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Monthly Meeting: FRIDAY, JULY 1, 8 p.m. Royal Naval House, Grosvenor St., Sydney

KEMPSEY BOOKINGS

Harry and Marge Gjedsted.
John and Billie Bennett.
Cec. and Phyl. Chrystal.
Peter and Margaret Cade.
Harry and Doreen Dowling.
"Bub" and Margaret Graham.
Johnnie and Doris Jordan.
Rus and Barbara McWilliams.
Harry and Yvonne Pearse.
Fred and Dot Searle.
Bill and Joyce Stewart.
Bill and Una Sheaffe.
Harry and Hilda Wright.
Jim and Gladys Brown.
Esca and Vera Riordan.
Molly Irvine.
Charlie Carroll.
Athol Heath.
Chas. Hansen.
Clem Killeen.
Johnnie Morrison.
Dick Morris (?).
Isobel Nelson Slee.
Ted McCaffery.
Bill Mitchell.
Tom Malcomb.
Jack Maloney.
Jack Pearce.
Dick Pinson.

Numerous members have indicated their intention of "signing on" for the big "do", so I ask them to make a firm booking right NOW.

Esca and Co. have the ability to put on a really first-class show but need to have bookings and deposits to hand by about the end of July, when block bookings for accommodation will have to be released.

From them on it may be pot luck, although Esca will see that everyone is suitably accommodated. Make it easy for him and yourself—send off your booking NOW—E. Riordan, 63 Cameron Street, W. Kempsey.

JUNE SITREP.

June meeting was as big and bright as ever, with a good gathering of the well-known and cheerful faces.

One "first-timer"—Kevin ("Black Tracker") Spurway from Parramatta pastures. Good to see the old rogue again! Business in brief:

Committee offered Hon. Life Membership to Johnnie Morrison, who accepted. Congratulations, Johnnie. Our Patron and President have been invited to be Mess Guests, at the 4th Bn. N.S.W. Regt. Ball.

"Doc" will be in Dubbo, but it is hoped that a team of "old" W.O.Gs. and wives will be in attendance.

Men of 4th Bn. R.A.R., stationed in Borneo, are to benefit by a direct donation of \$50 for their comforts fund, from our coffers. Suggested by Cowra boys, a \$10 donation is also being made to the War Nurses' Memorial Appeal.

Members of "our" band were appreciative of the Anzac Day photo of them passed on by the Association from Harry G's. sister.

Return thanks have been received from the family of Silas Mobbs (incorrectly given as "Les" in May W.O.G.). Si was 50 years of age.

HON. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Johnnie Morrison has accepted Honorary Life Membership. Congratulations from all members, Johnnie!

After due consideration the Committee decided that it would be an honour for the Association if Johnnie would accept this recognition by the Association of his outstanding and continuous contributions towards its success right from its inception—Johnnie being a foundation member.

During the discussion it was passed that this award be conferred on not more than one member per year, and then only if truly warranted. Submissions and recommendations to be made in writing to be considered by Annual Meeting and Committee.

TAMWORTH NEXT YEAR!

Tamworth boys have put their heads together, girded up their loins and so on. The result being a letter from Bill Smith offering to conduct the 1967 Country Reunion in Tamworth.

The Committee readily accepted, for we have a strong team of excellent W.O.G. types in that fair city.

Put me No. 1 on the list, Bill! I left for the Middle East from Tamworth, with the North Coast and Marrickville "Day Boys" mob, and only revisited it during our seven days disembarkation leave.

I believe my name—and others—may still be on an Honour Roll mounted in the Church of England parish hall. Or was it the church itself? Make your plans NOW, folks!

Isabel Nelson-Slee made a wreath in the form of a 2/4th Btn. colour patch, for Anzac Day, and it was placed on the cenotaph at South West Rocks by Charlie Hood, who was on holidays at the time.

TECH. COLEGE ANZAC SERVICE

I attended the Anzac Memorial Ceremony at the Sydney Tech. College.

Bede Keary (old 4th A.I.F.), although now retired, was present and handled one of the flags.

Afterwards there was a short session at the "local", with Pat Lahey (O.I.C. General Office), Bede and self, and several of the staff. Jack Anlezark arrived on official matters and sat in for a short—but "dry" yarn.

He reports having seen Cliff "Squizzy" Taylor and Jack Garvey at Matraville R.S.L. Reports Jack Garvey has resigned the Police Force to run a service station near the Sydney Dental Hospital.

Jack confirmed this on Anzac Day and reports sinior. (S.N.A.F.U.??).

Johnnie Ringrose, on a visit to South Australia, noted that the Memorial Wall, War Memorial, Adelaide, has Honour Roll of South Australian men Killed In Action, in Unit Groups. Sole name under 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn., Norm Plant, SX39506, who apparently was only S.A. in Bn. to be killed.

GRADUATION STAKES

That flashing filly from the Fred Searle stalls, Jaqueline (now Mrs. Guy), is an odds-on favourite to graduate as a full sister on 9th July.

Unfortunately, she will have to arise from a sick bed to attend the ceremony. She entered hospital (on the wrong side of the bed—so to speak), on the 23rd June—one day before her birthday.

Harry Gjedsted's daughter celebrated her 21st birthday on the 24th April. (That was close!) Harry and Marge gave Judith and her friends a party at Woollahra Golf Club.

If you wish to know any more—gaze into the haze of Anzac morn!!!

R.S.L. STORY WRITING COMP.

Whilst at Repat. I spotted a notice which gave details of a story-writing competition for Repat. in-patients—6th June to 22nd July; T.P.'s., T.B. Patients, War Widows and Service Pensioners confined to their homes.

Here is a chance for any under the above categories to show their talents in producing a story, original in scheme, of approximately 3,000 words. Must be the work of the entrant. Prizes: 1st—\$100; 2nd—\$75; 3rd—\$45. Get to work folk, closing date is 22nd July, 1966. Send to Mr. W. Osborne, Repat. Dept., 77 York Street, Sydney.

IN HOSPITAL, R.G.H.

J. Antony, Ward 4; J. W. Cowan, Ward 4.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

L. F. McNamara, G. Hawke, R. Gilliland, W. Ashcroft. Now O.K., H. Coomber. Good to hear this, boys, keep fit!!

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Sir Iven Mackay—Lady Davidson Hospital, two weeks, from Monday, 6th June, 1966, improving—visitors welcome.

Lady Dorothy Mackay—Sanitarium, Wahroonga, from 6th June, 1966. NO VISITORS.

Joyce Morris, Western Suburbs Hospital, serious operations. Thanks for the many kind inquiries, wishes and visits, friends.

LAST POST

NX34078 Pte. D. Courtney (Reveille).

NX11968 Pte. J. Kershaw (Reveille).

It had to happen! W.O.G. has always been ultra-careful in reporting deaths. (You will have noticed that source of info. is given where possible.)

I am very pleased to report that Norm SHAYLOR is very much alive, although he has been quite ill. Please delete Norm's name from "Last Post" and "Honour Roll".

Responsibility must be mine and I sincerely offer Norm and Nel my deepest regrets that such a distressing thing has occurred. Also to his numerous mates, who must have been shocked by this error.

NEWS FROM ESCA RIORDAN

Just before Christmas we had a visit from Perc. Dalla, his wife and son, from Wagga Wagga. They had been on a holiday to Queensland and were making their way leisurely down the coast.

After Christmas, a few of the local 2/4ers met casually at the local Club one Saturday morn for a few refreshments—Jim Brown, Harry Dowling, Tom Malcom and self.

Later in January, we had a phone call from none other than Tom Provians and family, who were returning to Brisbane. I went down to the Club for a couple of hours and had a few noggins. Tom said he had seen some of the boys in the city.

During February, the North Coast District Council held their Annual Meeting at Sawtell and again the 2/4 were well represented: Bub Graham, Jim Brown and self.

After a Legacy meeting we were having a few refreshments at the Club, when I saw a figure of solid proportions cross my vision. It was none other than Jack Chaseling from Kyogle. He was down here on business, so we yarned till the Club closed. He and Alan Kirk are going to organise the boys and "girls" from that end for the Reunion.

Bub Graham and some of the Macksville Boys were over on Easter Saturday night. Kind regards,

—Esca.

CARTER COMMENTS

Dear Cock Robin,

A little note from the far North Coast of N.S.W., where the sun always shines.

On a recent visit through the Kyogle district one Saturday morning, I decided to call in and see the Henry family at Wiangarie. Naturally, the invite went out and Mrs. was bitten in true 2/4 style and off to Kyogle we went. On the way a brief stop was made to converse with a farm tractor driver, namely Jack Lister. For once the urge to "lay down by the job"

was forgotten and most reluctantly Jack saw us heading for the smoke.

On arriving at this thriving metropolis the car was parked, a spot of shopping was performed, by both sides. The first 24th we met was Charlie Groves, who politely informed us he had seen the light and if we wished to have a glass of nectar then he would be pleased to accompany us. But he was as good as his word. The pledge had been signed for, so he stated, Kyogle only.

That made three of us magging away, when Wal said, "Do you know this bloke?" So after a bit of a juggle with the brainbox the person referred to was Bill Hyde. So that made four of us. Of course, the talk was remember this one or that one, when another body turns around, who on closer inspection revealed himself as Ted Slade. So that made FIVE of us. As the time was creeping along when slaves were ceasing duty, a glance around showed another had crept up on the outskirts, but keeping a distance. It was Doug. Groves. A very good attendance for one morning's pickings.

Amongst those mentioned was Max Nerney, whom I last saw in January, when he had come out of retreat to attend the funeral of a relative who had been accidentally killed while riding a motor bike on the railway line north of Kyogle. The topic centred around the forthcoming Country Reunion at Kempsey. By the response it would appear at this stage that the reunion will be well attended from the far North Coast. As regards myself, I will not know whether I will be present until I see where I shall be working at the time. So, for Eca's info., if I can attend, then I will, but will not require accommodation.

Bill Hyde mentioned Jack Vaughan, who lives around my area at Raleigh. Better fork yourself over this way one day, Jack, and I'm sure I will be let off the chain. During the Christmas recess my son was home and from a distance he looks something like me, poor coot! When a voice called out, "Hey, Rick, you haven't changed very much!" My son, being a relative stranger to town and not knowing many, was at a loss as to who the big clean-shaven stranger was. After consulting with the "boss" of this place (when I am not here) they decided that my boy was a case of mistaken identity. But that should put a stop to know-alls who say that it is a wise man who knows his own father. A compliment to me, anyway. Oh, the big carcass that called in. Yes, "Ming the Merciless" Mitchell who comes from out beyond Dorrigo. Good of you to call, Ming. Will return the visit as soon as I can get home long enough to wash my hands.

That's the news, Cocko, hope to make a meeting around September. All the best to the new administration. Good to see Harry at the controlling point.

—Rick Carter.

CARTER'S COOK COMMENTS

Your Editor received a letter from Ruth Carter some time back, but, like a few other items, it has been shelved at the last minute each month due to lack of space.

She gives a full and humorous account of "Ming" Mitchells' visit (reported above by Rick), including a run-away car incident. "Ming's" car took off down

the hill whilst he was busy mistaking Rick Junior for Rick Senior. Ruth also gives the following news of Harry and Emmeline Russell. "... Those who know Harry and Emmeline Russell of the P.O. Store, Mylestom, nearby, will be interested to know that Emmeline, ex-war nurse, and triple certificated Sister, has been called on several times this summer to help in cases of near drowning. The local Association think so highly of the good work of this couple they have installed an emergency bell at Russells' store.

"Which prompts me to ask, Does the Association have Christmas parties now? I remember working with Emmeline and others years ago, for the kids."

Struth, Ruth, there hasn't been a kiddies' Christmas Tree since those you speak of, held at the home of Nell and the late Wally McNab, with the late Sam ("Scotty") Ervine in the feature role—the only Santa Claus I've ever heard with a Scot accent!!!

Wonderful to hear that Harry and Emmeline have so fully established themselves at Mylestom and that Emmeline has overcome any health disabilities to be of such service to their lovely little community. A cheerio to you both, Harry and Emmeline.

Best wishes and thanks for the bright letters, Rick and Ruth.

COCK'S COLUMN

ANZAC DAY (Cont'd.)

Len Hellyar, met Bill Niland. Len said that Tim Holt (B coy.) was killed in a motor accident at Dapto. approximately 12 months ago. We offer our sincere sympathy.

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Frank "Spiv" Spivey (B coy.) Melbourne was in New Guinea, his brother Bob also 2/4th was in the Desert. Frank was looking for Tommy Taber, "Sparrow" Clinton and "Bluey" Creagon. He also met Dick Latimer at Swan Hill.

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Dick "Pop" Williams met George Quigley at Granville.

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Roger "The Arab" McFarland, East Sydney, was looking for "Slim" Venn.

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Peter Moss (D Coy.), Burwood, was hoping to see Bruce Meads.

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Joe "Darky" Aboozaid. I was sorry to see Joe on a walking stick, we wish you the best mate.

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Bill Burns, Blacktown; Bill was with John Hawkins, also Blacktown.

Les. "Hubblely Bubbly" Butler was with Jim "Happy" Davis.

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Albert "Angel" Gabriel met Vince Sparks and Aub. South. I am sorry to hear Aub. is not the best.

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Joe. Lowe; Joe. often meets the Auburn 2/4ers.

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Alen "Blue Eyes" Scott, Bondi, has seen Sid Cherrie.

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Bob. "Lasca" Roach, Bankstown, met Jim "Rosco" McKennion at Taree, also Roy "Scotchie" McCartney at Guildford was hoping Bill Demery would turn up.

Bill Reilly, sorry to write that Bill has been in hospital again. Bill met Gordon Richards.

Cecil "Slim" Powers, Manlyvale; same as ever.

Harry "Hubbly Bubbly" Brown, Guildford, has seen Tom Watson (D coy.) and Rex Everson.

Sid Buckley, new address, 11 David Street, Marrickville, has seen Dick Penson and Les Saxby.

Teddy Hopkens saw "Massa" Brooks, met Dick Latimer.

George Friend, Vacluse; I heard that George is now Captain of the Rose Bay R.S.L. Swimming Club.

Jack Maloney, Maroubra, met Jack "Cheeky" Keating.

Big Bill Reaney, met Ted Gardner, Ned lives at Penrith, sends regards. Bill made a donation of four dollars to me for the Welfare Fund. This is a very nice gesture, and is certainly appreciated. Thanks Bill. (It was Bill, who some time back won the raffle for the Mantle Model Radio and also donated this back for the Welfare Fund.) Thanks again Bill.

George Johnson, Lismore. George met Fred Varley, Merv Stebbing, Allan Kirk and Merv. McGuinness.

Bill "Sluggo" Weldman, met Merv. Lane at the Reunion, this was Merv's first. The last time Bill saw Merv, was the day Charlie Bye was killed and Merv. was wounded in the foot.

Ken Franklin (A coy.) Revesby, no news.

Bill Colley, Bathurst; met Bill Youd and Ernie Dawe, they tried to come to the Reunion, but work kept them away.

Arthur Kleem, Young, met Bruce Millard.

Gordon "The Wog" Murray, Potts Point, met A. Murphy (A. Coy.).

Bill Parry, Balgowlah, met George Catt and Eric "Ecca" Holder.

Bill "Bluey" Pinder has seen Charlie Scully who, unfortunately, is in hospital. Sorry to hear of this, Charlie, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Herb. McLaughlin, North Ryde, was hoping to see "Lofty" Taylor, Bert Milner, Larry Dooley and Noel Smith, but they were not there.

Ron Stennett, Hurstville, had a beer with Ken Northrop.

Stan "Bull" Wilkinson, Ashfield, met Urb. Hoather.

Bruce Cork, Turramurra, met Johnny Walch.

Barry Herwig, Castle Hill, met Johnny Hawkins and Kenny Richardson at Castle Hill R.S.L.

Ewen Wood (D. Coy.) Rydalmere, said he and Ernie "Ollie" Twist went to Auburn R.S.L. Anzac March on the Sunday, met Bunny Burows.

Cliff Curran, Newcastle, met Rus Maddern in Newcastle Tattersalls Club, and Rus sends his regards to all 2/4ers, also to John "Porky" Holland.

Bill "Snowy" MacLennan, Northbridge, met Pat Sydnam and "Stumpy" Wright at Furlough House, Narrabeen.

Harold Bowman, North Sydney, met Denny Burnes and mentioned that "Rags" Roy Butler is now married.

Sid Cherrie, Alexandria, met Mick Burn's sister, who is very grateful to W.O.G. for locating Mick, is now in contact with Mick, whom she had not seen for 10 years.

Harry Gjedsted's nephew, Lieut. Peter With called in on the Reunion at Manresa Hall. Peter is serving with "A" Coy., 17th Bn., and called in to have a drink with his uncle's friends. We were all pleased to meet you, Peter, welcome always.

Jack Carroll, Senior Administrator, Psychiatric Centre, Rozelle, Jack and I had a good yarn.

George Kirby, Avalon, met Urb Hoather, who tried to make the Reunion, but could not.

Bruce Cork reports "Blue" Williams wishes to contact Frank Dargan.

Jack "Tolga Jack" Garvey, Malabar, has resigned from the Police Force and is taking up business at the Shell Service Station in Elizabeth Street, near Centra. Railway, and will be happy for country members, arriving by train to use this as a depot. Jack will be familiar with addresses of all members of the Association, and would like other members to use this as a Communication Centre.

Bob "Yappy" Gardiner, came down with Charlie Grove, has seen all the North Coast boys, who send their regards, and can guarantee 100% representation at the Kempsey Reunion.

Cliff "Squizzy" Taylor has seen Noel Howell, who is Officer-in-Charge of Police at Gilgandra.

Other boys I had a yarn to, but they had no news: Mick Weir, Wahroonga; Eric "Ecca" Holder, Manly; Charlie Gillard, North Ryde; Les Jones (Sigs.), Brookvale; Jack Pearce, Erskineville; Tom McNamara, Ryde; Wally Honey, Concord; Trevor Richardson, Narrabeen.

"COCK ROBIN.