse at R.P.A. and will be able to give her mother every attention. Also, Fred Searle's daughter Jacqueline is in her last year of nursing at R.P.A.

Mick heard of Frank Sadler, Dubbo, and he is O.K.

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Jim "Happy" Davis then came in, still on crutches, but hopes to be able to dispense with them soon. He is the best he has been for 16 months. Hope the next time we see you Jim, you will be without the sticks.

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Well, John "Bookie" Rae came in again. (This is the first time I have known his Christian name.) "Bookie" has recently seen Padre Youll, Cliff Curran and Bill White, and sends his regards to Graham Woodward, Kuwait, and asks are you still falling off horses, as you did at the Lancer Barracks, before the war? Also sends his regards to the 2/4ers in Melbourne. Bookie had not booked in anywhere, so he stayed at my place for the night. Unfortunately, he could not stay for the meeting. Many thanks for your very kind gesture to me John.

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A letter from Leo Carter, Boorowa. Extract: "I learned at the local R.S.L. Sub-branch meeting that the Public was requested to place books on the War Memorial instead of wreaths on Anzac Day. The books are then stamped R.S.L. to the memory of the Fallen 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars, and then they are handed to the schools in the district.

So am enclosing cheque for a Bn. History and through the Boorawa Sub-branch will present it to the Boorawa High School Library.

Had a few at the Local with Dolph McColl and John Tobin. John is not enjoying the best of health at present.

I often meet Jack Ormeston mostly at sheep or cattle sales at Cowra.

Pleased to hear from you again Leo, the book is on the way and as you requested the change will be accepted as a donation. Many thanks. It was good to hear of Dolph McColl, and I am sorry to read that John Tobin is not enjoying the best of health. We wish you the best John, and hope you are well by now. It was good to hear of you too Jack Ormeston. Presenting the War History, I think, is a very nice gesture Leo. Thanks for writing. Please send any news.

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Denis Jackson called into the N.B. Down on a business trip. Told us he recently took his daughter over to Adelaide to embark on a Teachers' College Course with the South Australian Department. She was waiting for a scholarship from N.S.W. but South Australia came first, so the young lady accepted.



2/4 BATTALION ASSOCIATION

9th Annual Country  
Reunion

This year's Country Reunion is being held at Kempsey on 6-hour weekend,  
1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1966.

**PLEASE BOOK NOW!**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED**

1. Accommodation: Motel or Hotel .....
2. Number of nights required: from ..... to .....
3. Number of persons for accommodation .....
4. Number of persons for Dinner only (no accommodation) .....
5. A deposit of \$2.00 per person is required with booking.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR INTENTIONS AND ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS BY  
31st JULY, 1966 TO

'Phone: 3671

E. J. Riordan,  
63 Cameron Street,  
WEST KEMPSEY



I was told that Claude Raymond had an unfortunate mission to Sydney from Melbourne to attend his mother's funeral. Mrs. Raymond was 82. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Claude and his family.

(My personal sympathies, Claude.—Ed.)

At the March meeting I was pleased to meet the following: Stan Bowen, but Stan had no news.

Jack "Dusty" Gaffney, I am sorry to report, had an accident at work, injured his hand but hopes to be back soon. So do we mate. He met Eric Holder at Manly, Eric wished to be remembered to his mates. Jack would like to hear from, or any news of, the Templars.

John Jordan recently met Jack "Brick" Bradford at Lidcombe State Hospital. Jack was relieving engineering. He has now gone on to Goulburn.

John Meehan met "Massa" Brooks, who said he was coming to the March meeting with Teddy Gamble. John has also seen Bruce Cork who is doing the "James Bond 007" act in his private swimming pool.

Rus McWilliam reports that his son Ian was fortunate enough to be selected for this year's intake of Duntroon cadets. Congrats Ian, from we "old soldiers".

Charlie ("Butch") Warren, Yass, is on holidays, and is staying with "Scotch" McCartney, contacted Norrie McGregor and after a lot of ear bashing and arm twisting the trio came to the meeting. It was good to see you again "Butch", Norrie and Scotchie.

Norrie McGregor has recently seen Jack Shearer who is still trying to win a race with his dogs (got a second recently). Norrie also met "Tex" Dalloway and Geoff Inge.

Peter Cook heard that Noel Ford is now at Townsville with the C.S.R. Peter ran into "Shindy" Treharne who is steward at Stockton R.S.L. and has seen "Bluey" Pohlmann (A.), who has the BP Service Station opposite the Coogee Bay Hotel. Has also met Tex Morton, a South Sydney ("one eye") football supporter. (Peter's words, not mine, Tex). Peter also had a visit from Les "Lizard" Leach and family. Young Les is a sergeant with the 4th Bn. C.M.F. and also met Bill "Bing" Riley.

Was pleased to see George Stack in the secretary's chair again after his illness. George met Bill Keough in Concord making a good recovery. We are very pleased to hear of this Bill and you too, George.

Sid Young, Leichhardt: It's been a long time no see, mate. Sid went for a trip up to Grafton, missed Esca Riordon at Kempsey, met Pom Wallace at

Maclean. Sid went to the club at Grafton but Leo "The Lion" Lynch was on holidays.

Athol Heath reports that Perce Dalla was in Sydney over the Christmas holidays and missed out meeting him at the Chatswood Hotel because the night he was there Athol was not. He also met Teddy Hopkins, but no time for a yarn. Athol, remember me to Pat, also to the "Hubley-Bubley" family.

Harry Gjedsted had a beer with Les Fox at Manly. Les is looking forward to being again with us on Anzac Day. Harry also commented that there was a small par in the paper recently re Lou Loughan who is a technical adviser to a film company in America producing a film on the Capture of Tobruk.

Ray "Scotch" McCartney has recently seen Bill Owers of Guildford, also Norm Auberson of Guildford. Ray is looking forward to seeing ex-Transport Drive at the Kempsey Reunion.

Peter Armstrong saw a familiar face on the bus, looked as if the owner had been a participant of the hempen square. Couldn't place him, but mentioned him to Peter Cook at the meeting, who said it was probably "Bomber" Burns. Has anyone seen him?

Now back to the North British:—

I heard that Roy Miles from Cobar had called in. Roy intends living at Sylvania. Pleased to hear of you Roy. Sorry I did not see you, but hope to do so in the near future at the North British and the meetings.

Friday, 11th March—walked into the N.B. and was pleased to see a country visitor there with Johnnie, Rush McWilliam and Jack "Cheeky" Keating.

The boy from the bush was Ted Harris from Cowra. Ted has been on holidays to The Entrance, did not meet any of the boys in that area, but made enquiries at the R.S.L. about Frank "Snowy" Foster. The manager knew him well but had not seen him for some time and did not know that "Snowy" had been in hospital. Also made enquiries of "Curley" Day, but no luck. ("Curley" lives at Terrigal.—Ed.) Ted has recently seen Tim West, Hilton Batchelder and Jack Ormiston. All are well. It was Ted's birthday so that gave us the excuse to fill them up again. It was good seeing you Ted. (I was happy to have met you on Broadway that day too, Ted.—Ed.)

Jack "Cheeky Charlie" Keating, has recently seen Jack Maloney, Maroubra. Also Herb "Nugget" Greedy, who has now joined the Maroubra R.S.L. Club. "Cheeky" and Johnnie depart. A tingle on the phone from Russ McWilliam in short time brought John Meehan to join the trio. John said he had met "Snowy" Downs. "Snowy" has just brought a new car and is going on a holiday, doing a grand tour of North Queensland. Hope you meet some of the boys "Snowy". If so, please write.

Cock Robin.