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Next Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 8 p.m., Friday, 7th February, 1969
at Royal Naval House, Grosvenor Street, Sydney

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Once again the passing of another year gives one time to reflect on the events that have left a lasting impression on the minds of those involved, and in this regard this year of 1968 will have memories for all those associated with our well-known and respected **2/4 Bn. Association** and the **Association of 4th Infantry Battalions**.

In this direction we have established a well deserved first, through the efforts of our President, backed solidly by the Committee and, in increasing numbers, by our members. So much interest has been aroused that other units are considering following our example.

Our Annual Smoko was another great success—the "Bow and Arrow Boys" came along at good section strength, plus 11 in attendance, repeating last year's score, all other Member Associations were well represented. Other functions have been well covered by the President in his excellent Christmas Message.

In extending my thanks to the President, and my fellow workers on the Committee, I have the reluctant task of saying "Hail and Farewell" to my very close associate and Treasurer, **Fred Searle**, who has done his duty so faithfully, diligently and sincerely through thick and thin, sickness and health, from February, 1959, to February, 1969. Now, at his own request, he retires to a well earned rest for the time has come as it must to all of us.

I can safely say his last Budget and Balance Sheet, together with his handing over of the books, will be an effort worthy of any professional officer. On behalf of Marjorie and self our best wishes to **Fred** and **Dorothy** in their new life which they hope to take up early in 1969.

More and more members are making contact and asking for news re the Association per mail and phone. The Editor will have a list of some members who have sent Festive Greetings to the Association, and they will be acknowledged in W.O.G.

Our mailing list maintains a stable figure—free list and members at the 530 mark—giving good encouragement for those who strive to keep the Association going in many ways. The free list is growing simply because of the passing of time, and as Secretary I am well aware that there are many men we do not hear of. We have on many occasions offered advice, on request, to families of men who were not members, so for the benefit of us all help to keep those \$2 rolling in.

To my own wife my sincere thanks for all her help. Marjorie is now about to translate this scrawl to the typewriter.

To Dorothy Searle and Barbara McWilliam my thanks for their co-operation on the phone and the relaying of messages and items of information.

This has been more of a statement than a report, but I feel it was a better way this year of presenting my summary of 1968.

It has indeed been a most successful year, and we could well make 1969 "A Year to Remember".

To our Patron, President, Committee and Members of 2/4th and all Members of Associated Fourth's, on behalf of Marjorie and myself our best wishes for a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy 1969.

GEORGE STACK, Secretary.

1969 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, 7th FEBRUARY, 1969.**

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 the year ending 31st December, 1968.
4. To elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
5. To elect an Honorary Auditor.
6. General Business.

Members are earnestly requested to attend in force. Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

GEORGE STACK, Hon. Secretary.

1969 6th DIVISION REUNION

The Sixth Division A.I.F. Association, of which this 2/4 Bn. Association is a proved member, will hold their 1969 Annual Commemoration March to the Cenotaph and Reunion Dinner on

SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1969.

Details are:

ASSEMBLY: 5.30 p.m. at corner Phillip Street and Martin Place.

MOVE OFF: 6 p.m., march to the Cenotaph for **WREATHLAYING** at 6.05 p.m. Proceed via George Street and Margaret Street to Wynyard Park for Break-off.

REUNION DINNER: The Reunion Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall, Moore Park Road, Paddington (the old Engineers' Drill Hall). The charge is \$4 per head inclusive of all refreshments. Members of our Association are asked to play their part by attending in force and making a representation worthy of the **WHITE OVER GREEN**. Remember, **Assembly at 5.30 p.m., SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1969.**

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Hon. Treasurer **FRED SEARLE** (Life Member) reports receipt of the following: Subs for 1969 from **Denis Jackson, Sid Thompson, A. E. Gabriel, Bernie O'Mara, H. L. McLaughlin, Norm Johnstone, Jack McLaughlan** (each \$2), **Monty Siems** (£2 Eng.). Donations also were received from **Norm Johnstone** (\$2) and **A. E. Gabriel** (\$1). **NOTE:** As Fred does not intend to stand for re-election as Hon. Treasurer members are asked to send subscriptions to **GEORGE STACK**, 40 O'Keefe Crescent, Eastwood, pending the election of a new Treasurer at the February meeting.

HOSPITAL NEWS

From Fred Searle:

Sorry to have to report that **Mrs. Parkinson** is in R.G.H., Concord. We hope you are soon well and home again. Also at R.G.H., Concord (in Ward 6) is **Bob Munro**, of 4 Bn. ('14-'18). Best wishes, Bob—see you out soon.

Good news from the following who have been discharged from R.G.H.: **Les McNamara, Ken Rubie, Jeff King, Tom Clough** and **Mike Richardson**.

THE LAST POST

2/4th Bn.: NX41474 **George Quigley** (in R.G.H., Concord); NX2043 **Bill Wall**, Bingara (in Tamworth Base Hospital); NX 128786 "**Doc**" **Haydon**, of Glen Huntly (advice from Ken Moses).

4 Bn., A.I.F.: **W. Upjohn**; 7557 **F. Astile**; 1912 **T. C. Blake**; 6481 **E. L. Dunne**; 1363 **W. A. Graham**; 782 **W. E. Hatherley**; 4910 **C. Stevenson**; 3910 **W. Scott**; 7067 **H. S. Traynor**; 109 **W. S. Johnson, M.M.**; 1387 **W. Joyce**; 468 **J. Jurd**; 6314 **H. H. Phipps**.

"We Will Remember Them."

LADIES' NIGHT

The Annual Ladies' Night, held at Royal Naval House Ballroom on Friday, 6th December, was indeed a wonderfully successful evening. The attendance was greater than any previous Ladies' Night and augurs well for such occasions in the future.

President **Harry Gjedsted** welcomed the ladies in fitting fashion, and with **Dick** and **Wally Pinsons** Band in action the stage was set for a really enjoyable evening.

Committeeman **Johnny Jordan** carried out the duties of M.C. for which he has our thanks. During the evening a parcel of Liquid Refreshments, kindly donated by **Bill "Snow" McLennan**, was raffled and won by **Jack** and **Jean Gaffney**.

Among those attending were **Harry** and **Marjorie Gjedsted**, with **Mrs. Mary Solomon**, **Harry** and **Blanche Stafford** ('14-'18), **Jim "Cock" Robin** and **Miss Eileen Cooper**, **Mrs. Marjorie McCarty**, **Mrs. Elsie Parsons**, **Mrs. Molly Irvine**, **Harry** and **Hilda Wright**, **Fred** and **Dorothy Searle**, **John** and **Doris Jordan**, "**Ollie**" and **Gladys Twist**, **Charles** and **Phoebe Adams**, "**Larry**" and **Yvonne Dooley**, **Joe** and **Ida McGrath**, **Alec** and **Jean Maxwell**, **Ker** and **Maude Raymont**, **Jack** and **Jean Gaffney**, **Rex** and **Norma Everson**, **Ted** and **Hazel Gamble**, **Dick** and **Enid Latimer**, **Frank** and **Norma Gattenhoff**, **Jack** and **Jean Heaney**, **Sid** and **Jacqueline Young**, **Bill** and **Lois Little**, **Alan** and **Gloria Lindsay**, **Bill** and **Gwen McLennan**, **Athol** and **Pat Heath**, **Bruce** and **Angela Cork**, **Les** and **Betty Leech**, **Harold** and **Noni Bowman**, **Harold** and **De. Silver**, **Ewan** and **Violet Woods**, **Ken "Dasher" Deacon** and **Miss Lily Rose**, "**Rusty**" and **Barbara McWilliam**, **Reg Angel**, **Frank Frizell**, **John Meehan**, **Ray Hirst** (4 R.N.S.W.R.) and **Dick Morris**.

COCK'S COLUMN

Was very pleased to hear that **Phyllis Chrysal** had been discharged from Cabarisha Hospital after an operation. We trust you are much improved in health, **Phyllis**, and look forward to welcoming you to our future functions. The Chrysalis have had a bad run of luck indeed with **Phyllis** in hospital, **Amanda** down with the after-effects of hepatitis and **Rolfe** having to go in for tonsilectomy. Cheer up, **Cecil**—at least good news from the University where **Rolfe** passed his Architecture exams with flying colours. Congratulations, **Rolfe**.

Was saddened by the news of the passing of one of the Association stalwarts in **Bill Wall**, of Bingara. **Bill** died in Tamworth Base Hospital after his vehicle ran off the road and capsized while he was on the

way to Sydney. Later reports are that the doctors believe Bill was victim of a heart attack while driving. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bill's relatives.

Dick Bawden is in constant touch with President **Harry Gjedsted** regarding the 1969 Country Reunion in Port Macquarie on October 4, 5 and 6. Dick is planning a function on the Sunday night on the same lines as the most enjoyable "do" at Cowra.

At our most enjoyable Ladies' Night I was pleased to meet **Sid Young** and his charming daughter, **Jacqueline**, who was deputising for her mother, **Florence**, who, unfortunately, was too ill to attend. We hope you are soon well again, Mrs. Young. I'm sorry to report also that Sid's brother, **Norman**, on the Clarence River, passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

Ted Gamble reports that at Grafton recently he was very grateful for **Leo Lynch's** air-conditioned hospitality during the heat wave. He was pleased also to meet **Mrs. Lynch**.

Larry Dooley reports having had a letter from **Bill Painter** (H.Q. Coy.), of Bentleigh, Victoria. Bill is factory manager of a printing business and gets his paper supplies from **Russ Maddern** (want a hand compositor, Bill?).

Glad to see **Dick** and **Enid Latimer**. Enid had been speaking to **Phyl Crystal** who was convalescing after her hospitalisation.

"**Rick**" **Morriss**, son of **Dick Morriss**, had met **Brig. McAtamney** at Paddington R.S.L. Brig. sent his regards to all.

"**Dasher**" **Deacon's** son, **Peter**, has had a fractured leg in plaster for the past 17 weeks. We hope you will be out and about again soon, Peter. Peter's nurse, **Miss Lily Rose**, accompanied "Dasher" to Ladies Night.

Frank Gattenhoff met **Peter Cook** at Paddington R.S.L. Often sees "**Blue**" **Moss**, **Fred Hudson** and **Peter Gallagher**. Frank and his lovely wife, **Norma**, attended their first Ladies Night ever. Frank had a letter recently from **Tom Provians**, Brisbane, in reply to a Get Well card he had sent to Tom.

Rex Everson met **Bill Walker** and his brother, **George**, recently. Also has seen **Bill Bickley** who sends regards to all.

Dick Pinson reports meeting **Wally Moores**, of Cronulla, who promised he will join the Association. Pleased to hear of you, Wal, and hope you will come along to a meeting. Thanks, Dick.

Bruce and **Angela Cork** attended their first Ladies' Night also. The Cork family is moving to Mermaid Beach on the Gold Coast. Bruce has resigned from the P.M.G. after 15 years and has purchased his own business on the Gold Coast. We are all very sorry you are moving so far away, Bruce, but maybe you can make Port Macquarie with Angela for the Country Reunion in October. **Dick Bawden** will look after you.

To **Mick Gray** congratulations on being elected a Councillor of Warringah Shire at the recent local government elections. We know you will be busy, Mick, but we expect you at our Annual General Meeting on 7th February.

Congratulations to the "**Bush**" **Bennett** family of Macksville. "Bush" had recently disposed of his pro-

perty, "Warranilla", Brewarrina, and will be able to devote his time to his Macksville holding where **Billie** has been holding the fort. Son, **Row**, who had a very successful third year Veterinary Science exam at the University, went out to 'Bre' to assist in the wind-up operations, while their daughter, **Elizabeth**, who graduated from Teachers' College, Bathurst, went home to help Mum. Congratulations to all four from your friends in the Association.

Secretary **George Stack** advises the receipt of Festive Greetings to members from: **Monty Siems**, in London; **Dick Morris**; **Mrs. Nancy Smith**, Tamworth; **Miss Eva Morrison**; **Mrs. Isobel Nelson-Slee**; and **Harry** and **Marjorie Gjedsted**.

Howard and **Del Silver**, friends of the **Mike Richards**, attended Ladies' Night. Harold kindly gave President **Harry Gjedsted** a very attractive Greeting Card addressed to the Association together with a letter of appreciation of the happy association he and Del enjoy with us at the various functions. He also enclosed a donation of \$10 to our funds. We really appreciated the wonderful gesture, Harold and Del.

Harry Stafford, 4 Bn. A.I.F., advises that an ex-member of "The Old Fourth", **Wilf Hawken**, flew over from South Africa to renew acquaintances with some of his old mates. Wilf was activated by reading "**Fourth Infanter**", the journal of the Association of Fourth Infantry Battalions.

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Question: What town in N.S.W. celebrated its sesquicentenary last year?

Answer: The same delightful town we have for our Country Reunion in '69—**PORT MACQUARIE**.

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Was pleased to meet **Allan Lindsay** (Sigs.) with his charming wife, **Gloria**, at Ladies' Night. Allan had just got back from a business trip to New York. Allan says if you happen to be in New York sometime and strike a beautiful blonde wearing a 2/4 Bn. Association badge on her fur coat her name is **Carol Baron**. If you wonder how she got it, ask Allan.

In the Mail Bag:

From **Esca Riordan**, Kempsey:

Just a few notes for the magazine. At a District Council meeting held in Grafton on 26th October, 1968, the old battalion was fairly well represented. The guest speaker was our Patron, **Sir Ivan Dougherty**, the Secretary of the Council, **Bub Graham**, plus **Jack Maloney**, M.M., and self as delegates. **Leo Lynch**, of the Grafton Club, attended to our refreshment needs.

Jack Maloney also told me that **Bill Hyde** is now living at Raleigh with his daughter. He is in receipt of a T.P.I. pension and doesn't enjoy the best of health.

We had a nice newsy letter from **Tom Provians** and he reported good progress with his health—was sorry he missed Cowra.

Early in November we had an invitation from **Dick Bawden**, of Port Macquarie, to have lunch with them, which we did. Dick and I discussed preliminary details of our next reunion, also showed me the proposed places of accommodation, which seemed very good. He also took us to the Club for a few noggins, which climaxed an enjoyable day.

A few nights later I went to Macksville for a Diggers' Smoko and was entertained by **Tom Clough** who, by the way, is president of Macksville Sub-branch.

During our Annual Legacy Picnic (which is held at Hat Head) I had a good yarn with Isabel Nelson-Slee; she is enjoying quite good health and still working hard for the C.W.A. (South West Rocks Branch).

A couple of weeks ago Vera and I had an early morning visit from our Editor, his wife Barbara and their three sons. It was a pleasant surprise, and we had the pleasure of meeting their three fine boys for the first time.

At the moment **Perc Dalla**, his wife, **Betty**, and son are holidaying at Port Macquarie. Perc's home town is Wagga.

During early December I had a note from **Fred Varley** inviting any 2/4th-er from this area to attend their annual Smoko in Lismore. I contacted **Bub Graham** and he said he would advise the Macksville boys.

Wishing the Association all the best for 1969 and may it continue to grow stronger. Regards.

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2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balance at Bank, 31/12/67	949.81	Printing	488.94
Fees in advance	153.00	Rent	45.00
Association	192.00	Anzac Day	501.85
W.O.G.	192.00	Cocktail Evening	242.35
Functions—		Combined Smoko	77.59
	\$	Band, Ladies' Night	30.00
Anzac Day	515.00	Wreaths	17.30
Cocktail Evening	246.00	Stamps, Postage	64.28
Combined Smoko	40.00	Sir Ivan Mackay (Biography)	50.00
Ladies' Night	143.40	T.A.A.	20.40
	944.40	Photo, Scheyville (Edward Kenna, V.C.)	59.40
General Items—		Red Cross	10.00
Car Stickers, Ties and Badges	56.45	Funeral Notices	7.00
Donation to Benevolent Fund	3.25	Hire of Buses	32.50
Refund from Wreaths	59.30	Association of 4th Infantry Battalions	10.00
Refund from T.A.A.	20.40	Life Membership Badges	8.44
Sale of Photos	5.00	Dues to 6th Division Association	10.00
Tim West Cowra Reunion	21.36	General Items	99.21
Donation towards Anzac Day, 1969	6.00	Balance at Bank, 31/12/68	875.56
Bank Interest	40.85		
Bank Deposit by Members	6.00		
	<u>\$2,649.82</u>		<u>\$2,649.82</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balance at Bank, 31/12/68	1,384.36	Hospital Comforts	64.15
Sale of War History	123.82	Wreaths, Flowers	20.95
Donations	100.00	Balance at Bank, 31/12/68	1,715.96
Tin Hat Monthly Meetings	154.29		
Bank Interest	38.59		
	<u>\$1,801.06</u>		<u>\$1,801.06</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the receipt books, cheque books and vouchers of the 2/4 Infantry Battalion Association General Account and Benevolent Fund, and, in my opinion, these are a true and correct record of the Association's financial position. I congratulate the Treasurer on a very simple system which allows an auditor to check easily.

H. STAFFORD, Auditor, 31/12/68.