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Annual General Meeting: Friday, 3rd February, 1967

GREETINGS FROM OUR PATRON

Another year has passed by, and once again I extend to all members of our 2/4th Battalion Association, and to all those near and dear to them, the very best of wishes for good health and happiness throughout the year that lies ahead.

I know that all our Association members, and indeed, all those who served in "The Second Fourth" but who are not members of our Association, would wish me to express on their behalf our warmest thanks to our President, our editors of W.O.G., and all members of our committee, for the splendid way they have carried the Association forward throughout the past year. We do appreciate, very much, what they have done.

I have mentioned those who are not members of our Association, but who are entitled to be because they served in our old battalion. Should they happen to see these notes I do hope they will consider becoming financial members. By doing so they will not only be expressing their appreciation in a tangible way, but they will be giving encouragement to those who shoulder the responsibility, and adding strength to the Association.

Once again, the best of good wishes to all.

IVAN N. DOUGHERTY.

1967 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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., FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1967.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and consider the Annual Reports.
3. To receive and consider Accounts and Balance Sheets for year ending 31st December, 1966.
4. To elect Office Bearers for the next year.
5. To elect an Honorary Auditor.
6. General Business.

Members are entreated to attend in force.

GEORGE STACK,
Honorary Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — 1966

The past year has been another wonderful and successful year for our Association. It seems to me that our bonds of friendship and our Association gather strength as each year goes by.

This year we participated in the 6th Division Reunion and Wreath Laying Ceremony, with your President having the honour of being A.D.C. to Major-General Sir Jack Stevens. We have been guests of 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R. on two occasions and our approach to 4 R.A.R. in Malaysia was warmly received.

Anzac Day was well attended, the appearance, bearing and marching of our Bn., led, as usual, by the Parramatta Pipe Band was of a very high standard.

The attendance of your President and Committee at the 4 Bn. A.I.F. Association Reunion after the March was most pleasant due as always to the hospitality extended to us by our old friends.

We had another wonderful and well-attended Country Reunion at Kempsey, and we sincerely thank Esca and Mrs. Riordan, Jim and Mrs. Brown, their friends and helpers for their excellent planning, and the trouble they took to ensure we all enjoyed ourselves. Similarly, the boys of Parramatta Pipe Band went to great trouble to ensure we had a pipe band for our march to the Cenotaph at Kempsey, and as a result of their efforts and co-operation, we were led by a combined Parramatta-Taree Pipe Band.

We were all aware of the death of General Sir Iven Mackay the night before our Kempsey Reunion, and will long remember General Dougherty's eulogy to Sir Iven at our Reunion Dinner, concluding with the piping of the Lament "Flowers of the Forest".

Our Annual Ladies' Night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Dorothy Searle for providing that beautiful "White Over Green" cake.

Another important function this year was the opening of the "Kenna" Club at Scheyville, O.T.U. The club is named after our "Nedda" Kenna, V.C., and was officially opened by your President, who was accompanied by Cec Chrystal.

Our Combined Smoko was not as well patronised as we had hoped, but was thoroughly enjoyed by those who did attend. The absence of a number of our friends of 4 Bn. A.I.F. Association indicates that weather and/or transport may be becoming a problem

in getting to Royal Naval House. Means of overcoming this will be considered by our committee.

I could not conclude this report without making several comments:

Firstly, my sincere thanks to the committee for their encouragement and untiring efforts during the year — to our members for their continued support of the Association — and to our wives for their co-operation in helping us to maintain the high standards of our Association over the years.

A very special thanks to "Cock" Robin for the tremendous personal effort he makes to keep us all posted with news of our members. I am sure you will all agree with me that "Cock's Column" has contributed greatly to the development and strengthening of our Association.

We were reaching a stage of despair with the situation at Royal Naval House until the appointment of Mr. Watts as Supervisor. Since then, the decor and atmosphere has improved tremendously, and Bill has proved himself to be a true friend, deeply interested in our Association and its functions. By his actions and friendly co-operation he has made us feel truly "at home", sparing no effort to ensure that all our meetings are as pleasant and enjoyable as he can possibly make them.

Two subjects for consideration by the incoming committee will be my suggestions relative to the appointment of country and interstate Vice-Presidents and the founding of a 4 Bn. Regimental Association, to include members of all Fourth Infantry Battalions from 4 Bn. A.I.F. (1914-1918) right through to and including the existing 4 Bn's. R.A.R. and R.N.S.W.R. Meetings of this Association could be held every three months, with an Annual Meeting on, say, Armistice Day each year.

My sincere best wishes to you and your families for 1967, and please make an effort to attend our Annual General Meeting, at Royal Naval House, on Friday, 3rd February, 1967.

HARRY GJEDSTED,
President.

LAST POST

4th Bn. A.I.F.: 3011 C. L. Brown, 7000 F. J. Hughes,
93704 J. D. Taylor.

2/4th Bn. A.I.F.: NX5322 W. R. Irvine, M.M.,
NX6418 C. F. Conaghan, NX13165 R. A.
Parrish.

"We will remember them."

1967 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due for 1967. The Executive would be very gratified to have your early response. Membership for the year costs only \$2.00 and includes the monthly posting of "White Over Green". Send \$2.00 right away to Fred Searle, 31 Griffith Avenue, West Ryde. Ex 2/4 Bn. T.P.I.'s are entitled to membership and W.O.G. without charge.

1967 COUNTRY REUNION

Johnny Morrison is leading a team to Tamworth on the Anniversary weekend to discuss arrangements for the Tamworth Reunion. He will report to the Annual Meeting on Friday, 3rd February, 1967.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

On the threshold of another year one wonders what the future holds and means for all concerned. To our Association, and people generally, it means 'Unity is Strength'. We must work together as a well-trained team, which was the case many years ago.

The past year has been good for the Association in many ways. Our members are not decreasing — in fact we are hearing of men who have been "missing" for years — last year near the 500 mark, and that is still the position, on the move forward.

We have kept our personal contact with the "Parent Fourth" which means Anzac Day, their Annual General Meeting, and the Combined Smoko, and hope this will continue happily during 1967.

Friendship has been firmly established with 4th Bn. Royal N.S.W. Regt., and they are proud to be associated with the "Old and Older Boys". We have also forged a link with 4th Bn. R.A.R. so it has become a "full hand of fours".

The management of Naval House has changed. Our thanks to Messrs. Watt and Grant for their keen interest and excellent work in connection with our various functions at Grosvenor Street. I am sure we will be happily associated with them for many years.

Kempsey does not need any comment. It must have been the best ever Country Reunion and a tribute to a hard working team.

Finally our good "Pipers of Parramatta" deserve very hearty thanks for all their interest, and the work they do on Anzac Day and the reunions.

To our Patron, President and Committee, my thanks for the year's work and may 1967 bring happiness to you all. To Association members and families a very hearty and happy New Year.

GEORGE STACK,
Hon. Secretary.

6th DIVISION REUNION

Our Patron, General Dougherty, is the President of 6th Div. Association and has expressed the wish that as many 2/4th Bn. members as possible attend the Annual March to the Cenotaph and Reunion, at Randwick Racecourse, on SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1967.

Members are requested to assemble under the Unit Banner in Phillip Street, at 4.30 p.m., for the March to the Cenotaph.

The Reunion will be held in the Paddock enclosure at Randwick Racecourse from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., where a barbecue meal will be provided; tickets \$3.

Sound film of 6th Div. exploits will be screened at approximately 7.30 p.m. Transport for incapacitated members will be available if requested before 4th FEBRUARY, 1967.

Concession TRAIN fares for country members AND THEIR FAMILIES will be available on production of a letter from local R.S.L. or Unit Associations.

VALE BILL IRVINE, M.M.

Members will be saddened by the news of the death of William Ross Irvine, M.M., after a long illness. Bill was one of the staunchest members of our Association, admired and respected by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his brother Jack and his two sisters.

COCK'S COLUMN

Happy to report that brothers Arthur and James Smith, sons of Phil Smith of Manly Motors, were successful at last year's University Economics.

Staff Cadet Allan Stewart, son of member of Bill Stewart of Kogarah, obtained a good pass at the end of his first year at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Phillip Gjedsted, our President's son, matriculated successfully. Congratulations!

Our hard-working Honorary Treasurer, Fred Searle, has been on the indisposed list and is receiving therapy thrice weekly under the direction of Repat. Our commiserations Fred and hope you're soon 100%.

Johnny Morrison had a phone call from Wally Lambourne to say he had his leg in plaster as the result of an accident and regretted he was unable to go to Kempsey. Hope you're soon on the mend, Wal.

Patrick Heaney, son of member Jack Heaney, has been home on leave prior to going off to Vietnam. He is in the Regular Army Engineers. Best wishes, Pat.

In the Mail Bag:

Interesting letters to hand from Monty Siems, England, Harold Conkey, Cootamundra, Graham Jackett, Tasmania, and Rod Berick, Narrandera. Will let you read their news when space permits.

North British News:

Bert Hooper (Stretcher Bearer), late of Eden, now Brookvale, came in to the N.B. and recognised Johnny Morrison after 15 years. Sorry I missed you, mate. Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in February. Attention Gordon Chrisp!! Bert is interested in bowls so what about you both turn up at the meeting?

Was on my "Pat Malone" one Wednesday, Johnny, I'm sorry to say, being sick, when in walks Tom "Nedda" Erskine, Griffith. "Nedda" was down for the day on business and leaving on the night train. Had recently seen Fred Driscoll, Ted Swadling, Dave McClure and Arthur Webb.

I was interested to hear his brother John had been appointed leader of the party to serve at Mawson, Antarctica, with the Australian National Antarctica Research Expedition in 1967. Congrats, John. "Nedda" was interested to hear news of the Kempsey Reunion and says he was very sorry he could not make it. Sends his regards to the Northcoasters, many of whom were in his section.

Johnny M. reports a call from another country visitor, "Bub" Graham, Bowraville, who had a few noggins with Ted McCaffery, Jerry "Fangs" Coughlan and Bill Sandstrom. Sorry I missed you "Bub".

A post card from Naples addressed to the N.B. read: "Writing this on the pavement outside a cafe in brilliant sunshine. Will be going round Naples and Vesuvius later. Have had a simply marvellous time. All the best to you and the boys. Monty."

Bruce Stewart, Wagga, strolled in one day looking very fit. Bruce had recently seen Stan Blacksley, Humula, Joe Crawford, Jock Cummings, Perce Dalla and Jim Crowe. Johnny M. joined the party followed by Peter Armstrong and big Jack Davies. A pleasant session. Bruce Stewart mentioned he had visited Maroubra R.S.L. and saw Jack "Cheeky Charlie" Keating and Bert "Nugget" Greedy.

Kenny Webb called. He had been to R.G.H. Concord to see Tom Hopper and met Johnny Morrison and Fred Searle doing their routine hospital visit. Also saw Les Fox. All the best Tom. Glad to hear from Johnny that you are out now.

News of Ladies' Night:

Ron and Rita Ford, 6 Albert Street, Goulburn, or Kenmore Hospital, would be pleased to see any members passing through. They enjoyed the function very much.

Athol and Pat Heath were a welcome couple. They were disappointed at not seeing Doris and Clive Naphthali. Pat is going home to England for a trip later on this year. As it was Athol's birthday next day the band struck up "Freeza" and "Happy Birthday", which all joined in singing.

Cec and Phyl Chrystal had a visit recently from Edwina (Lilley) and Doug Blandford. Edwina gave Cec a cutting from the local paper showing Mr. E. Fugger, an original 4th Bn. A.I.F. veteran, planting a seedling cultivated from a seed from the original Lone Pine on Gallipoli.

It was good to see Fred and Dorothy Searle. Although Fred was ill he still turned up to carry on the job. It was Fred's birthday, so the musical honours were forthcoming for him also.

Ron Raymont, 23 Lurline Street, Ettalong, put in an appearance after seven years. Ron's brother Ken is still living in Adelaide. Pleased to see you again Ron!

Ewen Wood and friend Violet had a very enjoyable evening.

Dick Pinson and his wonderful band excelled themselves. Dick on the piano, Wally on the drums and Charlie Hansen on the saxophone, made magnificent music. Charlie brought the house down with solo renditions of "White Christmas" and "Holy Night". Dick recently met Jim Foreman (H.Q. Coy) at the Wallacia Bowling Club.

Ted "Buf" Wilson, Ryde, put in a very belated appearance, after many moons. Ted had just returned from a business trip to England and America. He met Harry Wright at Ryde R.S.L. the night before. Harry did some arm twisting and talked him into coming. Keep up the good work Harry!

Frank Frizell had his usual enjoyable evening. Met Bob Davies (Bn. Orderly Room Sgt., and later Pay Sgt.) — Bob joined the Association and wishes to be remembered to all 2/4ers; sends greetings.

I was very sorry to hear that Molly Irvine had recently lost her sister (Mrs. Thompson) — we extend our sincere sympathy to Molly and family.

Reg "Pommy" and Jean Cole, of Padstow, had a happy evening. Reg was sorry he could not come to the Kempsey Reunion. Sees Bill Stewart frequently, has also seen Bluey Peak. Reg was lucky enough to win the bottle of whisky. Congrats. Reg.

We are pleased to report that Kath Waterworth won the carton of beer. I should have let you drive me home, Len, we could have "cracked" a bottle.

"COCK ROBIN"

2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1966

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at Bank 31/12/65	\$1361.01	Printing	\$495.64
Fees in advance	261.00	Rent	55.00
Association	199.00	Stamps and Postage	20.25
W.O.G.	199.00	Wreaths	9.30
Functions		Donations to Ben. Fund	5.95
Anzac Day	\$423.00	R.S.S.A.I.L.A.	4.20
Combined Smoko	25.00	Anzac Day Luncheon	474.15
Ladies' Night	63.00	Buses	32.50
Raffle	13.00	Smoko	83.50
	524.00	Ladies' Night	115.21
General Items		General Items	97.24
Ties and Badges	29.75	Deposit for Kempsey Bookings	300.00
Car Stickers	6.10		1692.94
Sale of R.S.L. Books	2.25	Plus Late Deposit Cheque	40.00
Donations to Ben. Fund	5.95	Plus Treasurer's Error	20
Refund of Kempsey Booking	300.00		1733.14
Bank Interest	54.32	Balance at Bank 31st December, 1966	1215.24
Bank Deposit by Members	6.00		\$2948.38
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BENEVOLENT FUND

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at Bank 31/12/65	\$731.40	Welfare	\$83.00
Donations	13.10	Hospital Comforts	53.15
Sale of War History	26.47	Donation to 4th Bn. Comforts Fund	50.00
Transfer from War History	129.55		186.15
Transfer from General Account	5.95	Balance at Bank 31/12/66	746.86
Transfer to Bank by Vic. Branch not shown by receipt	5.67		
Bank Interest	21.57		
	933.71		
Less 70 cents Error on Cheque No. 70170		
	\$933.01		\$933.01

WAR HISTORY

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at Bank 31/12/65	\$41.31	Postage	\$2.60
Receipts of War History	87.43	Transfer to Benevolent Fund	129.55
Bank Interest	3.41		
	\$132.15		\$132.15

ACCOUNT CLOSED

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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.

(Auditor): J. C. Roberts, 31/12/66