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TO WALES FROM N.S.W. — 4 BN. COLOURS

On 1st July, 1969, His Royal Highness Prince Charles will be invested as the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon Castle.

Another ceremony took place on 11th June when Prince Charles became Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Wales—a Regiment formed by the amalgamation of The South Wales Borderers and The Welsh Regiment.

The Royal N.S.W. Regiment has received the singular honour, in Australia, of being invited to send a Colour Party, which will represent all Battalions within the Regiment, to participate in this ceremony. I know how proud you will all be to know that the Colour Party will carry the Queen's and Regimental Colours of 4 Battalion R.N.S.W.R. In addition, out of a total of five in the Colour Party, 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R. will have two representatives, Lieuts. C. G. Bartle and F. W. Kluss, both of whom are well known to many members of our Association. Lieut.-Col. R. J. Sharp, E.D., Commanding Officer, 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R., and a vice-President of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions,

has prepared a letter of greeting and congratulations from that Association to the Colonel of the Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Wales, Cardiff, Wales, which, together with an Association tie and badge, will be taken to Wales and presented to the Colonel by Lieuts. Bartle and Kluss.

Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., Governor of N.S.W. and Honorary Colonel of the Royal N.S.W. Regiment, will also attend the Ceremony. This is another wonderful and historic occasion in the history of our "4th Battalions" consolidating the affiliations we have had in the past with the Welsh Regiment which we have always deeply valued.

We extend sincere congratulations to Lieut.-Col. Sharp, Lieuts. Bartle and Kluss, and men of the 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R. for the great honour they have achieved in representing and participating in this historic ceremony.

A Welfare Fund has been established by the Royal N.S.W. Regiment to assist in financing this visit, and in view of the tremendous fraternal spirit that exists

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FIVEDOCK. 2046.

between 4 R.N.S.W.R. and ourselves I appeal to members of our Association to make a contribution to the fund.

Please forward donations to:

2/4 Bn. Colour Party Appeal,

C/- R. Angel, 2/1A Barnstaple Road, Fivedock.
2046.

It would be appreciated if donations could be in the hands of our Treasurer by 21st July.

H. GJEDSTED, President.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dick Latimer reports having visited R.G.H., Concord, on April, 11, 21, 28 and May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Among those visited were **Ernie Twist**, **Cyril Abbott**, **Bill Barrett**, **Ron "Scottie" Ferguson**, **Ken Rubie** (since deceased), **Geoff King**, **Jim Lappin**, from Port Moresby, **Glen Ackerman**, **Barry Herwig** (A Coy.), **Ralph Fenton** (D Coy), **Wally Eschbank** (D Coy.) and **Leslie Stafford** (A Coy., '14-'18).

IN THE MAIL BAG

The Secretary,
2/4 Inf. Bn. Association.

Dear Sir,

My son has requested me to write to you and ask you to convey his thanks to Fred Searle for presenting him with the book, "White Over Green".

I was delighted to meet Fred and his wife.

If you know of any 2/4th members with a son who would like a holiday please let me know. My home is always available.

If Dad (Bill Hyde) is well enough I will try and take him to Port Macquarie for the reunion.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) S. Vaughan,
Pacific Highway, Raleigh.

Dear George,

Enclosed is a donation of \$5.00. With the Association Annual General Meeting now past, I greet you all and extend good wishes for all that's good and wonderful.

Boy, am I glad to have been to Cowra! Such a lot of old coppers, though older, were a new, fresh and exciting image created by the reunion. Missed you, George, but could make up for it this year as I expect to make Sydney twice. The first time is to attend my eldest son John's marriage to a Sydneysider eventuating during May school holidays. This is to permit our whole family to attend the wedding as my younger two kids, 20 and 12, are still at school. The second visit will be in transit to the Country Reunion at Port Macquarie. **Dick Bawden** is getting off to a good start as applications are already with me to try and attract some following amongst we "Croweaters". My wife, Pat, and I are certs. I feel life is too short to miss any more and can assure you it will take a real solid reason to prevent us. Hence I could see you in May and October.

Quite a number, whilst at Cowra, mentioned a desire to visit Adelaide on a future reunion. This has been welcomed by our local committee and accepted officially. They appointed me O.C. arrangements. Some

of the chaps at Cowra were so definite about wanting to come but it may have been a boozy pipe dream for others. It seems a long way for just a weekend. It seems consideration must be given by yourselves to the desirability of breaking the chain of normal N.S.W. country reunions and causing a number of disappointments if you break the sequence of successful events. By disappointments I mean those who plan to make it under the normal conditions but would dip out on an interstate trip. Now, please, would you consider the preference of having a visit to us on your usual reunion weekend or as an extra arrangement. One suggestion was to invite a return to S.A. as a special 30-year commemoration of the 1942 Easter held at Mount Lofty and Crafers area which was one of the better times of World War II. This would be 1972 and, if sponsored now, could have the advantage of longer holidays, perhaps even annual holidays for some.

Anyway, my friends, you have here a written guarantee that S.A. would give at any time, any year, a worthy itinerary and a wonderful time for all. Following some guidance from you we will forward all necessary travel and itinerary arrangements, of course, to suit a recommended time of year. Which do you prefer?

Cheers for now and very best regards to all, especially yourself and Marjorie

PETER DENVER.

CONVERSATION PIECE

Judged by the American service journal, "Army Times", to be the best soldier verse this war, "Conversation Piece", written by Sergeant Smith Dawless, formerly of Los Angeles, paints a vivid picture of the building of the Ledo Road from Assam into Burma.

Here is "Conversation Piece":

Is the gateway to India at Bombay,
Really as beautiful as they say?
Don't rightly know, ma'am. Did my part,
To breaking point in the jungle's heart;
Blasted the boulders, felled the trees
With red muck oozin' around our knees.
Carved the dust from the patki's side.
Dozed our tracks, made it clean and wide,
Metalled and graded, dug and filled;
We had the Ledo Road to build.
Well, surely, you saw a burning ghat,
Fakirs, rope tricks and all of that?
Reckon I didn't. But way up ahead
I tended the wounded, buried the dead.
For I was medic and little we knew
But the smell of sickness all day through.
Mosquitoes, leeches and thick dark mud
Where the Chinese spilled their blood
After the enemy guns were stilled:
We had the Ledo Road to build.
Of course, you found the Taj Mahal,
The loveliest building of them all?
Can't really say, lady. I was stuck
Far beyond Skiing with a Q.M. truck.
Monsoon was rugged there, hot and wet.
Nothing to do but work and sweat.
And dry was the dust upon my mouth.
As steadily big Cats roared on south.

Over the ground where Japs lay killed,
We had the Ledo Road to build.
Didn't you see a single thing?
You've been gone two years this spring.
Never saw much but the moonshine on
A Burmese temple around Maingkwan,
And silver transports high in the sky,
Thursday River and the swift Tanai.

And Hukawng Valley coming all green—
Those are the only sights I've seen,
Did our job though, like God willed,
We had the Ledo Road to build.
(Many thanks to our "Poet Laureate", Joe McGrath,
for forwarding us the original cutting from a 1943 U.S.
"Army News" from Darwin. Joe's own contribution,
"Zac A Day" was adjudged the most humorous poem.)

OUR 30th ANNIVERSARY
THE 1969 COUNTRY REUNION
at
PORT MACQUARIE

Saturday, October 4; Sunday, October 5; Monday, October 6

THE OCTOBER HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND

Guest Speaker: SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., B.Ec.

NOW IS THE TIME to make your booking for the 1969 Annual Country Reunion. Honorary Organiser **Dick Bawden** reports more than 100 bookings to date and looks forward to making it 200 in the very near future. The following information may help:

PROGRAMME

Saturday—

Rendezvous at R.S.L. Club (Hon. Membership) for details of accommodation, etc.

5 p.m.: Form up for **March to War Memorial for Wreathlaying Ceremony.**

6.30 p.m.: **Reunion Dinner** and **Buffet** for the **Ladies**, followed by a Social.

Sunday—

Golf: A trophy has been provided for competition in the morning.

Bowls: A trophy for competition.

River Cruise: 9.30 a.m. to 2 noon. A pleasant trip is envisaged with refreshments and music.

Smorgasbord Tea at 6 p.m. at the Clifton Motel.

Monday—

Informal.

ACCOMMODATION

MOTEL from \$4.50 B. and B. per person, 2 or more per room; OR \$8.00 for single room.

HOTEL from \$4.00 B. and B. per person with private facilities.

FLATS are also available, but you would need to get in early for these.

TRANSPORT

Trains from Sydney leave **Central Station** at **8.15 p.m.** and arrive at **WAUCHOPE** at **5.30 a.m.**; OR leave **Central** at **8 a.m.** and arrive at **WAUCHOPE** at **2.55 p.m.** **FARE** is **\$10.17** return.

Plane leaves **Mascot** **12 noon**, arrives **Port Macquarie** **1.05 p.m.** Leaves **Port Macquarie** (all days) **1.20**

p.m., arrives **Mascot 2.50 p.m.** **Special plane** leaves **Mascot FRIDAY ONLY 4 p.m.**, arrives **Port Macquarie 5.05 p.m.** **Fare \$27.60** return.

Bus transport to and from Railway and Aerodrome.

To facilitate booking arrangements, kindly complete the following questionnaire (delete where necessary):
How are you travelling? Car. Train. Plane

Date and time of arrival.....

Accommodation required? Hotel. Motel.

Number of nights..... (B. and B.).....

No. of adults for accommodation.....

No. of children.....

No. of children to be accommodated in your room.....

No. of children to be accommodated separately.....

No. of persons for Reunion ONLY (no accom.).....

Are you staying with local residents?.....

If so, what address?.....

Do you wish to share a room?.....

If so, with whom?.....

Would you prefer single accommodation?.....

Do you mind sharing?.....

Enclosed herewith is my deposit of \$4.00 per adult.

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R. D. BAWDEN,
36 Pacific Drive,
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ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEE

At their June meeting your committee exercised its authority to co-opt additional members for the balance of the year. It was pointed out that the work the committee was being called upon to handle was increasing greatly and would continue so.

Accordingly, **Charles Adams**, **Dick "Pull-through" Latimer** and **Bill "Snow" MacLennan** were invited to join the committee. Further discussion foreshadowed a probable move to alter the constitution to permit the election of up to ten committeemen at future General Elections.

COCK'S COLUMN

Dick Latimer's wife, **Enid**, reports:

"A delightful gesture on the part of **Stan Bowen** at the family picnic at Woy Woy on May 11 made Mother's Day complete for all the ladies.

"Stan presented each of us with a lovely box of chocolates. We would all like to take this opportunity of once more saying: 'Thank you,' Stan."

Our thanks also to Enid for the following:

Information which may be of help to any country wives having to accompany their husbands for treatment at Concord Repat. Hospital—accommodation is available for wives at a Red Cross Hostel within 10 minutes' walk of the hospital at the moderate charge of \$2.00 per day. I discovered this whilst chatting with **Mrs. Lillyman** who had come from Scone with **Ron (Pop)**. She was very impressed with the accommodation and help given by the ladies in attendance at the Red Cross Centre at Yaralla.

Chas Adams and his wife, **Phoebe**, have a Gift Store at 279A Ocean View Road, Ettalong Beach, and welcome any member who cares to call in for a beer across the road at the Woy Woy Memorial Club, or a cup of tea out the back.

Dick Latimer reported having visited our late colleague, **Peat Moss**, in R.G.H., Concord, a short while before he passed away. Peat was pleased to heard from his son, **Graham** (serving in Vietnam) that he had successfully transferred to 4 Bn., Royal Australian Regiment, in that theatre. We have already expressed our condolences to Mrs. Moss and family and will see that Graham is put on the mailing list of W.O.G. Graham's address is: 2790268 Pte. Graham Moss, 1 A.R.U., A.F.P.O. 4, G.P.O., Sydney.

Dick Latimer also reports having seen **Jim Lappin** at R.G.H., Concord. Jim has been invalided back to Australia after 20 years' service with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. Welcome home, Jim. Hope you are soon well again and look forward to seeing you at a meeting. Our welfare officer, **Reg Angel**, may be able to advise you on any Repat. problems. Dick also saw **Leslie Stafford** (A Coy., '14-'18) at R.G.H. Les sends his regards to Harry Stafford. Les was in hospital to have a new battery inserted in his heart.

The original was inserted 17 months ago. Our best wishes to you, Les.

At the North British, Anzac Eve: A good roll-up of the boys—**Teddy McCaffery**; **Jerry Coughlan**; **Jack Keating**; **Charlie Hood**, from Sugar Loaf Point Lighthouse, North Coast; **Ron "Porky" Williams**; **Jim Whittaker**, Milla Milla, North Queensland; **Vic Francis**; **Stan Doggett**; **Matt Bristol**, Junee; **Joe Wells**, Junee; **Gordon Chrisp**; **Jim "Happy" Davis**; **Ron Anderson** (brother of **Bill Anderson**); **Ted Swadling** and young brother **Keith "Sailor" Harvey**.

I was sorry I could not make it, but notes were left in **Eileen's** notebook: **Jim Whittaker**, Milla Milla, North Queensland, left Cairns that morning (24th), arrived at N.B. 12 noon. Jim wrote that he met **Murray Naismith** and his charming wife at Easter time at Coolangatta. **Matt Bristol** reported that **Jimmy Crowe** was very ill in Cootamundra Hospital. I am very sorry to hear of this, Jim, and sincerely wish you a speedy recovery to the best of health again. Kind regards to Marcia and children, also **Ray**, Mrs. Crowe and family.

Notes also from **Morrie Wilson**. Each Thursday afternoon Morrie takes **Bruce McKenzie** (aged 15 years) to fencing lessons at Y.M.C.A. and has an hour to spare. Had a couple of ales with our good friend **Alex Thompson**.

Anzac Day March and Reunion: News of some of the men—**Major-General Sir Ivan Dougherty** was so busy I did not like to ask him for news for the column. **Bill "Tiny" Bleakley**, Bankstown, was looking well. **Dick Bawden**, Port Macquarie, had recently seen **Ray Jackson**, **Jack Sumner**, **Ron Barber** and **Steve Blanch**. Dick said many members have promised to go to the Reunion in October at Port Macquarie. **Jim "Jesse" James**, Narrandera, met **Norm "Buck" Rogers**, **Charlie Pedler**, **Orm Bundy** and **Vic Forbes**. **Jack Page**, North Ryde (Tpt.) met **Jack "Brick" Bradford**, **Charlie Gillard** and **Jim McLaughlin**.

Harry Roberts, Wentworthville, met **Just Eastham**. **Bill "Buzz" Bennett**, Concord, met **Bill Little** after 10 years. **Bill "The Weasel" Key**, Turramurra, said that **Wally Pridmore**, Tasmania, contacted Bill through "Reveille" and Bill corresponded back. Wal wished to be remembered to all 2/4-ers. **Matt Bristol**, Junee, met **Norm "Buck" Rogers** at the Junee Memorial Club and had a reunion.

Bill Hogman, 21st Pioneers, from Kyogle, conveyed to me greetings from the members resident in Northern N.S.W. **Jack Chaseling**, **Charlie Grove**, **Doug Grove**, **Bob Gardner**, **Tim Lamond**, **Hughie Whittleton**, **Ian Wallwork**, **Aub Priest** and **Bill Sheaffe**. Thanks, Bill. **Jack "Belle" Bell** (Sigs.), Mascot, read in the column that I met **Tim Ousby** at Lithgow. Jack sends his regards to you, "Toc", and hopes you will reply per column. Jack also said that **Jimmy Brownjohn** is in Lithgow, too. Jack was with his mate, **Jack Nicholas** (53 Bn), of Rosebery.

Sid Cherrie, Mascot, I am pleased to report is now happily married. I wish **Sid** and **Poppy** every happiness. Sid's new address is 20A Forster Street, Mascot.

Angus "Gus" Ferguson is now a gardener at the Lidcombe State Hospital.

Vic Francis had met **Jim "Happy" Davis**. Vic also had a very enjoyable day with **Leo Dunn**, Melbourne, who came up with **Claude Raymond**. Leo had recently seen **Vic Hill**, **Jim Ewart** and **Ted Waterstrom**. Leo tried to get these chaps to come up, but they could not make it.

Jack "Brig" McAtamney, Centennial Park, met **Ron Stennett** at Kogarah R.S.L.

Harry Yates, ex Kyogle, now Blacktown, sends regards to the North Coast boys who could not make it.

Merv Hicks, Rose Bay, was looking for **George Friend**, **Vic Forbes** and a 9th Div. friend, **John Bracey**, met **Col. Burrows** and **Jim Sadler** at Auburn R.S.L. **Jack Carroll**, **Leichhardt**, said **"Blue" Pinder** would give me news of the local boys, but I did not meet **"Blue"**.

John Hawkins, Blacktown, was with **Ken Richardson**, **Cliff Curran**, Newcastle, met **Harry Pearce** recently. **Charlie "Tasty" Newell**, North Ryde, met **Jack** and **Lou Dubber** and **Wal Lambourne** on his travels.

Dick "Pop" Williams, Birrong, plans to visit South Australia, Adelaide and Mount Lofty in September to renew old acquaintances and meet new members.

Noel Woolcott, Canley Vale, met **"Scotch" McCartney** who now runs the B.P. service station at Lansvale, also met **Ray Garner**, Chester Hill.

Jack Hines, Lithgow, met **Joe Marshall**, son of the late **John Marshall**. Joe recently returned from Vietnam. Pleased to hear of you, Joe, you're welcome at our meetings any time. Jack also met **H. Harvison's** daughter and asked for Dad to come down. She said he would if he could.

Harry Brown, Guildford, met **Bunny Burrows**, Jack's twins, a boy and a girl, were 18 on 28th April.

Bill Burns, Blacktown, met **Ned Gardner**, of Kingswood, and **Jack Pugh**, of Mt. Druitt.

Eddie "Boof" Wilson, Ryde, met **Bruce Stewart**, Wagga.

Jack "Larry" Dooley, Fivedock, met **George Williams**, who is President of the Warilla Bowling Club. Larry's son, **Brian**, is in the 4th Bn. in Vietnam. Congrats on being another 4th-er, Brian. Sincerely wishing you and your mates the best and a safe return. Hoping to see you with Dad at our meetings and on the March next Anac Day.

Ron Raymont, Ettalong, was hoping to see his brother, **Ken Raymont**, and **Harry Russell**.

"Slim" Venn, Lidcombe, was hoping to see **"Squizzy" Taylor**.

Ted Jackson, Dee Why, met **Matt Meyers**. **Bill Luck**, on a conference in Adelaide, met **Max** and **Betty Rungie**. Max gave him news of **Peter Denver**, still breeding sheep; **"Coffee" Royal** has a good fleet of trucks, doing well; the **Harrison brothers** still pulling trucks and cars apart. Bill was selected Federal Vice-president of the Australian Blinded Servicemen's Association. Congrats, Bill. With Bill was **Ben Trotman** of

the 2/33rd Bn., 7 Div. Ben is Bill's seeing-eye. Ben's brother-in-law, **Jack Glauville**, Auburn, is a 2/4-er. Hope to see you at one of our meetings, Jack.

Jim Cameron, 11 Bannockburn Road, Pymble, is in the rope trade, with Kinnear's Ropes. Jim was joining up that day. Well, we hope to see you at our meetings, Jim.

George Catt, Balgowlah, is Secretary/Manager of the Manly War Memorial Club, also trustee of the Manly Sub-branch of the R.S.L. George met **Tom Provians**, **Bill Parry**, **Eric Holder**, **Phil Smith** and **Joe Rognini**. **Dick Boyd**, Blackheath, was hoping to see **Les Fox**. **Bob Ferguson**, Dee Why, met **Newton Howard** down from New Guinea.

Mick Owers, Moree, was hoping to see **Frank Sadler**, Mick's daughter, Barbara, was going to work on a motor bike; a car ran into her and Barbara sustained a broken leg and lacerations, she will be off work for three months. We are sorry to hear of this, Barbara, and sincerely wish you a speedy recovery to the best of health and limb again.

Newton Howard, down from Port Moresby for his daughter, **Helen's**, wedding. **Newton** is working in the Accounts Department at the University of Port Moresby. Well, Helen, we wish you both the best of luck, health and happiness.

John Meyers, Bexley, whose father, **Wally**, is a member of the 4th Bn., was at the reunion. Congrats, Wal—John said **Bob "Lascar" Roach** was to come, but had car trouble and could not make it.

Peter Hill, North Sydney, was hoping to see **Ted Burbridge** and **Pat McCarrol**.

Picnic Day at Woy Woy and Surroundings:

A very enjoyable day in beautiful weather on Sunday, 11th May. Organised by **Chas Adams** with the help of **Bob Lane** and **Frank Frizell**. I alighted from the electric train at Hornsby and met **Dick** and **Enid Latimer**, **Harry** and **Hilda Wright**, **Russ** and **Barbara McWilliam**, all boarding the Woy Woy train with **Harry** and **Marjorie Gjedsted**. After arriving there we assembled at the wharf, boarding the Southern Cross ferry and went for a wonderful trip to the bays, beaches and inlets of the Brisbane Waters. On board met **Stan Bowen** and his nephew, **Doug**, **Allan** and **Gloria Lindsay**, with daughter, **Denise**, and son, **Andrew**; **Dick Morris** and children, **Melany**, **Brian**, **Ashley**, **Jenny**, **Andrew**, and cousin, **Midson**; **Charles** and **Phoebe Adams** and neice, **Kerry Wiggans**; **Peter** and **Betty Cook**, daughter, **Rhonda**, and friend, **Rick**; **Ken "Dasher" Deacon**, **Lily Rose**, Ken's sons, **Alan** and **Peter**; **Frank Frizell**, **Bob Lane**, **Dick Chamberlain**; and visitors, **Bill** and **Dorothy Lonsdale** (out from England two weeks); **Tom** and **Pam Watson**, with **Jeff**, **Greg** and **Janelle**; **Cyril "Curly" Dein**.

At times they all joined in singing to the strains of a lovely violin played so eloquently by **Phoebe Adams**. Speaking to her later, learned that she did not read music, but played by ear. More credit to you, Phoebe—it was excellent.

Stopping at Hardy's Bay for lunch some of the boys took a stroll to the R.S.L. Club and there met **Colin**

"Bunny" Burrows. After the launch cruise, went for a car drive to the top of Blackwall Mountain—marvellous views. After the drive, went to Chas Adams' place and had a feast of curried chicken, hot rolls, coffee and tea. Some of the boys were then going to the R.S.L. Club. **Allan Lindsay** offered me a lift to Woy Woy station, but hearing I lived in North Sydney told me to stay put and let me off at North Sydney station. Many thanks to you, Allan and Gloria. Also many thanks to **Chas** and **Phoebe Adams**, **Bob Lane** and **Frank Frizelle** for a very wonderful day.

At Chas Adams' was happy to meet his son, **Kevin**, a navy boy (a submariner, his place of duty a stone's throw from home). Also met his fiancée, **Coral Smith**. They have just become engaged and we wish them every happiness.

In the Mail Bag:

From **Fred Apthorpe**, Griffith: It is some time since I contributed to your column, Jim, so here goes.

All members will sincerely regret the passing of **Padre "Paddy" Yuill** and will no doubt recall many anecdotes associated with him. I would like to recall that of **Capt. Tom Selby** (M.O. 2/1 Bn.) who mentioned an incident which occurred during the Greek Campaign. "Paddy" was always reluctant to consider his own safety and when advised to do so usually disregarded it. When things became too hot altogether "Paddy", speaking in the third person as he was wont to do, remarked, "The priest had better get down", and down he got.

In Crete whilst being helped with his gear by the M.O. and **Lt.-Col. Doug Salter**, he was asked to issue a drop of his wine to slake their thirst. "Paddy" was adamant and "jacked up". "It's been carried by a couple of heretics for miles and will be no good," said the C.O. But, equal to the occasion as always came "Paddy's" reply: "I'll bless it in the morning and it will be as good as ever." I recall during a shoot at Julis in 1940 "Paddy" being invited to try his hand and scoring several bulls and inners. When being complimented on his efforts his reply was: "Bad luck, boys. I was shooting at the wrong target".

Incidentally, I noticed in "Reveille" recently that **Walter B. Pridmore**, of 102 Bayview Road, Lauderdale, 7021, was seeking news of **Bill Key**, NX5421. Also **Allan Carroll**, of Boree Creek, near Wagga, was enquiring about **Len Atlee** whom he met at Trinity Bay during beach training exercises. Best wishes to all Association members from **Fred Apthorpe**, 80 Kookora Street, Griffith.

Rupert Carrington, Coonabarabran: "Enclosed my dues for 1969 and best wishes to the Treasurer who I have not met, as I remember, since the momentous days of Aitape-Wewak. While I think of it, I wrote some years ago a tribute to the heroes of the Battle of Britain which included a number of Aussie pilots and crews and, if you like, would send a copy of same for publication in W.O.G. in September issue. Though only a footslogger I have always had a great admiration for those gallant young men who flew in those dark days.

In these days when patriotism has become a subject for scorn among certain vocal "apes" I feel that publications like W.O.G. are performing a great public duty in keeping alive the spirit—the Esprit de Corps—shown by ex-servicemen and women in war and peace. Kindest regards to all." (Thank you, Rupert, and please send along the copy.—Ed.)

From **Bob Griffiths**, Box 269, Mildura: "Have just bought myself a new house in 15th Street, a few doors from the winery—very handy for any 2/4th callers as the specialty of the house is "Mavrodaphne" which should bring back memories to the old hands. I hope to get in touch with the South Australian boys now that my son and heir has joined the S.A. Police Cadets. Tell **Joe Rogini** that I often see one of his P.O.W. mates, **Cliff Smith** (ex A.S.C.) who has a station over the river from me. Kindest regards to all."

From **Jack Irvine**, Box 23, Orbost, Victoria: "Would like you to know that I receive W.O.G. regularly and look forward to it very much. Please give my thanks to all concerned. My very kind regards to all Bill's mates—although I have not met many personally I feel I know you all. Enclosed is a donation to funds of the Association and \$1.00 also for the Association of Fourth Infantry Battalions for their appeal for the boys in Vietnam. (Thank you, Jack, for your thought.)

From **J. "Brig" McAtamney**, Centennial Park: "I should like to give a big pat on the back to our **Association President** for the very excellent manner in which he presided over our Anzac Day Reunion. **Harry** has everything—personality, poise and polish. With him and his energetic, hard-working committee our Association is in good hands, plus the fact we have as our patron such a distinguished man as **Major-General Sir Ivan Dougherty**, a real man among men if ever there was one. It only remains for chaps like myself to rally round and do what we can to support our Association in every possible way.

I thought, too, **Phil Smith's** speech in proposing the toast to **Ned Kenna, V.C.**, was really very good. Best wishes to everyone."

From **Jim Atkinson**, 411 Payneham Road, Felixstowe, S.A.: "Thanks, Fred, for your note and copies of 'White Over Green'—all read with much interest.

I have been marching with the lads in S.A. for years, but never had much time to take an active part in the activities.

I am in Rehabilitation, Department of Social Services (same department as **Ken Royal**, although we don't see much of each other we do catch up on Anzac Day).

I joined the A.I.F. in October, 1939, NX5921, and possibly one of the original 100 in 2/4 Bn. at Ingleburn. I was with the unit up to Palestine when I transferred to 'G' side of Div. H.Q., but I kept in close touch with the boys for a long time afterwards. I hope to get along to one of your Anzac Parades one of these years and to meet up with the Old Boys. I saw **Tom Mort** some time ago, he is farming at a place called Keith—Tom was our original sergeant in No. 12 Platoon, C Coy. It was nice to meet him again. Please find enclosed P/N for \$2.00 and am happy to be a member."