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**Next Meetings: Friday, 1st May, 1970 & Friday, 5th June, 1970, at 7.30 p.m.
at ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL HOUSE, Grosvenor St., Sydney**

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Wreathlaying Ceremony: Please attend this in full strength.

F.U.P.: Corner of York and Erskine Streets.

0800: FALL IN — for the short march to the Cenotaph via Barrack Street, preceded by members of the 4 Bn A.I.F. ('14-'18) and led by the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band.

Following the wreathlaying by our respective Association Presidents, the march will continue to our F.U.P. in Phillip Street, for the main march.

The Anzac March commences 0900 hours. Our unit usually moves off at about 0945. Members are respectively requested to be in readiness to form up at approximately 0930, and to conform to the directions of the Honorary R.S.M., Cec. Chrystal. Whilst avoiding over organising, let each of us be worthy of taking our place in the ranks, and the unit as a whole worthy of its place in the march. The Committee has appointed the following members to act as standard bearers.

BANNER: Bill McLennan and Dick Latimer.

FLAGS: Chas. Adams and Vic Francis.

The march finishes in Hyde Park, where there will be the usual Service.

The Anzac Day Reunion. Buses will be available (No. 902) at 11.30 a.m., Vicinity cnr. Elizabeth and Park Sts. Be guided by the Embussing Officer, Athol Heath.

VENUE: Manresa Hall, Carlow Street, North Sydney.

COST: \$4 per person. Committeemen will have tickets for sale at F.U.P.'s.

CATERING: The Catering Committee have selected an excellent menu. Rest assured it will be tasty, ample and properly distributed. Liquid refreshments

will be ample with a skilled barman controlling the situation.

MENU: Biscuits and Cheese.

Salad vegetables.

Fresh fried fish pieces.

Curried steak and rice.

Miniature steak pies.

Fresh fried chicken pieces.

NOTE: Each item will be served on platters, each sufficient for 6 men.

Members are asked to co-operate by grouping into sixes (3 each side of a table) and sharing each plate as it is served to them.

Adherence to this request will ensure smooth and equitable distribution of the "goodies".

GORDON MAITLAND TO SPEAK AT RYDE

Lieut-Col. MAITLAND, O.B.E., E.D.,

G.S.O.I., Comm. Z.,

and previously C.O. 4 R.N.S.W.R., has made many friends amongst our members when C.O. 4 R.N.S.W.R. and as a member of the Assn. of 4th Inf. Bn.

He will be Guest Speaker at Ryde R.S.L. Sub-Branch Anzac Service, on Sunday, 19th April. This was arranged by John Copland.

Service commences 2 p.m. at the Cenotaph in front of the Ryde R.S.L. Memorial Club, Victoria Road, Ryde, followed by a short march to St. Anne's Church Hall, where Gordon will speak after a recital by the brilliant Parramatta Salvation Army Band.

Members are invited to attend.

WOY WOY LAUNCH PICNIC

DATE: 17th May (week-end after Mother's Day).

START TIME: 10 a.m. at Woy Woy Ferry

Wharf (only yards from the railway station).

Bring a Picnic Lunch and Liquid Refreshments.

Programme:

Tour of the delightful waterways to 3 p.m. including a stop over for a picnic lunch. Then open house at the home of Chas. and Phoebe Adams to freshen up for the return trip.

Die-hards who wish to stay on will be welcome at the Woy Woy Memorial Club.

TICKETS: Double \$2.50; Single \$1.50; Children free.

MONEY AND BOOKINGS: By 1st May to C. Adams, 6 Springwood Av., Woy Woy, 2256. It is hoped that this outing will result in a credit balance which will swell our Benevolent Fund, so make it a family affair and ensure its success. Rain, hail or shine, the show goes on and it will be a great day.

TRAINS: To Woy Woy — Leave Hornsby Sunday morning at 8.02 and 9.01 a.m. (43 min. to Woy Woy.)

From Woy Woy — 4.19, 5.19, 5.43, 6.27, 7.14, 8.30, 8.59 p.m.

Do send off your **Booking and Money NOW** and so assist the planning — but late starters will be welcome

VALE! FRED SEARLE

The sudden illness and unexpected death of Fred Searle came as a shock and brought sadness and sorrow to us all.

Fred was an original member of our Battalion. He enlisted in 1939 at the outbreak of the Second World War and served in "A" Coy. throughout most of the campaigns in which the Battalion was engaged. His loyalty, friendliness, integrity and sincerity were qualities that remained with him throughout his life, and these, coupled with his cheerful disposition, made him many lifelong friends.

Fred was one of the Great Men of our Association — he was an untiring worker in all the association's activities, and gave devoted and dedicated service as a member, committeeman and treasurer, and, in addition to so many other things, will always be remembered for his wonderful work as Welfare Officer, and his regular visits to Concord Repat. Hospital.

His work and his contribution to building and strengthening our Association was recognised in 1968 when he was made an Honorary Life Member of the 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn. Association.

On Tuesday, 10th March, 1970, a large assembly of Association members, including our Patron and wives and widows of members, attended St. Anne's Church, Ryde, and Northern Suburbs Crematorium to pay our Last Tributes and Respects to our Comrade Friend and Association Life Member, and extend our Deepest Sympathy to Dorothy, daughter Jacqueline and son-in-law Norman, Relatives and Friends.

The large gathering at the services, the many floral tributes and the messages of condolence reflect the high esteem and regard in which Fred was held, and

addresses of tribute were made by your President and Welfare Officer of Ryde Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. where Fred had also served as a committeeman for many years.

Our Association will be so much poorer by the loss of Fred. We will always remember him, and be grateful for the invaluable contribution that he — and Dorothy — made to the continued strength of our Association.

He has left us to join the ranks of our other Comrades who gave their lives during the War, or who have passed on since.

He will be sadly missed by us all.

"They shall not grow old

As we, who are left, grow old.

Age shall not weary them—

Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun

And in the morning,

We will remember them.

LEST WE FORGET

Harry Gjedsted,

President.

LAST POST

NX5840 Clement John Roddy passed away on Sunday, 15th March, 1970. Clem was an original and well known member of our Battalion.

Although born in Victoria, Clem lived in Tumut from the early 1930's and had been a most prominent leader in reporting activities, particularly Country Rugby League, which he helped establish, swimming, cricket and horse riding. As a Councillor on the Tumut Shire Council, Clem showed the same enthusiasm and drive in Civic matters as displayed in sport.

Similarly with R.S.L. activities Clem served on the Committee, and on the Building Committee, which was responsible for the fine club building of delightful design.

Over all these years Clem acted as part time reporter to the "Tumut and Adelong Times", which accorded him a very completed obituary covering his life's work.

To read of his endeavours and achievements makes one proud to have known Clem.

To his wife, Vera, and his children, Susanne, Michael and Renden we extend the deepest sympathies of all members.

VALE Clem.

WELFARE REPORT

Recently we received a request from Ken Moses, Sig. Pl. for assistance in providing information to support a Repatriation Claim he is making for recognition of a very serious disability suffered due to War Service. Ken's request was in three phases:

1. Evidence of any physical and mental stress imposed on him during his service with the 2/4 Bn., also substantiation of the esteem in which he was held by those with whom he served.

2. The regimental number and name, approximate date, and, where possible, cause of death of any of our

members who have passed away in the last twelve months.

3. The same information as in para 2 of any member who has passed away since he returned from active service.

Due to the efforts of our President, Harry Gjedsted, statutory declarations have been obtained and forwarded to Ken from the following: **Sir Ivan Dougherty, Paul Tomlinson, Ferdie Pegg, Cec Chrystal, John Meehan, Ron Belford and Bob Lane.**

The second phase of Ken's request is at present being attended to by **Dick Faulder** and **John Copland** and Ken should have this information within 10 days and we trust this evidence will win him the recognition from Repat for which he should not be required to fight so strenuously.

Ken has enlisted the assistance of a very eminent Victorian Queen's Counsel, himself an ex-R.A.A.F. type, and they both feel it is high time the Repatriation Department looked with more concern and sympathy at the alarming sickness and mortality rate among personnel from our war and recognised the fact that the majority of us did, in fact, due to our service, suffer some physical or mental damage which is now becoming so tragically apparent.

This is the reason for the third phase of Ken's request and he and his counsel hope that by presenting this list to Repat. they will obtain more generous assistance for all ex-service personnel.

It isn't necessary for me to tell you what a battler for our cause Ken is, or where his heart lies, and for that reason your committee is backing him to the hilt.

Dick Faulder, John Copland and myself have undertaken to carry out the research necessary to provide the second list and we earnestly request the assistance of each and every one of you.

We feel the day has gone when mere Hospital visiting and the handing out of small comforts was sufficient and we must make the word **welfare** mean what it says.

Every recipient of W.O.G. must have knowledge of the passing of some of our comrades and we ask you urgently to forward as much of the following information as possible:

Regimental number.

Initials and name.

Approximate date, place and cause of death.

Sender's name and address.

Please forward to **Dick Latimer, 298 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra. 2074.**

I'm pleased to report that during the last month **Dick Faulder**, although not fully cured, has been able to return to work after a painful illness of six months duration.

Lionel (Bully) Howe is fit and well and was guest of honour at our monthly meeting at Royal Australian Naval House on Friday, 3rd April, and expects to return to Temora with his wife about 12th April. Well done, Bully, and our best wishes.

Visited in Hospital:

Murray Naismith, Tpt. Pl.

Norm Shaylor, A Coy.

Dunreeth Cooper, 4 Bn. A.I.F.

Alan (General) MacArthur, Mortar Pl., who unfortunately is on the D.I. list.

Reg. Stapleton, 4 Bn. '39-'45.

Alan Headlam, C Coy.

Visited at Lady Davidson Home:

Les Crisp, 4 Bn. A.I.F.

John Copland was good enough to call on Les when I was unable to — thank you, John.

Reported in Hospital but not allowed visitors—

Rick Carter, B Coy.

I hope to have a favourable word on Rick for the next edition of W.O.G.

Dick Swain, 4 Bn. A.I.F.

Dick is **Ernie's** father and was admitted since my last visit to Concord.

Again I ask for your co-operation in the Moses Project, if we receive 100 reports on the passing of the same member, it won't worry us a scrap, we will sort it out.

My sincere wish to all members, **Good Health,**
DICK LATIMER.

COCK'S COLUMN

Sid Young, Leichhardt, reports that he sees Rex Gilliland quite often and Rex was sorry he could not make the meetings.

Dick Pinson reports that on his holidays in Wagga he met Bruce Stewart, also Joe Crawford, but could not get out to see Bill Cosier. Took a taxi but could not locate Jock Cummin. Dick also had Christmas cards returned from Dick Morris and Gordon Robins, Victoria. Address unknown. Dick said that Les Saxby has taken out all major prizes at Marrickville R.S.L. Golf.

Rex Everson has recently seen Bill Bickley.

Allen Lindsay reports that his son David returned from Vietnam safe and sound after a year's service, and is now soldiering on in Queensland. David outranks Pop by one stripe — one of my mob. Good luck to David.

In the Mail Box

From Monty Siems, in London, very nice Christmas and New Year card, also a letter.

An interesting letter from Esca and Vera Riordan. Thanks, folks.

Arthur Stanhope, B Coy, 4 Bty. (friend of "Cheekie Charlie", Jack Keating) and J. Heaney called in at the N.B. recently.

North British News — In Eileen's note book:

Sam Innes (A Co.) called in to see "Porky" Ron Williams 10/2/70, and left \$2 subs for me to pay Treas.

"All the best for the New Year to all," from Ewen Wood, Rydalmere. "Sorry I have not been in before, but will try and make it some Friday."

"Happy New Year to all the boys from Jim "Stumpy" Agnew, Tumut. Same to you, Jim and Ewen.

"To Cock Robin and the boys: All the best for the coming year, from Les Killeen." Les also added the suggestion: "If the 2/4ers who are regulars wrote their names and times that they came to the N.B. in a special page in Eileen's book, it would be a great help to the 'Bushies' and other visitors."

I think this par is meant for Colin "Bill" Campbell. Les Killeen suggests contacting Bill Sutter, Wyjella Station, Tilpa, to the best of Les's knowledge Clem is still in that area. Any help, contact Don Ellicott,

c/o Winchcombe Carson, 9-13 Young Street, Sydney, 2000.

"Was here, sorry I could not make Fred's funeral. Bub Graham, Bowraville, "Bill" Campbell's address, 121 Richard Road, Narrabeen, or 29 Kangaroo Point Road, Sylvania. (Brother's address.)

"ATTENTION: Don Ellicott, give me a ring any day between 8-9 a.m., or after 6 p.m. at 94 2029. sorry I keep missing you here, Joe Rognini."

Then follows this prose: "The old 'water-hole' has altered but little. Sad to see that a couple of the old 'Coolabahs' no longer grace the water's edge." Dick Morris. Dick is, of course, referring to the North British and Ted McCaffery (retired) and the late Johnny Morrison.

Again thanks for your liaison work, Eileen.

To Sam Innes (A. Cot) Sam, I paid in your \$2, I thought it was subs., but Allen Lindsay informed me that it was a donation. Thanks, Mate.

"Snowy" Moores, down to Repat., often meets Ted Ryan (H.Q. Coy.) at the Toukley Club. Sends regards.

Jerry Coughlan called in to tell Eileen the sad new of Fred Searle. Thanks, Jerry.

MAIL BOX: Letter from George and Marj Stack with list of names of those who attended Fred's funeral. Thanks very much George and Marj for your help. Your list balanced with mine, except I missed G. Weston, and you missed Ewen Wood. (I, too, missed G. Weston on my list.—ED.)

Letter from Pat Lahey congratulating me on Life Membership. Thanks, Pat.

AT THE NORTH BRITISH: (Before the March meeting.)

I strolled in and met Frank Frizell. Reg Cole was next, then Dick Morris, followed by Dick Pinson. "Happy" Davis and Ron Anderson also arrived, but did not turn up at the meeting when we adjourned to Royal Naval House.

AT THE MARCH MEETING: Those in attendance: Russ McWilliam, George Stack, Allen Lindsay, John Meehan, Athol Heath, Dick Morris, Vic Francis, Charles Adams, Frank Frizell, Reg Cole, Stan Bowen, John Copland, Dick Faulder, Peter Cook, Bill ("Snow") MacLennon, Rex Everson, George Friend, Teddy Gamble, "Massa" Brooks, Fred Staggs and your columnist.

News from some of them: Stan Bowen met Mick Weir who lives at Hornsby and drives a C.A.S. truck.

He looks not a day older than in army days. Stan also met "Basher", Boyd's brother, at Katoomba.

Frank Frizell had a letter from Gordon ("Robbie") Robins, Victoria. "Robbie" sends his regards to all.

Reg Cole met George Saxby at Padstow R.S.L. Club. George's eldest son is in the Navy. Reg also met Bill ("Snow") Butcher and Siddie George.

George Friend met Merv Hicks at Rose Bay. Merv could not make the meeting.

Rex Everson met Geoff Green (B. Coy.), who is a top line dental mechanic at Blacktown. Geoff hopes to see us on Anzac Day.

Further to Joe ("Blue") Moss's funeral reported in last W.O.G. Peter Cook, and Frank Gattenhoff and Jack Keating attended.

The Naval pall bearers were from H.M.A.S. PERTH: P. O. Bailey, P.O. De Rooy, Leading Hand

Fogarty, plus Joe's son, Barry Moss, from H.M.A.S. WATSON. Ada Hopper (Tom's widow) and daughter, Judy, also attended.

Paddington-Woollahra R.S.L. arrangements and overtures to mourners were a credit to that club.

Peter Cook had a few noggins with Jack ("Cheeky Charlie") Keating, and Roy Lane of B Coy.

Fred Staggs said that Bill Little (H.Q.) has joined the Chatswood R.S.L. Club. Sees Ces. ("Snow") Whitehouse at Hornsby R.S.L. I am sorry to hear that Fred's wife Rita is in hospital. We all wish you a speedy recovery to the best of health, Rita.

Fred also met Teddy Swanson at Hornsby R.S.L.

Ted and family have just moved from Queensland. Intends buying a business in the Gosford area.

Fred said he was to lead a 10-mile walkathon in aid of the R.S.L. Welfare and Benevolent Fund, representing Chatswood R.S.L. (Think he'll make it, fellows? How about a bike, Fred?)

It was good to see Ted Gamble and "Massa" Brooks stroll in. The talk was who brought who. I'll "gamble" it was Ted who led!

Jim ("Happy") Davis, change of address: Now Flat 16, 9 Trade Street, Newtown.

Dick Pinson met our old friend, Charlie Hanson, the saxophone player, who was lucky enough to win \$700 in the Special Lottery. Good luck, Charlie, I wish it had been \$7000 for you.

STILL UNFINANCIAL?

Last month's appeal by the Executive for renewal of membership met with an excellent response, but there are still some outstanding subs. we would like to receive. We look forward to your solid support to the Association and wish all to be financial so that W.O.G. can continue to be sent. W.O.G. is our real link with our scattered members and we do not want to lose touch with any ex-2/4 man.

Please send Allan Lindsay your \$2 NOW, or come good on Anzac Day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

Bob Lane, \$4.	Fred Staggs Donation, \$2.
Sid Young, \$2.	Frank Wright, \$2.
Don Bundy, \$2.	Alan Manning, \$2.
Les Jones, \$2.	Bernie O'Mara, \$2.
Max Nerney, \$2.	"Doc" Hodgkinson, \$2.
J. Ewart, \$2.	H. Wittleton, \$2.
W. G. Martin, \$2.	Vic. Francis, \$2.
Mick O'Regan, \$4.	Stan Bowen, \$2
W. J. Stewart, \$2.	Peter Cook, \$2.
G. E. Doggett, \$2.	Frank Frizell, \$2.
C. W. Parsons, \$4.	Gordon Dale, \$2.
Jack Crowley, \$2.	Bill Panter, \$2.
Merv Lane, \$2.	Bob Lever, \$2.
Ross Ellerman, \$2.	Norrie McGregor, \$2.
Glen Ackerman, \$2.	John Storey, \$2.
Roy Andrews, \$2.	Wem Keast, \$2.
Joe Wells, \$2.	Frank Foster, \$2.
Roy Lane, \$2.	Tim Cloke, \$2.
Harry Russell, \$2.	Sam Innes, Donation, \$2.
H. Cox, \$2.	Ken Moses, \$4.

Paid-up Life Members:

Max Rungie, \$21.	Mick Gray, \$25.
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