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**Next Meetings: Friday, 5th July, 1968
Friday, 2nd August, 1968**

**at Royal Naval House. Grosvenor St.,
Sydney at 8 p.m.**

CONGRATULATIONS SIR IVAN

On behalf of all ex-members of the 2/4th Australian Infantry Battalion I extend warmest congratulations to our Patron on his recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. We are well aware of the magnificent manner in which Sir Ivan has served his country in Peace as well as in War and we are proud and happy that such service has been fittingly recognised.

H. E. C. GJEDSTED.

FOURTH INFANTEER

The Association of 4th Infantry Battalions has decided to name their magazine "**Fourth Infanteer**". The first issue of the journal is now being compiled and members will receive a copy in due course. A design has been agreed on for the Badge and Banner of the new Association which meets on the **Fourth Thursday** of every month, at the Headquarters of 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R., Burrows Road, Arncliffe.

THE 1969 ANZAC MARCH

At the June meeting of the Association, Phil Smith spoke on his proposal for our 30th Anniversary Anzac March. Phil has agreed to head a sub-committee to plan the operation and bring it to a successful conclusion. Briefly the plan is to assemble every ex-member of the unit possible for the 1969 Anzac March and Parade in Company formation. Assistance is envisaged for some members in travelling expenses, and billeting, etc. A Grand Ball is being considered.

VICTORIAN VICE-PRESIDENT

Because of his impending departure from Victoria to reside again in N.S.W., **Vic. Francis**, the Victorian Vice-President has resigned his office. At the June meeting of the Association Claude Raymond was elected to fill the casual vacancy in accordance with the constitution. Vic was thanked for his work for the Association in Victoria and assured of a very warm welcome to the N.S.W. body on his return.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BOOK FOR THE 1968 COUNTRY REUNION

AT COWRA

6 HOUR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, 5th — SUNDAY, 6th — MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER

The Cowra Reunion Committee, headed by **Tim West**, **Hilton Batcheldor** and **Ted Harris**, is anxious to secure the best accommodation for members at the **ANNUAL COUNTRY REUNION**. They would appreciate an early indication of members' requirements.

Please advise date of arrival in Cowra, whether Double or Single, Hotel or Motel, and enclose \$2 deposit for each person.

WRITE NOW TO: **TED HARRIS**,
C/- Services Club, COWRA, N.S.W. 2794

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Honorary Treasurer **Fred Searle** acknowledges subscriptions and/or donations from the following:

D. C. Crosthwaite, "Bookie" **Rae**, **Ted de Satge**, **Merv Lane**, **Snowy Moores**, **G. L. Robins**, **John Storey**, **Keith Costello**, **Wal Capper**, **Glen Ackerman**, "Peat" **Moss**, **Doug Barry**, all \$2, as well as **Jim Barrow** \$2, **Jack Keyte**, **Kev Spurway**, **Buz Bennett**, **Fred Catley**, each \$4, and from **Mrs. D. Naphthali** a donation of \$5. Late comers: **Bob Gardiner** \$5, **George Kirkby** \$5, and **Keith McCaffery** \$2.

HOSPITAL NEWS

In Hospital: **Geoff King**, Ward 20; "Peat" **Moss**, 520, **Arch Ferguson**, 17, **D. McGregor** (1914-18) Ward 10.

Home from Hospital are: **H. Lucas**, **Kev Spurway**, **Mrs. Nell McNab**.

THE LAST POST

4th Bn. A.I.F.: 6716 **J. R. Carver**, 1429 **M. F. Kildea**, 60 **W. W. Ramsay**, 1198 **A. P. Workman**.

2/4th Bn. A.I.F.: NX9337 **J. G. Clifford**, NX5619 **Stan Wilkinson**.

Mrs. Joyce Morris; **Mr. Percy Morrison**.

To **Mrs. Wilkinson**, of **Ashfield**, is extended our deepest sympathy at the passing of her husband, **Stan**, after an illness extending over many years. Among those of our Association attending the funeral were **Bill McLennan**, **Dick Morris**, **Herb Oather**, **John Meehan**, **Peter Cade** and **Russ McWilliam**.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Dick Morris** and his family in the sad loss of his wife, **Joyce**, after a long illness. Among those who represented the Association at the funeral were: **Bill and Mrs. Luck**, **Mrs. Molly Irvine**, **Ollie and Mrs. Twist**, **Rex and Norma Everson**, **John Copland**, **Ted McCaffery**, **Dick Pinson**, **Ted Jackson** and **Russ and Barbara McWilliam**.

To **Miss Eva Morrison**, sister of our late esteemed member, **Johnny Morrison**, our deepest sympathy is also extended on the loss of her brother, **Percy**, who was a staunch supporter of our Association. **Mrs. Dorothy Searle**, **Mrs. Molly Irvine** and **Ted McCaffery** represented us at the funeral.

ASSOCIATION OF 4th INFANTRY BNS.

At the last meeting of the above Association it was decided that an immediate appeal be made for reading matter for men of **4 Bn. Royal Australian Regiment** now on active service in **Vietnam**. The troops will appreciate any type of reading matter — books, magazines, periodicals, etc. Please deliver or forward any you may have to:—

2/4th BN. BOOK APPEAL,
C/- 4 R.N.S.W.R.,
Burrows Street,
ARNCLIFFE, N.S.W.

COCK'S COLUMN

At the **May meeting**, as the boys came into view:—**Russ McWilliam**, **Fred Searle**, **George Stack**, **Harry Wright**, **Bill Luck**, **Jack Jordan**, **Cec Chrystal**, **Athol Heath**, **Reg Angel**, **Dick Faulder**, **John "Bookie" Rae**, **Dick Pinson**, **Ron Barber**, **Rex Everson**, **Peter Cooke**, **Bob Lane**, **Jack Heaney**, **Ted de Satge**, and **Charlie Adams**; some news from some of them:—

Charlie Adams, **Ettalong**, reports that he has written to **Ron Rayment** at his old address, and hopes that it will be forwarded on to him. Called in to see **Doug Barry**, but there was no one at home; thinks he may be in hospital. Thanks **Charlie**.

Bob Lane, **Ettalong**, is interested in the whereabouts of Aboriginal members of the **2/4th Bn**. We were all pleased to see **Ron Barber** come along. **Ron** was pleased to see **Len Hellyar**, **Wollongong**, and **Harry Westward**, at the **Reunion**, after a gap of 25 years.

John "Bookie" Rae, all the way down from **Newcastle** for the meeting, reported seeing **Alf Carpenter**, **Cliff Curran**, also **Alan Bohle's brother** on **Anzac Day** at **Newcastle**.

Dick Pinson reports that **Mr. E. L. Briggs** (**John Jordan's** father-in-law), passed away on **Anzac night**, aged 82 years. We offer our deepest sympathy to **Doris** and **John**. I am sorry to relate that **Dick** has to go into **Marrickville District Hospital**. We are very sorry to hear of this **Dick**, and all wish you a speedy recovery to the best of health again. Kind regards to **Rene**.

John Copland brought along two friends, **Jim Lemaire** and **Charles Hilton**, **R.N.**; **John** reported having met **George "Long Tack Sam" Martin**.

Ted de Satge, **Ashfield**, is going for a trip up north to **Cairns** and hopes to meet several of the boys.

Jim Lemaire, **Mosman**, is the son of the late **Brigadier Lionel Lemaire** (**4th Bn. A.I.F.**) — he told me that **Jacob Lemaire**, discovered and named **Cape Horn**; also named **Lemaire Strait**, after his father, **Isaac Lemaire**, a merchant of **Amsterdam**, who came to the **West Coast** in the early days and did exploration work in **New Guinea** later. **Lionel Lemaire**, who served with the **4th Bn.** from 1915 to 1917, was his direct descendant.

Ray Hirst, **Peter Keating** and **Norm Harries**, represented **4th Bn. R.N.S.W.R.** They, incidentally, are the committee members for their unit in the **Association of 4th Infantry Battalions**. **Ray** deserves a special mention inasmuch as he would be the first **Officer-Barman** for a **2/4th meeting**. Thanks for doing the honours **Ray**.

At the **June meeting**: **Harry Gjedsted**, **George Stack**, **Harry Wright**, **John Meehan**, **Fred Searle**, **John Jordan**, **Athol Heath**, **Sid Young**, **Stan Bowen**, **Charlie Adams**, **Dick Pinson**, **Dick Faulder**, **John Copland**, **Ron Barber**, **Reg Angel**, **Ted Hopkins**, **Keith Harvey**, **Phil "Blah" Smith**, **Ted de Satge**, **Frank Gattenhorf**, **Fred Staggs**, **Ivan Pollock**, and **Noel Ford**. News from some of them:

Frank Gattenhorf (**H.Q.**) **Flat 7, 9A Bennett Street**, **Bondi**: **Frank's** first meeting at **Royal Naval House**. He recently met at the **Paddington R.S.L.** **John Meehan**, **Mick Gray**, **Harry Gjedsted**, and **Russ McWilliam**. They had been to the **6 Div. Reunion**. **Frank** frequently meets **Fred Hudson** and "Gus" **Ferguson**. Pleased to have you come along, **Frank**.

Sid Young, **Leichhardt**, has recently seen **George Smith** (**D Coy**) — **George** lives at **Blacktown**; his daughter **Jan** recently became engaged.

Was pleased to see a visitor from south of the border — **Vic Francis**. **Vic** is returning to live in or near **Sydney** soon, and has relinquished his position as **Victorian Vice-President**. **Vic** reports having re-

cently seen **Jim Barrow**, **Doug Millar**, **Ken Moses**, **Claude Raymond** and "**Robbie**" **Robbins**. Sorry to hear Vic's wife, Eileen, is not enjoying the best of health. Our best wishes for a speedy return to good health.

Another visitor was **Hector Rowe**, 2/2nd Bn. Assoc., from Kempsey, came along with **Phil Smith**. Welcome Hector, hope to see you at our future meetings.

Teddy Hopkins brought along his friend **Bruce Fraser**. Bruce works with Ted at P.O. Artarmon.

North British News:

Jim Barrow, Victoria, called in to the North British, but not finding me, left a screed of information. Jim reports he has been working on a few jobs lately with **Stewart Pinniger**, who is an architect in Melbourne. Also saw **Russ Maddern** again on Anzac Day at the Dawn Service, and the usual Rum and Coffee afterwards. The meeting place in the early morning is at Tom Blamey's statue.

Claude Raymond has covered the March in a letter to the Association. Jim sees **Charlie Burns** (C Coy) occasionally. Also noticed "**Snow**" **White**, a stretcher bearer, on the sidelines on Anzac Day. Was more than pleased to see our old **R.S.M. Robbins** at the March. Many thanks Jim for this report!

Reg Angel called in and had a beer with **Jack Maloney**. Another to call was **W. M. "Tiger" Hayes**. Sorry I missed you, men.

Fred "Blusto" Hudson called to let **Ted McCaffery** know that young Jack Hudson has shaved off his beard. He's still gouging opals at Lightning Ridge. Fred met **Laurie Sharp** (A Coy) at the Paddo R.S.L. Club. Has a photo of "**Buck**" **Buchanan** and **Arthur "Davey" George** for the collection.

Johnny Jordan, who is a stranger at the N.B. had some business in the vicinity and dropped in for a "quickie". John advised that his wife Doris is home again after staying at Ettalong with her mother after her father's death on Anzac Day. Our sincerest sympathy Doris in your sad loss.

Ted McCaffery, who, with our late esteemed comrade, **Johnny Morrison**, has been a regular at the N.B. for over 20 years, has retired from his office in the Chief Secretary's Department, but will be still calling in to meet the boys from time to time. Good luck Ted in your retirement. We'll be looking forward to your help with the W.O.G. when you settle down to the new routine.

Among others sighted at the N.B. through the month were **Jack Heaney**, **Frank Frizell**, **Gordon Chrisp**, **Ken Webb**, **Jerry "Fangs" Coghlan**, "**Sailor**" **Harvey**, **Esca Riordan**, Kempsey, **Ken Richardson**, Kellyville, **Bob Griffith**, Mildura, **Johnny Hawkins**, Blacktown.

Further report from Anzac Day Reunion: **Jim Donnelly**, Blacktown, hopes to be in Wee Waa and Tenterfield within the next month. Let me know if you meet any 2/4-ers mate. Jim and the Sigs were looking for **Johnny Bell**.

Allan Lindsay (Sig. Pltn.) met **Frank Sadler** at Dubbo R.S.L., and **Ted Harris** at Cowra R.S.L. Allan visited the town of Derrinalum in Victoria and was introduced to a local farmer **Stan Gellies**. Allan asked him if he knew **Hec Gellies**, a member of the Sigs — he was his brother. (Hec Gellies was killed at Wewak in 1945.) The family gave him a wonderful reception and Allan gave them a 2/4th Bn. badge. It's a small

world!!

Cec Whitehouse, Hornsby, or "**Snowy**" as he is better known, would like to invite all 4th Bns. to Hornsby R.S.L. at their convenience, where they have a mural of a Jungle Action with the White Over Green colour patch showing. Thanks Cec, would love to see it.

Bill "Snowy" McLennan, Castle Cove, came along to see his mates, was hoping to see **Frank "Andy" Kerr** and **John Storey**.

Barry Herwig, Castle Hill, would have liked to have seen **Mick Shirley** and **Norm Shaylor**.

Alan "Blue Eyes" Scott, Katoomba, has seen **George Lock** and **Charlie McBride**.

Jim "Mac" Brown, Weston, has been trying to get **Dick Mennie** to the Reunion and has succeeded in that Dick has promised to attend the 1969 Reunion — we will be looking for you Dick.

Bert "Angel" Gabriel, Richmond, told me that **Aub South** is not enjoying the best of health. Sorry to hear of this Aub and all wish you a speedy recovery. "Angel" apologised for not being able to attend the monthly meetings, due to distance and time factor.

"**Topy**" **Crispin**, Randwick, heard from **Col Ogilvie**, Darwin. Col promised he would be down for this Reunion, but did not make it. "Topy" also missed Roy Moores, Adelong. (Yes, it was rather quiet!)

Bill Burns, Blacktown, has seen **Jack Pugh** (B Coy) who lives at Mt. Druitt.

Bill Wall, Bingara, sees **Johnny Miller** quite often, also **Ross Smith** and **Geoff Hawke**. Bill has sold his store and service station and has gone back on the land at Bingara. Best of luck to you Bill.

Ewen Wood, Rydalmere, **Ernie "Ollie" Twist** and **Harry Hamburger**, went to the Dawn Service conducted by the Auburn R.S.L.

Harry Coomber said that he and **Mick Steele** attended a Memorial Service held at the Railway Electric Car Shop, Chullora, as representatives of the Chullora Branch of the Railways Ex-servicemen's Club. Harry had also seen "**Speed**" **Elsey**, Greenacre, at the Chullora Drive-in. He's the picture of health!

Ken "Dasher" Deacon wishes to sincerely thank all members who helped and remembered him in his recent sad bereavement.

Was pleased to see **Trevor Richardson**, Narrabeen, who was one of our former editors. When I requested photos for the photographic collection, Trevor was one of the first to respond, and presented to the Association 80 photos for which we were very grateful. Thanks again, Trevor.

George Friend, Vacluse, sends an S.O.S. to **Lennie Smith** and **Maurie Pickles**; "please write c/- Association".

Bill Stewart, Kogarah, **Harold Bowman** and **Lennie Hellyer**, Wollongong, were having a great yarn at the Reunion.

Harold "Budda" Bowman, at Bateman's Bay in January, met **Ted Mitchell** and they had a few noggins.

Harry Westwood (A Coy) was pleased to meet **Ron Barber**, **Peter Cook** and **Teddy Hopkins**.

Jerry "Fangs" Coghlan, on a trip, called at the Inverell R.S.L. — **Ross Smith** was away on holidays, so Jerry rang **Geoff Hawke** who, I am sorry to say, was not very well; he sent kind regards to all the Bn. for Anzac Day.

At Kempsey Jerry met **Graham Hanlon**, who sends his regards to all, and hopes they will return to Kempsey for another Reunion. Graham said he would tell Esca Riordan Jerry had passed through.

At Port Macquarie Jerry spent quite a few pleasant hours with **Dick Bawden**; Dick sends his regards to the Association and was sorry he could not attend on Anzac Day.

Bob Lane, Ettalong, would like to contact **Norbert "Bert" Flynn** (C Coy) and he missed the presence of **Ted Gamble**.

Merv Hicks, Rose Bay (1 Sec.) came out of the Regular Army in October, 1967, is now at Union Carbide as a supervisor in the plastic division. Merv sees **Jack Johnson**, who is R.S.M. at E.C.P.D. at Watsons Bay.

John S. Lane, Lindfield, missed **Lionel Clarke** this year and was very pleased to see **Phil Smith**.

"COCK ROBIN",
20 Adderstone Avenue,
North Sydney.

In The Mail Bag:

From **Leo Carter**, 15 Shoalhaven Street, Kiama: Please note the change of address and forward the W.O.G. to me direct, as the boys are pretty slow in sending them on to me.

Have been in hospital for about five weeks with a slipped disc.

The boys are still on the properties and my wife and I are retired to the above address. While in hospital had quite a lot of long chats with **Gus Kyle**, who is hospital secretary.

So sorry to have missed Anzac Day, but was in hospital for it.

Please convey my regards to **Wem Keast** of June. P.S.: Please find enclosed cheque for \$2 for the Association of 4th Infantry Bns.

From **Claude Raymond**, 92 Rose Street, West Coburg, Victoria. 3058; to **Fred Searle**:—"Herewith my \$1 to be enrolled in the Association of 4th Inf. Bns.

"I also enclosed a list of who turned up at the Anzac Day March in Melbourne this year, giving their home addresses, in case you haven't them all on your books. The photo of the seven stalwarts taken after the 1967 march will probably help you to remember some of the old faces of the lads down here.

"You will notice that the list includes two 2/11 types. They turn up every year; sometimes there's a third 2/11 man, but I can't recollect his name.

"For the march, 14 fine men turned out and we deputed **"Robbie"** (ex R.S.M.) to lead us. The weather kept fine, but very strong wind gusts made the banner most difficult to handle. However, we received our share of claps and cheers, putting on a good show.

"After the march we had a beaut reunion at Air Force House, 10 Queens Road; 11 bodies gathered there for copious quantities of the amber liquid and a snack. Missing were the two 2/11 chaps and **Jim**

Ewart, who had made other firm arrangements. The get-together was most enjoyable, because we were made welcome by the Air Force Club, having a big table to ourselves and quick service of jugs to keep us happy.

"The arrangement was so satisfactory that we intend to repeat the drill after every march.

"To round off the reunion, nine of us then collected at Vic Hill's home, in Murrumbena, where he and his good lady turned on some more nice food and further noggins. So a very grand day was had by all and we parted company with a highly boosted 2/4th Bn. spirit, determined to crusade and increase the numbers to take part next year.

"News of **Dick Parry** — couldn't make the march because of a serious leg operation — probably will restrict him in future. He runs a chemist shop in Croydon.

"I expect to meet up with **Dick and Enid Latimer** on 11th May, at his son Robert's wedding, to which my wife Nan and I have been invited. Dick will have to make it from Coffs Harbour, where he runs a motel. Am looking forward to having the pleasure to help launch his younger son into the sea of matrimony down in Melbourne.

"On 27th April was the big occasion for us Raymonds too — the wedding of our No. 6 daughter — a hectic and costly business. To illustrate how time is catching up, it was a four generation affair. My wife's mother was there and a bridesmaid was the eldest of my 15 grandchildren.

"Best regards to all the gang in Sydney. The lads down here also send their best wishes — I said I'd write and let you know who marched here, to keep the 2/4th Bn. flag flying, so they asked me to pass on as much info as possible to let their old mates know who is where and what. Good health and luck. Claude Raymond."

Present at the Melbourne March, 1968:—

Jim Barrow (C Coy), **Bert Craig** (H.Q. Coy), **Leo Dunn** (B Coy), **Jim Ewart** (B Coy), **Vic Francis**, **Vic Hill** (A Coy), **Charles McKenna** (C Coy), **Jack McLoughlin** (A Coy), **Doug Millar** (A Coy), **Harry Powlesland** (2/11 Bn.), **Stan Pretty** (D Coy), **Bill Quinn** (2/11 Bn.), **Claude Raymond** (B Coy), **William S. Robbins** (R.S.M.), **Tom Erskine** (M.C. C Coy), **Russ Maddern** (H.Q.).

From **Duncan Russell**, Brisbane: See **Tom Provians** occasionally when we have a couple of jugs under my mango tree. You couldn't have a better or more enthusiastic V.-P. than Tom, and I am sorry I am not mobile enough to accompany his 'caravan' and fellow 'fourthers' on his get-together trips to Tamworth, etc.

My congratulations to **Harry Gjedsted** as President again. He derived a lot of stamina on his then skinny frame by letting me feed him for a few months at Nuserat, when I was Q.M. at the I.T.B. Alas! Many moons ago!!

Herewith my cheque for four dollars. What else could it be when it gives affiliation with five Fourth Bns. and membership of 2/4th.

Please convey my regards to the General and the Boys.