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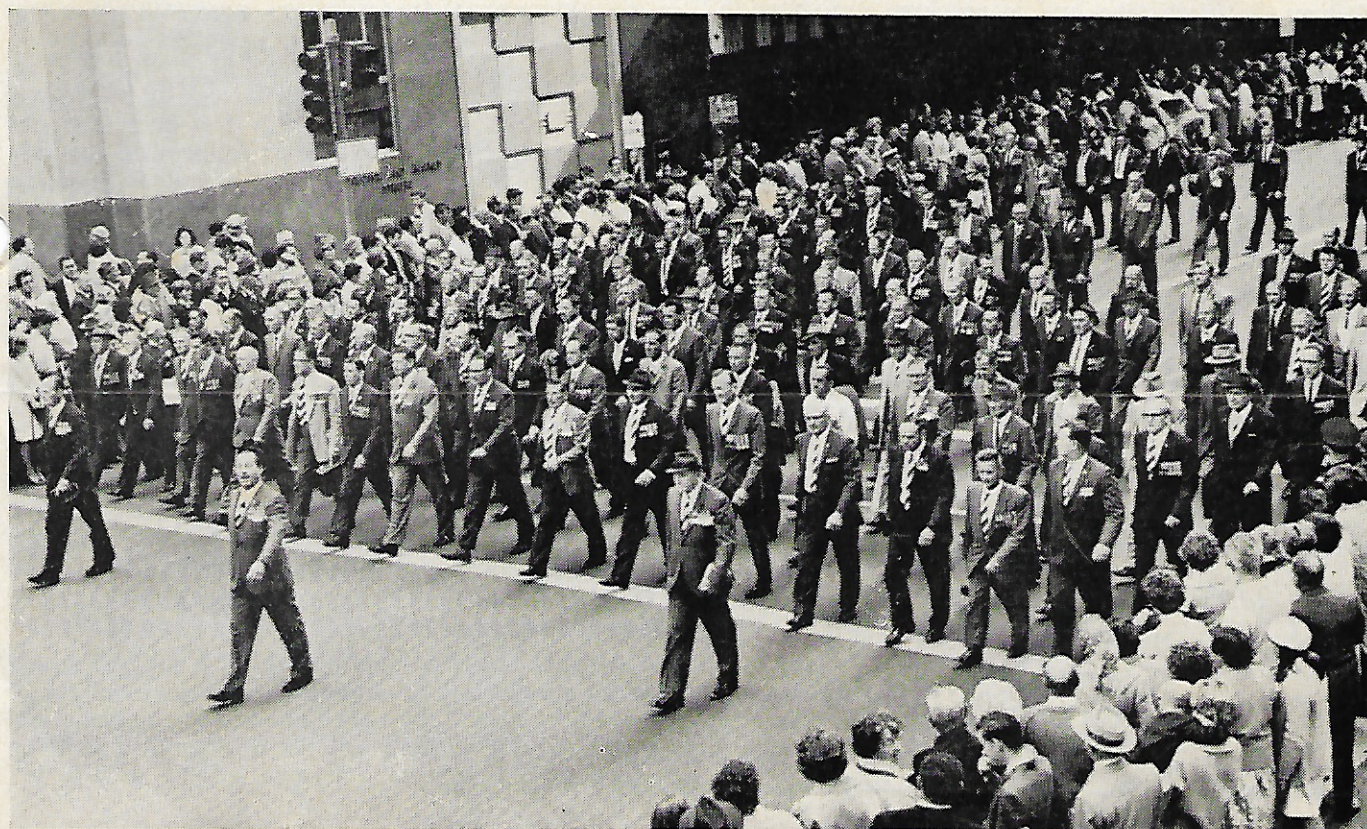
ANZAC DAY WREATH LAYING

All members of our Association — indeed, all ex-members of 2/4th Australian Infantry Battalion—are requested to join our Patron, **General Dougherty**, our President, **Harry Gjedsted**, and members of the Executive at a solemn Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Cenotaph on Anzac morning, prior to assembling for the main march.

This year our old friends of 4th Bn., '14-'18, will be marching with us, preceded by "our" Parramatta Pipe Band.

Arrangements are as follows:—

FALL IN: at 0800 hours at the corner of York and Erskine Streets opposite Wynyard Park (look for the "White Over Green" banner).



MEN OF 2/4th BATTALION MARCHING ON ANZAC DAY

MOVE OFF: March to the Cenotaph led by 4th Bn. and preceded by the Parramatta Pipe Band.

AT THE CENOTAPH: Marchers will halt, face the Cenotaph and remain silent while the wreaths are being placed.

MARCH ON: The March will continue to our usual assembly point in Phillip Street—members of 4 Bn. '14-'18 will break off at the Pitt Street intersection.

Members are asked to make this year's wreathlaying Ceremony the best attended yet. It is the occasion in the year that we have, as a Unit, a public ceremony in remembrance of our **Fallen Comrades**. Please play your part in making this ceremony as meaningful as it should be by being present at 0800 hours on Anzac Day.

Sprigs of rosemary will be distributed at the Assembly area and **Battalion Ties** and **lapel Badges** will also be available. Decorations should be worn.

ANZAC DAY REUNION

The **Anzac Day Luncheon and Reunion** traditionally our largest gathering will this year be bigger than ever. Our old friends of 4th Bn. '14-'18 have decided at last to join us on Anzac Day at Manresa Hall and hold their luncheon simultaneously. We welcome their decision.

For many ex-members of our battalion this is the only day in the year they have a chance to attend a gathering and we all look forward eagerly to seeing them. General Dougherty will be attending.

The venue—Manresa Hall, Carlow Street, North Sydney—is ideal. The hall is spacious and there is ample car parking space. For those who do not wish to drive, chartered buses will be waiting after the march to take you direct to Manresa Hall.

Food will be plentiful and the other necessary commodity, the liquid refreshment, will be in abundance. A description of the march will be rebroadcast by the tape recorder.

The charge — only three dollars (\$3.00) — covers everything. All you have to do now is turn up at 0800 hours at the Corner of York & Erskine Streets, and make a day of it. Don't let the mob down.

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Donations are acknowledged also from **Percy Lane** \$1 and **Ken Swan** \$1.

Fred wishes to advise that the X in the square is only a gentle reminder to the forgetful. Please don't take it as a personal affront (especially if it's in error!!!)

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospital visitors **Fred Searle** and "**Brick**" **Bradford** report:

In **R.G.H., Concord:** **Stan Ferguson** (Ward 520), **Harold Williams** (520), **Dick Bawden** (230), **W. R. O'Connell** (19), **Ken Grant** of Royal Naval House (230).

Home from Hospital: **Ben Woods, Jeff King, Keith Ford, Harold Bell, "Dasher" Deacon, Henry Lucas.**

BATTALION PARADES TO FAREWELL C.O.

The 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, had a changeover of commanding officers recently.

Lt.-Col. C. H. A. East, who has been C.O. of 4RAR since November, 1966, has taken up the post of commanding officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka, NSW, and promoted to colonel.

In a traditional ceremony at the Sergeants' Mess, Lt.-Col. East was farewelled by the RSM WO1 A. C. Toghill, and Mess members. He wore a Malaysian headdress and a red Songkok—a custom adopted by the Battalion during a tour of duty at Terendak Garrison, Malaysia.

About 600 soldiers of the Battalion paraded at Enoggera to give their final send-off to Lt.-Col. East, and, following the parade, officers' wives and families farewelled Lt.-Col. and Mrs. East in the Officers' Mess.

The new C.O. of 4 RAR is Lt.-Col. L. R. Greville, formerly Chief Instructor at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and he will command the Battalion when it goes to Vietnam later this year.

In preparation for duty in SVN, 4 RAR will undergo intensive training in tropical warfare at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, followed by company and battalion build-up exercises. The final training will take place in the Shoalwater Bay area.

ASSOCIATION OF 4th INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Members are reminded that they may be enrolled as Foundation Members of the above Association by forwarding **one dollar (\$1)** to **Fred Searle**, 31 Griffith Ave., West Ryde before 8th May. As pointed out previously this Association is in no way intended to detract from our own or the other individual Unit Associations. It has been formed to enable all men who have served in any Unit designated 4th Infantry Battalion to meet on common ground.

Unique in Australian Military History the Association will enable men of the younger 4th Battalions recently raised, and to be raised, to inherit and perpetuate the history and achievements of the "White Over Greens." **General Dougherty** is the Patron, **Harry Gjedsted** the President and **Athol Heath**, a Vice-President, whilst **Dick Chamberlain** is the Publicity Officer. Each Unit has three representatives on the Committee, ours being **Peter Cook**, **John Jordan**, and **Rusty McWilliam**. An Association magazine will be printed and mailed to all members.

COCK'S COLUMN

Fred and Dorothy Searle have received word that their daughter **Jacqueline Guy** has passed her midwifery certificate examination in Melbourne. She is commencing at Prince Henry as Tutor Sister and in charge of the library. Congratulations, Jacqueline.

Congratulations to **Bruce**, son of committeeman **Peter Cook** in being selected to represent N.S.W. in the Australian Junior Golf Tournament. Bruce will be playing in the event scheduled this year for Forbes so "Mr. Golf" in that area (**Bernie O'Mara**) might keep an eye out for him. Congratulations, Bruce!

Phillip Meehan, son of committeeman **John Meehan**, has accepted a position as a Junior Executive Trainee in the General Motors Holden Organisation. Good luck to you, Phillip.

Staff Cadet **Allan Stewart**, son of **Bill & Joyce Stewart of Kogarah**, was among the only six cadets in his year at Royal Military College, Duntroon, to be promoted to N.C.O. rank. Congratulations, Allan.

Congratulations to **Kim**, son of **Connie & Doug Grove** of Kyogle, on commencing his studies in Law. Kim won a Commonwealth Scholarship to Sydney University. All our very best wishes for a successful future, Kim.

Heard **Ken Moses** is a big wheel in Channel "O" Melbourne these days—Chief of Staff of the organisation—careful of the ulcers, Ken!!!

Was shocked to hear of the death of **Mrs. Molly Deacon**, wife of **Ken "Dasher" Deacon**. Deepest condolences, Ken, to you and your family, from all your mates in the 2/4th.

Pat Heaney, son of **Jack Heaney**, recently successfully completed the Paratroop course at Richmond and hopes to be in Malaya shortly with his Unit. Good luck, Pat!

Was pleased to meet **Dick "Snow" Faulder** at the last meeting. Dick, who comes from Gladesville, works

for the P.M.G. Dick's brother, **Jim**, who was also in the 2/4th, is now engaged in the building trade.

At the North British saw **Jack "Brick" Bradford** who told me he had been out to Concord Hospital with **Fred Searle** and had seen **Dick Bawden**, "**Dasher**" **Deacon**, "**Skinny**" **Williams**, and **Stan "Darky" Ferguson**. "**Brick**" has also run into **Brian Hill**, **Charlie Newell**, **Tom Gorman**, **Jim McLachlan**, **Charlie Gillard** and **Jack Page**.

Ted McCaffery and **Jack Heaney** were having a "taste" at the N.B. when **Frank Frizell** joined them. Then "**Sailor**" **Harvey** and **Gordon Chrisp** arrived and a good old chinwag ensued. "**Sailor**" had a letter from **Hilton Batcheldor**, Cowra, who reports that all is o.k. for the Country Re-union in October.

IN THE MAIL BAG

From **Ron Belford**, "Merrendee", Ashford: "Have had some good news from my son **Jim** with 7 RAR in Vietnam. He expects to be home for Anzac Day and thinks the battalion may be marching. He says in his letter: 'I will expect you to be there with 2/4th, Dad,' and that I certainly will, even if it's in a wheelbarrow. 7RAR have done very well, and are obviously highly regarded in Task Force, who claim for them nearly 200 V.C., whilst getting around 130 battle casualties themselves. Still a few weeks to go, so here's hoping they come out intact. **Jim** has collected only a mortar splinter, to date. He is bedevilled of course, by anecdotes of 2/4th, but takes it cheerily. I've enclosed a skit by one of the chaps on the rehab. P.R. work.

"Have been lying 'doggo' and not seen anyone lately. Heard **Ken 'Spanner' Graham** was in hospital in Brisbane.

"Good luck, and I hope to see you on Anzac Day. Regards to all."—**Ron Belford**.

From **Con Grove**, 31 Irwin St., Kyogle, to **Fred Searle**: "Full instructions to write a note and enclose **Doug's** and **Jack Chaseling's** subs. I do hope you are both well and, Fred, that you are much stronger and being your lively self again. All the Kyogle folk are well. **Bobbie Gardner** had some eye trouble but is o.k. again. The families did well in the High School Certificate exams. **Hugh Whittleton's** daughter **Helen** is nursing in Sydney. **Tim Lamond's** daughter **Rhonda** is going to Tech. College in Casino and our boy **Kim** is doing Law in Ballina. Kim was lucky enough to

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gain a Commonwealth Scholarship and is going to do his course externally with the Sydney University. You may be interested to know that the 2/4th was really responsible for him getting his position—**Freda Clark, Tom Clark's** wife, introduced him to this solicitor twelve months ago—he liked Kim and kept him in mind for twelve months and is now his boss. So Kim always says: "Good old 2/4th—Dad's army mates!" He's doing the course as an articled clerk and hopes in five or six years to be a solicitor. He likes the practical side of law.

"The Far North-Coast 2/4thers had a lovely Christmas party in Lismore. The supper was really wonderful. More about this later.

"**Jack Lister's** eldest daughter was married on Saturday night—she made a lovely bride. Jack was a very proud Dad.

"**Jack Chaseling's** eldest boy has won a scholarship to go to U.S.A. for twelve months; he doesn't know his address as yet. He leaves end of July. Jack and Joan are starting to get anxious. John is still doing well with his running and will be competing in Sydney in the Australian Championships. As it will be his last run in Sydney before he leaves Jack is trying very hard to get away; he is hoping that John can do well in America and get some chances to run.

"Lots of best wishes to all the folk down south—Con and Doug."

From "**Brig.**" **McAtamney**, 18 Ferry Avenue, Kogarah: "Have a terrible feeling I owe my subscription for 'White Over Green'; also I lost my most treasured 'White Over Green' badge. Will \$3.00 cover same?"

"Am so glad to read that Fred Searle is a life member—he deserves it!! No one works harder than he and his good lady for our proud Bn. and Association.

"I enjoy reading 'White Over Green'; I think, too, 'Cock' Robin does a wonderful job.

"My regards to all the 2/4 chaps. What a great team they were!!"

From **Mrs. Thelma Makin**, New Zealand: "As **Bruce** does not enjoy good health I am writing this for him and enclosing subscriptions for 1968 and '69. He is always pleased to get 'White Over Green' and to read of the boys who were away with him.

"I join him in sending best wishes to all the 2/4th."

Thanks, Mrs. Makin. Our best wishes to you and Bruce and our sincere hopes for an improvement in your health soon, Bruce.

From **Hugh Whittleton**, Lynch's Creek: "**Jack Lister's** daughter, Valda, was married last Saturday. **Tim** and Mrs. Lamond and my wife and I represented the 2/4th. It was a beautiful wedding and the bride looked really lovely.

"My second daughter, **Helen**, is now nursing at R.G.H., Concord.

"Regards to all the Committee and to 'Cock' Robin."

From **Dennis Jackson**, Griffith, to **George Stack**: "Enclosed please find cheque for \$2.00 being current year's subs. Sorry I'm late, have been having a rough trot, healthwise. I have been off work altogether about

16 weeks of the last seven months. Fortunately it is a work wound, and I'm covered by compo, but that doesn't help the back very much. I am led to believe now though that my back is o.k. and there shouldn't be any more hospital, etc.

"All the best to you, George, and all the boys down that way."

From **Cyril McCosker**, Canberra, to **Fred Searle**:

"Sorry to read you have had to take your holidays in Concord, and hope to read better tidings soon. I note that despite handicaps you still keep up your Concord visiting—half your stamina, mate! All the best."

From **Ed. Wilson**, Goolgowi: "I was very sorry to read in W.O.G. of your illness, Fred, and extend best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

"At the moment we could use some of the rain they are having in the Northern part of the State. It seems to have forgotten how to rain here and things look rather grim. Regards to yourself and the boys."

From **Bernie O'Mara**, Box 38, P.O. Forbes: "I'm afraid I see very few of the boys these days but enjoy reading of the various ones in W.O.G. However, last January whilst on holidays I did see **Phil Smith** at his petrol dispenser and to me he hardly seems a day older.

"Many times I have intended writing to **Paddy Reid** but somehow never make it. Perhaps if you mention this in W.O.G. he may take mercy and write first and then I would be sure to answer.

"One of these days I must pay a visit to the North British. Apparently it seems to be the unofficial headquarters of 2/4th.

"As I am writing this it is really teeming with rain, and, as we have had no rain for several months, it is most welcome. Cheerio for now—regards to all."

From **Claude Raymond**, West Coburg, Victoria: "Recently I met **Norm Edwards**, now the licensee of the Queenscliff Hotel. He's a 2/4ther—went over to Movement Control and was captured in Crete. Was an original from 4 Bn. Militia, Homebush to Ingleburn. We had a long chat over the early days washed down by quite a few noggins. He wants to join the Association and would like a copy of our War History. He said he will call in at the North British when next in Sydney.

"Regards to **Dick and Enid Latimer**, also to **Mick Gray**. Also to **Harry, Cec, John Copland, George Siack, Rex Everson**, and all the gang.

"Sorry I'm not able to put in an appearance in Sydney but nevertheless have one on me. To that end I enclose \$2 as a gesture of my being there in spirit, hoping some of the old mates will be able to quaff a 'quicke' or two."

From **Ken "Coffee" Royal**, Glengowrie, South Aust.: "Sorry we couldn't do anything for you in the 19th Brigade Association raffle, but you can blame '**Paddy Reid**' for not pulling your number out of the hat. By the way, **Andy Mylan** passed away last June. Others of our mob over here who have passed on include **G. R. Johnson, F. Dunn, D. Schlank, A. R. Chapman** and **D. R. Barber**.

"Best wishes to Association members and their families everywhere."