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Next Meeting, Friday, 5th May, Royal Naval House, Sydney, at 8p.m.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANZAC DAY

0800: FALL IN at Corner of YORK and ERSKINE STREETS, near the southern end of Wynyard Park.

0815: MOVE OFF to Martin Place for the Association's Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

0840: MARCH ON to main Assembly area in Phillip Street.

0910: ANZAC MARCH commences; end in Bathurst Street.

1140: ANZAC SERVICE, WAR MEMORIAL, HYDE PARK.

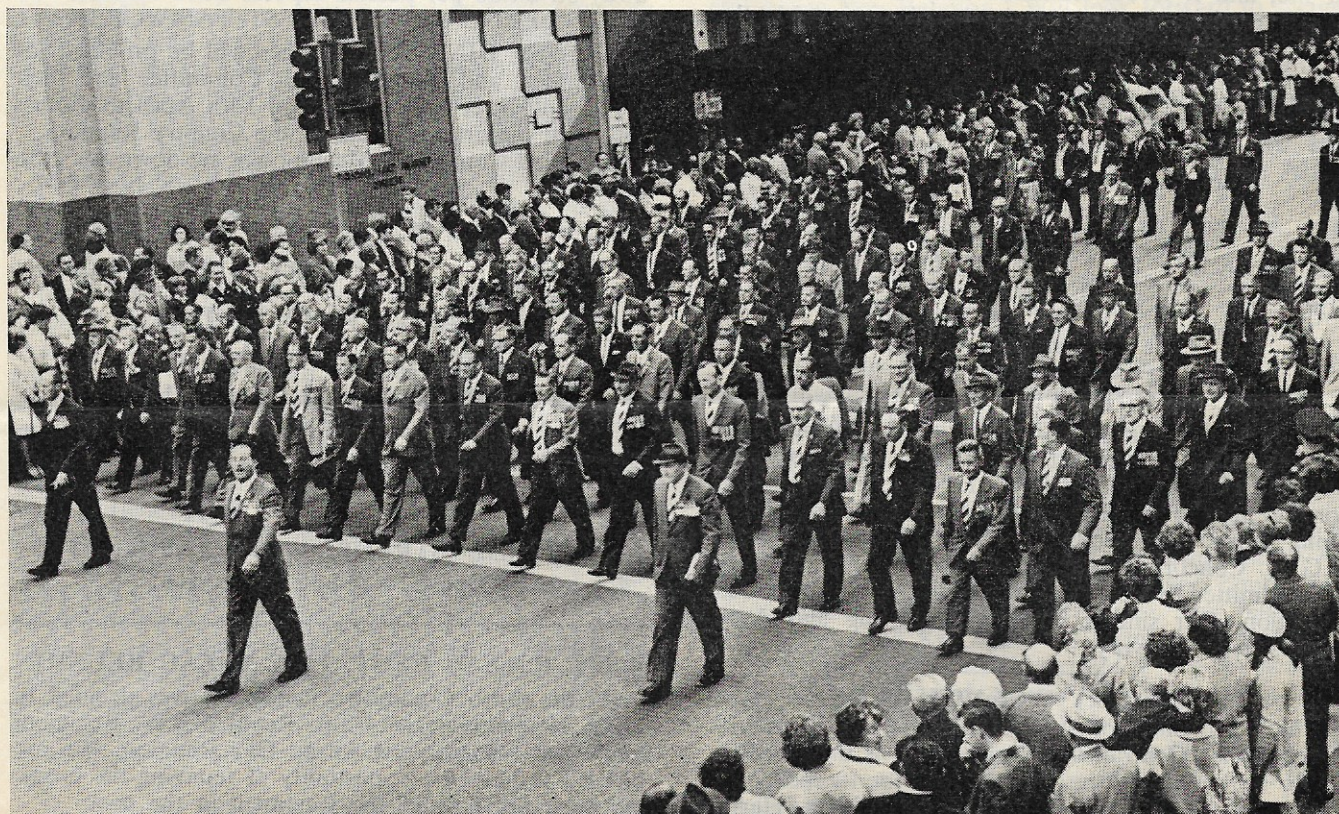
SPECIAL BUSES hired by our Association will leave Elizabeth Street, near Museum Station, for the Reunion

venue at **MANRESA HALL, CARLOW STREET, NORTH SYDNEY** (Members may embus at any time). Buses will leave for Manresa Hall beginning **1130 HOURS.**

1201: MANRESA HALL opens, refreshments begin flowing and the happy camaraderie of The Anzac Reunion follows. A hot meal will be served. \$3 covers everything.

GENERAL DOUGHERTY will be marching with us at 0815 hours for the Wreathlaying Ceremony and will be coming as usual to Manresa Hall.

HARRY GJEDSTED will be visiting the 4th Bn. ('14-'18) Reunion with some of the committee.



ANZAC DAY, 1966 — MEN OF 2/4th BN. MARCHING IN GEORGE STREET

THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC

We, who at this time celebrate Anzac Day, are very fortunate people. Fortunate inasmuch as we are at liberty to gather together, at a time and place of our own choosing, to pay homage to those who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in preserving such liberty for us. In some countries to show pride, as we at this time do, at the deeds of brave men who have perished in the cause of freedom, is to court disaster and risk banishment to barren wastes.

How fortunate then we are to be of Anzac Breed. What a glorious heritage is ours. When those gallant men leapt from their boats off the shores of Gallipoli, just 52 years ago, they set standards of courage, of loyalty and devotion to duty the like of which has never been surpassed. By their epic deeds on that April morn' they inscribed, to the undying honour of their country, a glorious and immortal chapter in the Annals of Military History. The Torch so nobly kindled — the Spirit of Anzac — is our inheritance!

Who **will** deny that this "Spirit of Anzac" imbued our men in their advance across the Desert when they engulfed an enemy Army and enveloped an enemy Empire? Who **can** deny that this "Spirit of Anzac" inspired our men on the Seas and in the Air, as they emblazoned Australia's name proudly over the battle-zones of the Globe? Who **dare** deny that this "Spirit of Anzac" succoured our men in the stinking jungles of New Guinea and the Pacific, and enabled them to overcome a most determined enemy, in the face of the almost unendurable obstacles of nature.

To keep burning this Torch—this Spirit of Anzac—is our sacred trust and we must be ever watchful that that trust be not betrayed. Throughout the world today there is a cult of anti-service abroad — a cult of protest, complaint and dissatisfaction with our way of life, and it is our bounden duty to seek out this ugly growth and eliminate it, lest it extinguish the Torch and leave, unanswered the cry:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch: be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep . . ."

THE LAST POST

4th Bn. A.I.F.: 5675 C. A. E. Dyer; 1144 G. L. Haining; 2236 R. H. Warner.
2/4th Bn. A.I.F.: NX5952 W. W. Quinnell.
"We will remember them."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Johnny Morrison and Fred Searle, our hospital visitors, are happy to report that all the 2/4th patients have been discharged from R.G.H. Concord. However, sorry to have to say, **Tom Hopper** has been re-admitted. **Doug Barry**, Woy Woy, was recently discharged from R.G.H. Concord, reports that his wife, Amy, has been admitted to Gosford District Hospital for a serious operation. Our sincere good wishes Doug and Amy for a speedy recovery.

ANZAC DAY WREATHLAYING

The 2/4th Battalion Association's individual gesture to our Fallen Comrades on Anzac Day is the Wreath-laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph, prior to the commencement of the main March. Our President, Harry

Gjedsted is most anxious for a large representation this year. Members are requested to form up at the corner of YORK and ERSKINE STREETS, opposite Wynyard Park, at 0800 hours. This is about 100 yards from the York Street entrance to Wynyard Railway Station.

Accompanied by the Parramatta Pipe Band, and preceded by the men of the 4th Bn. ('14-'18), the Unit will march to the Cenotaph, where the President will lay the Wreath. For any of you who have not taken part in earlier years, this is the most impressive and moving occasion in the Association's Calendar. Please make a special effort to attend. General Dougherty will be marching with us.

TAMWORTH COUNTRY REUNION

Six Hour Weekend, 30th September-2nd October, 1967

Bill Smith the organising Secretary of the 1967 Annual Country Reunion advises: "A Committee meeting was held at the Tamworth R.S.L. Club on 17th March. **"Nicky" Allardice** reported arrangements had been made for the Tamworth Police Boys' Band and their Bugler to accompany the March. Nicky also reported that arrangements had been made for Hannafords Bus Service to provide transport for Association Members from the R.S.L. Club to Anzac Park. **"Mornie" Peters** reported that arrangements were in hand for a Barbecue on the Sunday afternoon. **Geoff Hall** reported that East West Airlines was unable to help with special travel for that weekend but they were happy to suggest alternative services with other Airlines — more of this later.

Bill Smith reports firm bookings have been made for 126 people. This includes Motel, Hotel and Guest House accommodation. Details of tariffs will be advised shortly, but Bill will be happy to book anyone right away on \$4.00 per person deposit. Bill's address:

23 DENNE STREET, WEST TAMWORTH.

LADIES' DINNER: A Dinner will be provided for the Ladies, and the Tamworth Committee and their Wives will meet for a Dinner on 14th April to discuss this most important feature of the Country Reunion.

The next Committee Meeting was set down for 28th April.

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4 BN. R.N.S.W. REGT. FOR ANZAC REUNION

At the April Committee meeting it was decided to invite 10 members of 4 Bn. Royal N.S.W. Regiment to be our guest at our Anzac Day Reunion. We are pleased to have the opportunity of repaying the hospitality accorded us by the Regiment in the past.

COCK'S COLUMN

In The Mail Bag:

P.O. Box 7,
Adelong, N.S.W.

Dear "Cock Robin",

I have some news of interest and of importance for W.O.G. and for Cock's Column. Bill (W.W.) Quinnell NX5952, who enlisted from Young, died at the beginning of this month at "The Catworth Fox Inn", Catworth, Huntingdonshire, England. Some of the Ex-P.O.W.'s might remember that when he was repatriated from Germany to England, he met and married an English girl and continued to live over there. His brother Jack, who lives in this town, gave me the information.

Archie Quinnell, now living at Holbrook, who comes this way occasionally as linesman for the P.M.G., has been in to see me. Some of "Snowy" (Arthur) Moores relations live at Adelong and one of them has left his name on the 1914-19 Honour Roll. Who should turn up a few weeks ago but "Snowy" (Joe) Wells, looking very well indeed (no pun intended) and we adjourned to the nearest hostelry, where we spent my lunch hour—and a bit more. John Hine and family from Lithgow spent a couple of nights at the Caravan Park en route to Victoria for their Christmas holidays. I often see Clem Roddy at the various swimming pools around here. As you ought to know, he has two budding champions in Sue and Michael. I am a member of the S.W. District Amateur Swimming Association. Although my days of speed are over, I like to help the kids.

As I am now in the newsagency business, I get plenty of news and see and handle plenty of papers, but none so important to me personally as the old "W.O.G.". Keep up the good work "Cock" and that applies to all the working "gang". Incidentally, in the process of becoming a newsagent, called on "Chips" Henderson who had his feet up on a really ornate desk in an ornate office. With my overdue cheque for \$2.00 — please pass it on — I will say goodbye.

Yours "fourthly",

Roy Moores.

Many thanks to "The Silent One" for his interesting letter. On behalf of the Association I pass on our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Bill Quinnell — "Cock Robin".

From **Monty Siems**: "Dear Jim, Arrived safely in harbour after a very enjoyable trip and was thrilled to see the coast line of the Isle of Wight, and of Southern England, in the dawn. We arrived two days late after a severe storm in the Mediterranean which held us up for 24 hours outside Naples. Spent 12 hours in Naples and went for a trip up to Mount Vesuvius; very interesting, and it must have been a very frightening experience when Vesuvius erupted and destroyed Pompeii. Had a special look at El Kantara, where we crossed when going into Egypt and where we disembarked during the war. It all looks so peaceful now; did not bother to go ashore at Port Said.

Had a very enjoyable day in Singapore. Went from Singapore into Malaya, across the Causeway and did a trip around the Sultan of Johore's Palace and gardens. Visited Bhuddist Temples and the famed Tiger Balm Gardens; quite the best ashore of the whole trip.

In Ceylon a group of us hired a car and went for

quite a long trip around the coast. It was a beautiful day out, driving through the avenues of coconut palms, and we had lunch at a rest house near a fishing village. Rather a romantic looking spot and would like to have stayed longer both in Ceylon and Singapore.

Have wasted no time since landing. Went for an interview with the Employment Officer of the B.B.C. and begin work on Monday in the Gramophone Record Library. It will be my job to deliver and collect records at the various broadcasting studios in and around London. Yes, life looks swell to me, and although winter is on the doorstep, am not dismayed at the thought.

Bill Irvine wrote to me from Orbost, or the Repat. Hospital, and told me what a successful day you all had at Kempsey, it was nice to hear it and do hope you have many more.

Have not forgotten my promise to write to you about the first night and dawn outside Bardia. Will do so later. In the meantime, regards to you and all the boys of the 2/4th — Monty." Many thanks for your letter, mate. Our best wishes for your future in the "Old Dart".

From **Jed Burns**, Bondi Beach: "Have recently been put on the T.P.I. list. However, am looking forward to seeing those familiar old dials again on Anzac Day. Ron Stennett calls on me every fortnight, drives me over to Bondi for a noggin or two and sees me safely home. My best wishes to all the boys." And ours to you, Jed.

From **Dan Watson**: Bulby Brush, via Krambach: "Enclosed is cheque for the Battalion Tie, Badge and War History. Haven't seen Charlie Cross lately but as soon as I do I'll get him to join. Remember me to all the chaps." Thanks Dan. What about seeing you at Tamworth?

From **Bernie Mahy**, Fairy Meadow: "Enclosed is a cheque for the War History. Hope to see everyone at the Anzac Day Reunion." Will look forward to seeing you, Bernie.

From **Esca Riordan**, Kempsey to Fred Searle: "Firstly I wish to congratulate you on accepting the position as Treasurer, the best one in the Association. I was pleased to see that a ballot was necessary for the top positions, as it reflects keen interest in the Association.

Since Xmas we have had Bill Luck and his wife call on us, as reported in W.O.G. Also had an evening at the Club with Massa and Rona Brooks. They were on their way home from the Gold Coast, where they had been holidaying with some of their family.

At a recent R.S.L. District Council Meeting held at Bellingen, the 2/4th was very well represented — Bub Graham, Jack Maloney, Jim Brown, E. Riordan and an apology from Tom Clough of Macksville. Also met one Tom Brownley who sailed with Jim Brown.

On Saturday night last, had a phone call from the Club, and it was none other than Ian Wallwork, who, with a friend, had been to the Wingham Show, so went down and had a few pleasant hours with them. They said while at Wingham they had seen Rus. Green and Ken Andrews from Mt. George.

In a few weeks time Vera and I will be heading north on our annual holidays, so will be seeing some of the "Boys and Girls", we hope.

The main purpose of this letter Fred is for a 2/4th Car Sticker, and another copy of the War History. I will enclose a Money Order for \$6.00 to cover cost

of same and any surplus please put to Association Funds.

I attended the funeral of Harry Dowling's father, who passed away on Thursday, after four years' hospitalisation. Sam Hughes was also in attendance.

Hoping you and Dot are in good health, as we both are. Vera's mother is at present staying at Eastwood. Our kind regards, Esca."

From **Guy Vance**, Mildura, Vic.: "As President of Mildura Legacy I was a guest of Adelaide Legacy on the occasion of their Annual Meeting and Dinner. The Sergeant-at-Arms of Adelaide Legacy was none other than Max Rungie, who conducted a sparkling Orderly Room — and I was one of his victims. He is looking very well and prosperous and his orderly rooms have lost none of their sting, although much easier to take.

I am trying to make the North Coast soon, as my wife is anxious to meet Connie Grove, Doug's wife, with whom she has been corresponding since service days. Best of everything to all." Thanks Guy, and our best to you and yours. Incidentally, if you don't get to see Doug and Connie before September you can be sure of seeing them at the Tamworth Reunion.

From **Harold Conkey**, Cootamundra: "Thank you Jim, for your letter of 12th March and the very kind regards sent me and mine. I will certainly do what I can to get news of any of the boys from the Battalion from time to time.

Your "mate" as you call him, my son Bob, has had a very big operation and is now in the Private Section of the Mater Hospital, North Sydney. If you get the chance to call and see him I know he will be pleased to see you. Meanwhile, my very good wishes."

Thanks, Harold, for your letter which I received on the Friday. Visited the Mater on Saturday (p.m.) to be informed that "my mate" had been discharged that morning. Sorry I missed you Bob and hope you make a full and speedy recovery.

North British News: **Johnny Morrison** mentioned **Noel Ford**, Townsville, and **Ted Harris**, Cowra, paid a visit. Ted, on holidays, had been up at The Entrance. Noel was on a business trip. I missed you Noel; please write any news you have — the North British will find me. Also sorry I missed you Ted; please post any news, mate.

Johnny also reports that "**Bub**" **Graham's** youngest son, down from Bowraville, for a P.M.G. school, called in. His brother is working with "Bub" in the meatworks. Reports all well at Bowraville. I would have liked to have met you too, mate; kind regards to Mum and Dad.

Frank Frizell, having a drink at Manly, met Norm Ribbons and had a noggin or two with him. Norm is now in the Manly area. See you Anzac Day, Norm!

Roy Miles, Sylvania, recently discharged from Concord Hospital, came into the North British to see the boys. Glad you're now O.K. Roy.

AT THE APRIL MEETING: The boys as I saw them — Fred Searle, Harry Gjedsted, George Stack, Harry Wright, Johnny Meehan, Jack Jordan, Johnny Morrison, Frank Frizell, Harry Coomber, Ron Raymond, Athol Heath, Sid Young, Pat Lahey, Stan Bowen, John Copland, Dick Latimer, Doug Barry, Ted Gamble, Scotty McGillivray, Ben Connor, Gaydon Collis, Sailor Harvey, Tom Saunders, Ivan Pollock, Teddy Hopkins, Dick Pinson, Ernie Swain, "Rusty" McWilliams and Cec. Chrystal.

Was pleased to see **Tom "Blue" Saunders** (C. Coy), Panania, at the meeting just back from five weeks' holidays at Mudgee. Tom has recently seen Bill Shearwin (also C. Coy), foreman at the Mudgee Abbatoirs, who is looking forward to coming down on Anzac Day. Tom also saw Merv. Hodges, Mudgee's outstanding butcher. "Blue" also met Jack Delph, who is Superintendent Engineer at Mudgee District Hospital. Jack wished to be remembered to Stan Bowen and all members of C. Coy. Merv. "Jumbo" Hodges sends special cheerio to Slim Pollock. Thanks "Blue" for a good report.

Was pleased to see **Stan Bowen** at the meeting — Stan hopes to see Jack Delph on Anzac Day.

Gaydon Collis, Strathfield, came to his first meeting. Met Les Fox, of Manly, at the Ship Inn.

Doug Barry, Woy Woy, is very proud of son Robert John, who is marrying Ann Dehlsen of Pennant Hills, in the near future. Bob, who is Physics Teacher at Canterbury Boys' High School, is a Bachelor of Science, Dip.Ed., and is currently studying for his B.A. Congratulations Robert and Ann. Our very best wishes for the future.

David Dougherty, son of General Ivan, is going into the Army for his two years' National Service stint. Our best wishes for a happy and successful term David.

Harry "Soccer" Coomber has just returned from a holiday to South Australia and gave an interesting report to the meeting of his Battalion contacts while there. Hope to give a full report next issue.

Padre Paddy Reid of Adelaide asked "Soccer" the whereabouts of Bernie O'Mara, at whose wedding he officiated. Bernie's address is Box 38, P.O., Forbes, Padre.

General Dougherty is to be the guest of honour at the N.S.W. Railway and Tramway Ex-Services Association, Chullora Branch, Annual Anzac Service, to be held at Chullora Workshops on Thursday, 20th April. Vice-President Johnny Jordan is to be the official representative of our Association. Harry "Soccer" Coomber is a member of Chullora Branch.

Dick Latimer was a welcome visitor. Dick gave a very interesting account of members he has seen lately. We will cover Dick's news in the next issue.

He was en route to Coffs Harbour to take over the Midway Motel at that centre. Dick and Enid will be at the Tamworth Reunion.

Ernie Swain, D. Coy and Bn. Bugler, reports that "Dasher" Deacon called in to Bundeena R.S.L. Club, and wished to be remembered to all the boys. Ernie also reports having had a message from Newton Howard, who has gone back to New Guinea and will be there for two years.

Ernie's wife, Robyn, is a very interested reader of W.O.G., as is Ernie's father Dick, a bow and arrow boy of the 4th Bn. — Ernie gets it last!!!

David "Scotty" McGillivray is going for a trip around the world; hopes to visit Palestine, and will send me any news of interest to the Association. He hopes to see Monty Siems and Frank Mallett while on his travels.

Ben Connor, Strathfield, attended his first meeting for 11 years, but has been at Anzac Reunions. Ben's son Robert has graduated as B.Sc. from Point Cook Academy, and is now a Flying Officer in the R.A.A.F. Ben met Vic Forbes at Burwood R.S.L. where they are both members. Vic will see us on Anzac Day.

"Cock Robin".