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**Next Meeting: Friday, 7th August, 1970, at 7.30 p.m.  
at ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL HOUSE, Grosvenor St., Sydney**

## THE 1970 COUNTRY REUNION AT THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Saturday, 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th October  
(6 Hour Day holiday long weekend)

A strong Newcastle Committee headed by **John "Bookie" Rae** has left no stone unturned to ensure yet another "bumper" Annual Country Reunion. Included on the committee, which meets every Thursday, are **Bill "Bully" Hayes, Joe Bohle, Harry Pearce, Jim Sherritt, Cliff Curran** and **Alf Carpenter**.

Your President, with four members of your executive and their ladies, visited Newcastle on Sunday, 21st June, to meet the local committee and discuss arrangements for the Reunion. **President Harry Gjedsted** reports that everything is in ship-shape order and all we have to do now is make our bookings.

The "Report-in Centre" is Tattersalls Club, opposite Newcastle Railway Station, and adjacent to the Great Northern Hotel. Tatt's Committee has kindly made a reception office available for our members and club facilities for members and their ladies.

Those travelling to Newcastle on Friday, 2nd October, are invited to attend the trotting meeting that night as guests of the Committee of the Newcastle Trotting Club. We have been asked also to suggest names for six of the events to be decided that evening.

The march for the Wreathlaying Ceremony will begin from the front of **Tattersalls Club** at 1745 hours on Saturday and proceed to the Cenotaph in front of the City Hall. After the ceremony the parade will break off and members will join their ladies and move

to the City Hall for refreshments prior to the **Reunion Dinner at 1900 hours**.

After the Reunion Dinner a social night will be enjoyed by our members in the City Hall — this function is confined to members, their ladies and guests.

Sunday "Sick Parade" will be at the Newcastle Surf Club (6 a.m. to 9 a.m.). At 10 a.m. a launch cruise will begin—one vessel with accommodation for 150 people, and with all conveniences. This will last for three hours. Sunday afternoon will be free for golfers, bowlers, or what-have-you.

A Smorgasbord/Social at the Newcastle Bowling Club has been arranged for Sunday evening. The Club and its facilities have been made exclusively available to us for this function.

On Monday, 5th October, those of us who wish to attend are invited to the Newcastle Races as guests of the Committee of the Newcastle Jockey Club, for their holiday meeting.

Accommodation is available at the Great Northern Hotel or the Travelodge and Novocastrian Motels.

NOW is the time to make your booking for the 1970 Country Reunion with:

JOHN RAE,  
4/93 Wolfe Street,  
NEWCASTLE. 2300.

Please enclose \$4 per person deposit.



## SIR IVAN

All members join in congratulating our Patron on completion of his tour of duty as Honorary Colonel of the Australian Cadet Corps, Eastern Command. This was a 4-year term, from 12th May, 1964, extended a further 2 years, ending 11th May, 1970. In addition, "we are proud to record Sir Ivan was also Representative Honorary Colonel from August, 1967.

We know how wonderfully "Doc" fulfilled these duties, and he has doubtlessly been a shining example and uplifting guide to the young men of the Cadet Corps, just as he was to the Battalion.

We hope to publish in July W.O.G. interesting correspondence pertaining to Sir Ivan and the Corps.

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Further congratulations are due to Sir Ivan on the arrival of "re-inforcements" — a grandson, Warwick, born 20th June, 1970, to David and Carol. Our best wishes to all troops.

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Whilst we have the congratulations file out, let us give a big pat on the back to Bruce Mulquinney for his able effort in staging the Royal Visit.

We hope to give fuller details of the very high level planning and recruiting carried out by Bruce.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Wedding Bells at Pymble.

On Friday, 29th May, at 6.30 p.m., Virginia, the eldest daughter of our Senior Vice-president, Russell McWilliam, and Barbara, was married to Richard ("Rick") Fisher at the Presbyterian Church, Pymble. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Crystal Room, Victor Street, Chatswood, and was attended by many relatives and friends, including the father, sister, brother and friends of the groom, who came all the way from New Zealand for this happy occasion.

To Russ and Barbara we extend our congratulations and to Virginia and Rick, we give our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a long, healthy and happy life together.

## "Return to Wewak"

Mr. Dennis Barnhard, President of Wewak Sub-branch R.S.L., was in Sydney during May, and the opportunity was taken to invite him to our Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 26th May, and the June meeting.

Mr. Barnhard gave a broad outline of the "Return to Wewak" plan, the main points being:

(1) The project is planned to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the surrender of the Japanese forces in Wewak (13th September, 1945), and will be held in the period Friday, 11th to Monday, 14th September, 1970, with Sunday, 13th September, being the main day. On this day the Memorial Park will be opened on the exact time and date of the surrender.

(2) The R.S.L. is a small group, approximately 25 Europeans and 90 non-Europeans—and has little or no funds, however, the project has become a community development, and practically every person in Wewak has given their full co-operation in the effort to make this a wonderful occasion for those who can attend. School children, natives, service personnel, business people, have all given freely of their time and

effort in "getting the show on the road," with most of the work being concentrated on beautifying the area where the surrender actually took place, into a parkland area of shrubs and flowers. The actual spot where the surrender took place is marked with an obelisk, which was recently located by members of the Wewak R.S.L. Does anybody know its origin? It stands on the actual spot where the surrender table stood, and for years has been overgrown with jungle foliage. The R.S.L. had an enormous job locating it and have now raised it several feet, and by having it surmounted on a raised slab with steps on four sides, have made it into a Memorial.

(3) There will be no problem re accommodation, and by co-operation of the local people, Mr. Barnhard states that accommodation will be in "billeting" form at a cost of \$4 per person per night (B. & B.).

(4) Travelling will be by air, — fares in the vicinity of \$400; however, if we can get an indication of how many will be going, charter fares can be obtained at the attractive price of \$232. (Our Association can work in with 6 Div. Association on this—so please indicate to us as soon as possible if you plan to go.)

(5) Invitations have been extended by Wewak R.S.L. to the following:

Edward Kenna, V.C. — accepted.

United States Navy — accepted — 2 destroyers will attend.

Japanese Ex-servicemen — accepted — 35 members who served in Wewak will attend.

(6) Extensive entertainment has been planned including a "Sing-Sing" by the natives, and all attending are assured of a wonderful time.

Would all members intending to attend the "Back to Wewak" Ceremony please advise our secretary so that we can collate a Nominal Roll, advise Wewak Sub-branch, and, in conjunction with 6 Div. Association, obtain concessional charter air fares.

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You will have received by now details of the "Guessing Competition" which may give you the opportunity to attend the "Return to Wewak" celebrations for a nominal outlay. If you wish to be in it, don't delay. Send your \$10 now!

HARRY GJEDSTED.

## "ROBBIE"

I wish to convey to all my comrades my appreciation of the wonderful welcome which they accorded me at the Anzac Day dinner, but the greatest thrill I got was during the march in Martin Place when Harry Gjedsted gave a most perfect order to halt, and every foot hit the ground as one. Not one boot out of place, to my ears this was perfection from training of the past. I also noted how well our men marched with shoulders well back and dressing, when marching in line, a real show for people looking on. Also our left hand pivot men brought their lines round in a wonderful wheel. I am sure that every man of the 2/4 Bn. attending the march did so with a strong "esprit de corps" which binds comrades together, this being the sign of a good proud unit loyalty.

(Signed) W. S. ROBBINS,

Ex-R.S.M., 2/4 Bn.  
(Known by all as "Robbie")



**ASSOCIATION 4th INFANTRY BATTALION**

Next meetings 21st July, 27th August, 7.30, Arncliffe Drill Hall.

**LAST POST**

**NX5981 JOSEPH CRAWFORD**

Wagga Wagga District

**NX6962 CHARLES CROSS**

Wyngham District

Both well known originals, the passing of these men will leave sad gaps in our ranks.

**Vale Joe and Charlie**

**NEXT-OF-KIN**

Any member who may be able to help locate next-of-kin or any relatives of the late Charlie Cross is asked to forward information to the Secretary or the Welfare Officer.

**JUNE MEETING**

This was a well attended, interesting and most fraternal evening, with particular emphasis on the "Return to Wewak" celebrations, due to the presence of Wewak Sub-branch President Dennis Barnhard.

Dennis was able to give members a thorough run-down on arrangements, and I'm sure he had an enjoyable time.

His Sub-branch, as trustees, urgently needs funds to maintain the Memorial Park on Cape Wom (see the President's Report), so the meeting resolved that the Association should make a donation for this purpose.

To ensure continuing maintenance of something which records Battalion and 6 Div. deeds during a period which cost the lives and health of so many of our Battalion mates, I feel such a donation should be an annual grant. (Ed.)

Russ McWilliams capably chaired the meeting as President Harry was recovering from an eye operation.

**WELFARE REPORT**

The response to my request for information relating to deceased members has been much more gratifying since my last report, and I would like to thank the following:

**Kath Webb**, widow of **Alex Webb**, **Ivy Rubie**, widow of **Ken**, and special thanks to **Esca Riordan** for contacting **Ivy**. **Noel Ford** for information on several members. **Shirley Vaughan**, widow of **Fred Vaughan**, **Alice Cook**, widow of **Rob**, and **Dot Searle**, widow of **Fred**.

To all other recipients of WOG please assist by completing the section of the enclosed page headed **Information on Deceased Members**.

I recently wrote to **Ken Moses** and sent the information we had, and I regret to say there were many more blanks than details and I couldn't help, but feel we had let **Ken** down.

We are having more and more requests for help

from our members for assistance in obtaining recognition of war-caused disabilities, or in obtaining an increase in pension rates, and your Committee feels if we had a complete record of every member's disabilities, accepted or otherwise, it would speed up our work considerably.

To this end it has been decided to enclose in this copy of WOG a questionnaire which, I think, is self explanatory, and I earnestly request you to complete the form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Several people who have answered my appeal have addressed their replies to our hard working Secretary, **George Stack**. I realise this is the correct procedure but please take some work off George's back and address your replies direct to me. George won't take this as a breach of protocol, I know.

**VISITED IN HOSPITAL**

**Tony Creasey**, A Coy., **Wilfred Bartlett**, D Coy., **Alan Headlam**, C Coy., **Wesley (Jack) English**, A Coy., **Stan Haid**, A Coy., **Bill Newth**, C Coy., **Dudley Kings**, Sig. Pl., **Buck Bucholtz**, an original of E Coy., 4 Bn., A.I.F., 1914 vintage, and a very sick boy.

**LADY DAVIDSON'S HOME**

**Les Russell**, Port Macquarie. Les has a lot going for him, he is a 1st World War Dig, is Pensions Officer R.S.L., Port Macquarie, thinks the 2/4 Bn. is a pretty good pack of bastards and **Bawden** is a prize bastard. Good luck, Les, it was delightful to meet you.

Following is a note from **John Copland** with an extract from "Barbed Wire & Bamboo".

"Dick,

"This might be put in WOG. It would be a help if any of our own 'Kriegies' can recall this. Also, it highlights the importance of the records we are trying to compile on war-caused disabilities among our own members. John Copland."

**WITNESSES REQUIRED**

**Alf Gee** (2/11 Bn.) of Merewether, has asked us to print the following para which appeared in "Legs Eleven Minor", the 2/11 Bn. Association monthly magazine, in the hope that there may be someone amongst our readers who can supply the information required to help the widow of an old mate. Alf says Reg. Clarkson was in his section for a while but hopes there may be a member who remembers Reg. in Germany.

**Reginald Thomas Clarkson**, WX652, of 2/11 Bn., recently died in Perth from cancer in the kidneys. The R.S.L. Sub-branch at Dongarra, where Reg. has lived, has learnt the following particulars: His disc shows POW (Germany) No. 8295, Front Stalag 183. Other information was that he had been hit in the kidneys by coal trucks in POW days—thought to have been squeezed between trucks.

Would anyone being aware of this accident to Reg. and prepared to make a Statutory Declaration to that affect, contact us immediately. The evidence is required to support a Repatriation claim on behalf of the widow.

If anyone can help as requested above, please write to the Secretary of the 2/11 Bn. Association, **Des Beard**, 20 Warren Road, Yorkine, W.A., 6060.

My sincere wish to all members,

Good Health,

**DICK LATIMER.**



# MEMBER'S MEDICAL HISTORY

SURNAME..... CHRISTIAN NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

Phone numbers: home..... Business.....

Next-of-kin.....

Regimental Number..... Company.....

Date of Enlistment..... Date of Discharge.....

R.S.L. Sub-branch.....

Repatriation File Number..... Pension Rate.....

Repatriation Doctor—Name.....

Address.....

## WAR CAUSED DISABILITIES

(Accepted by Repatriation)

## OTHER DISABILITIES

## MEDICAL HISTORY

### A. ON SERVICE

### B. POST WAR

For both A and B give brief details of injuries, wounds, illnesses, hospitalisation, etc.

## INFORMATION ON DECEASED MEMBER

Regimental Number	Name and Initials	Approximate date and place of death	Cause of death



## DONATIONS RECEIVED

## Fees received from:

K. KING	\$2	BILL BLEAKLY	\$2
DAVID MUNRO	\$2	ALEX MAXWELL	\$2
G. CRISP	\$4	DASHER DEACON	\$4
J. E. WORTHINGTON	\$2	SID GEORGE	\$4
LES McNAMARA	\$2	JACK PARSONS	\$4
BOB JACKSON	\$2	BOOKIE RAE	\$2
CLIFF CURRAN	\$2	JACK GAFFNEY	\$2
R. M. ROBBERDS	\$2	GEOFF INGE	\$2
BILL REANY	\$21	PETER ARMSTRONG	\$2
C. WALLER	\$2	NAP ALAVOINE	\$2
LARRY DOOLEY	\$2	JACK MORGAN	\$2
SAM HUGHES	\$2	H. L. McLAUGHLIN	\$2
C. M. CAMERON	\$2	PAT LAHEY	\$2
R. J. McCARTNEY	\$6	GEORGE COLES	\$2
N. T. HOWARD	\$2	MERV. McINNIS	\$4
C. WARRAN	\$4	BILL HAYES	\$2
KEN RICHARDSON	\$2	W. A. SHEAFFE	\$4
TED JACKSON	\$2	BILL HAYES	\$2
E. J. TEVIST	\$2	BUSH BENNETT	\$25
C. WHITEHOUSE	\$2	J. C. AGNEW	\$2
LES FOX	\$2	D. S. CROSTHWAITE	\$2
BILL LITTLE	\$2	BILL PARRY	\$4
ROY DENYER	\$4	TED McCAFFERY	\$2
RON WILLIAMS	\$4	TED SWADLING	\$2
BRICK BRADFORD	\$2	JACK HEANEY	\$2
MIGGET GREEDY	\$2	LES ANDERSON	\$2
RON RAYMOND	\$2	N. W. SMITH	\$2
L. B. HERBERT	\$2		

## PAID-UP LIFE MEMBERSHIP

JOHN FALLA	\$25	BEN CONNOR	\$21
"BUSH" BENNETT	\$25		

## COCK'S COLUMN

From Eileen's notebook.

Jack "Cheeky Charlie" Keating, on his way from Repat. had a yarn to Ferd Pegg.

Ted Harris, Cowra, had called in. Sorry I missed you, Ted.

It was a very pleasant surprise to meet Jack "Horse Doctor" Huston, from Canberra. Good to see you, mate. Jack reports that five 2/4ers marched in Canberra on Anzac Day. They were Don Paterson, Frank Crutchett, Stan Atkinson, John Falla and Jack Huston. In November Jack met and had a drink with Max Rungie in Adelaide, called to see Reg. Angel, at Huskisson, but Reg. was not home. Had a yarn to Don Taylor, also had a visit from Frank Wright, M.M., and his wife Min of Belmont. They were in Canberra for five days and spent a lot of time with Jack and Joan. When I told Jack our next Country Reunion was at Newcastle, he said to tell John "Bookie" Rae, "We'll be there in a bamboo chair at the old coal hole." Well, Jack, thanks for your report. Hoping to see you and Joan at Newcastle, also you, Frank and Min.

John Copland recently lunched with country-ites Ron Belford and son Fergus.

At the same time met Geoff Hawke, down to see his doctor, Bruce Mulquinney and Ned Erskine, M.L.C.

Ron is joining Association of Fourth Bns. Bruce threatens to attend a meeting soon, now that the Royal Tour is over.

Sid Young, Leichhardt. Spent a week on the Clarence, met "Pom" Wallace, who sends regards to all; also Leo "The Lion" Lynch in Grafton, Roy Kingsley and his charming wife, in The Services Club, Grafton. Called in at Kempsey, but missed Eric and Vera Riordan. They were up at Coffs Harbour, for the celebrations for the Queen's arrival.

Barry Moss (Joe Moss's son): "To the President, Committee, members of the 2/4th Bn. Association, I wish to sincerely thank you for the invitation to the Reunion today". Noel Smith, Randwick, wishes Murray Naismith all the best. So do we all, Murray.

Don Wauchope 2/1 Fld. Regt., sends best regards to Monty Siems, and to Col. "Bunny" Burrows. Don's address, 4/47 Ashburner Street, Manly.

Ted Jackson, Dee Why, met Johnny Ringrose, who, unfortunately, could not attend the Reunion.

Peter Armstrong. Peter's son, Andrew, has just got his first stripe (in his School Cadet Corps). Good luck, Andrew.

Bill Poplin, ex Young, now Wollongong.

Les Fox, Narrabeen, told me that he had not seen Bill Poplin since April 12, 1941.

Ernie "Ollie" Twist, would have liked to have seen Harry Humburger.

Jack Hardiman, Campbelltown, has seen Bill Reid (B Coy.). Sorry to say Bill is not the best. We all hope you're well soon, Bill.

Pat Lahey said that John Meehan missed the presence of Jim Donnelly.

Dave MacGillivray, Guildford, made the March, but could not make the Reunion.

Ces. "Snow" Whitehouse, Hornsby.

Ernie Budgeon, Palm Beach, Queensland, was Sir Ivan's driver.

Ron Rayment said that Phillip "Flip" Cross was down to the Reunion, the first time for 10 years. Phillip has a property in the Mudgee District.

Wally Shaw, Rooty Hill; was pleased to see Wal, who has been ill for the past eight years. Wal was sorry he missed his old mate Jim Whitaker, from Milla Milla, North Queensland, who was at the Reunion last year, and was hoping he would be there this year.

Alex Dick, Westmead, met "Jim" Sibilant, A Coy. in Parramatta, Jim had met Ron Stennett.

Arnold "Curley" Gorman, St. Marys, met Norm "Bunny" Anderson, Merrylands, at the Wentworthville R.S.L. Club.

Ted Hopkins, our original "Hubbly-Bubbley".

Frank Gattenhof, Frank remarked error in pallbearers at Joe "Blue" Moss's funeral, instead of Jack Keating, it was Frank Gattenhof.

Roy Percy (D Coy.), Nowra, first Reunion for 21 years, met Doug. McHenry, at Nowra. Hope to see you at the next Reunion, Roy. How about Newcastle?

Rex Robberds, Castle Hill, has recently seen Ron Coutts and Charlie Grandquist.

Ferd Pegg and Gwen, called on the Clem Roddy family in Tumut, and Mrs. Roddy is very grateful for the kind messages of sympathy from members and Battalion Association, following Clem's death.

Herbert "Jim" McLaughlin, North Ryde, was hoping to see Charlie Newell.

Tommy Gorman, Eastwood. Tom tried to locate Harry Russell at Repton, but missed him. Tom's son, Robert, is a school teacher at Repton, hence Tom's visit there.

Lennard Hellyar, Bellambi, Wollongong, has seen Bill Nyland and Bill Ring, all well.

Mike Richardson. Mike and Edith are proprietors of the Castle King Coffee Lounge Restaurant, La Salle Building, cnr. Castlereagh and King Streets (hence



the name). All 2/4ers and their families welcome. Recent visitors there were **Pat and Julie Heath**, **Ferd Pegg**, **John Copland**, **Peg. Hardy**, **Dorothy Searle** and others.

**Harry Wright**, one of our silent workers. It was Harry and Hilda's wedding anniversary, 26 years. Congrats, to one of the nicest couples I have ever met.

**Dick Bawden** introduced me to his friend John Wilkinson, 2/17th Bn. In addition a mate of Dick's met at the same time was **Alf Boyle**, 4 Bn., who attended our Reunion in Port Macquarie.

**William Samuel Robbins** (Box 28, Nunawading, Victoria, 3131). It was good to see "Robbie" he has seen **Claude Raymond**, **Doug Miller**, **Vic. Hill** and **Jim Barrow**.

**Mick Gray**, who is a Councillor of Warringah Shire. I was pleased to hear he was elected this year as Chairman of Mackellar County Council. Congrats., Mick.

**Dick Faulder**, Dick was sorry he could not take place in the March.

**Les Anderson**, A Coy., Greystanes.

**Ferd and Gwen** are going to Alice Springs for a holiday in May, and will look in on **Max Rungie** and family on the way through.

**Bill Reaney**, North Sydney, was very pleased when **Mick Gray** came in.

**Jack "Brig" McAtamney** met **Peter Cook** and **Jack Dubbler**.

**Wal Taylor**, Cootamundra, has seen **Jim Crowe**. **Lyn Hope** has been in hospital, had operation. Sorry to hear of this Lyn, hope you're o.k. by now. Wal also met **Bede Machen** (Bede's o.k.), and **Harold Conkey**. At Temora met **Lionel "Bully" Howe**, **Paul Brooke** called in at home. **Artie Harradine** is now going well, since his serious accident.

**Bill Coleman** (H.Q.), Sydney, late of Kyogle, is now joining Association.

**Des Cunningham** (H.Q.), Guildford, late of Tamworth, met **Nick Alidice**. Des's first Reunion (but not his last). Is joining Association.

**Les "Mac" McNamara**, Toongabbie, late of Young, would like to know the whereabouts of **Johnnie Nolan**.

**David "Darby" Munro**, Campbelltown, has seen **Vince McDonald**, **Ken "Dasher" Deacon**, **Jack Hardiman**, and the one and only **Bill "Sluggo" Weldman**, David's first Reunion—but not his last. Would like to contact **"Andy" Kerr**. David joined the Association.

**David "Curley" Deckie** (D Coy.) Hurlstone Park. David has just moved down from Queensland, his first Reunion, also, and has now joined the Association.

**Ted Harris**, Cowra. Ted met **"Bluey" Lal Peak** at Toronto. At Cowra met **Hylton Batcheldar**, who is not enjoying good health. We are sorry to hear of this, Hylton, and sincerely hope that by now you're well on the road to good health again. Ted also met **Tim West** and **Jack Ormisto**.

**Bill Shearwin**, **Mudgee**, **Broughton Cox** sends his apologies, also **Jack Delpth** (C Coy.). Bill wants **Jack Delph**, **Merv "Jumbo" Hodges** and **Broughton Cox**, to be on parade next Anzac Day.

**Arthur Kleem**, Young, was going to give me some news but was interrupted. Write it, Arthur.

**Donald Baxter** (Trans), Punchbowl. Don's first Reunion at Manresa. Ruth, Don's only daughter, was married recently. Congrats., Ruth. We all wish you all the best.

**Sid Young**, Leichhardt, spent a week on the Clarence, met **"Pom" Wallace**, who sends regards to all; also met **Leo "The Lion" Lynch** in Grafton, and **Roy Kingsley** and his charming wife in the Services Club, Grafton. Called in at Kempsey, but missed **Esca and Vera Riordan**.

**Harry Dowling**, Kempsey, has seen **Esca Riordan**, **Tommy Clough**, **Tom Malcombe** and **Jim Brown**.

**Harry Gjedsted** called into his bank at Edgecliffe; wanted to see the manager and announced his name at the desk. Bank officer (fully 22 years of age) said, "You are in the 2/4th Bn.", and, following the stunned silence after that remark, said: "My father is **Jack Garvey** of the 2/4th Bn., and I've seen your name in WOG". Jack Garvey has the Shell Service Station in Elizabeth Street, near Chalmers Street, Harry says, "Congrats., Jack, on having such a wonderful son, and how about you getting on parade one of these days." Yes, Jack, what happened, mate, not making the Reunion. See you next meeting.—Robin.

**Jim Cameron** lives at Pymble, not far from **Dick Latimer**, up the line from **Ted Gamble** and across the valley from **Dick Morris**—2/4th country!

**Harry Wright** had a letter from **Tom Provians**, Brisbane, Tom was sorry he could not make Anzac Reunion down here.

### THE FOURTH BATTALION SONG

(Sung to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")

1. We bear the proud traditions which our fathers won in blood,  
On the battlefields of Flanders and in Wewak's clinging mud,  
Whilst they made the living legends which to us they do entrust,  
And their names go marching on.

#### Chorus

Glory to the Fourth Battalion

Glory to the Fourth Battalion

Glory to the Fourth Battalion

May their names go marching on

2. On their arms they wore the emblem of the white patch over green,  
In their hearts there was devotion which comes from being free,  
They fought to save our nation from oppressive tyranny.  
And their names go marching on.

#### (Repeat Chorus)

3. Now history has endowed us with a spirit and a goal,  
And the modern Fourth Battalion will never let them down,  
We will strive to make our unit one of which they would be proud,  
And their names go marching on.

#### (Repeat Chorus)

(W.J.B.)