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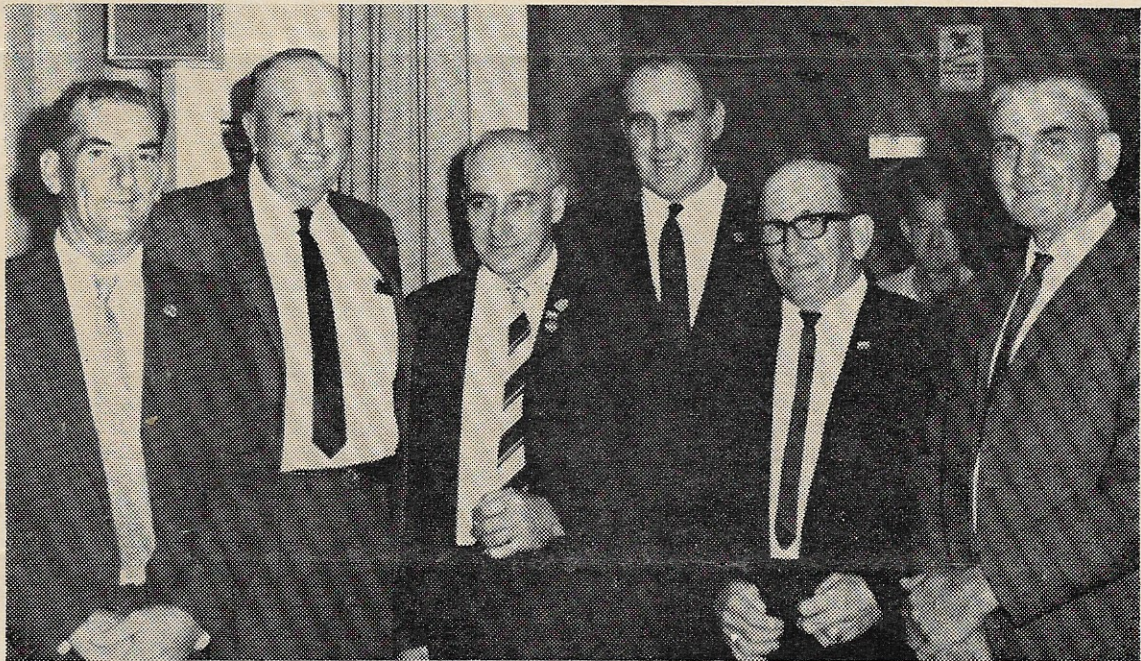
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**Next Meetings: Friday, 7th August, 1970 at Royal Australian Naval House, Grosvenor St.,
Friday, 4th September, 1970 Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.**



LISMORE GATHERING

On Saturday evening, March 21, members of the north-east corner (of N.S.W.) group of the association and their wives held a re-union dinner at the Lismore R.S.L. Club. Forty-six attended the function. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Bill Facey (Kyogle), Jack Lister (Kyogle), George Johnson (Lismore), Alan Kirk (Lismore), Max Nerney (Urbenville) and Roy Kingsley (Grafton).

Dear Dick,

During March, the mob up this way met at the Lismore R.S.L. Club for a re-union dinner. We used this block in the "Northern Star" and I fastened on to same in case you might be able to find room for

it in WOG. All the best for 1970 and the years beyond, mate.

FRED VARLEY.

Thanks a million for your help, Fred. Sorry for delay in publishing due to lack of space.—(Ed.)

NEWCASTLE RE-UNION 6 HOUR DAY WEEKEND, 3rd to 5th October URGENT

Bookings and deposits should be sent off IMMEDIATELY to allow the organisers to confirm arrangements for your comfort and entertainment.

Because of the delay due to the change in venue to take action is limited.

You read in June WOG of the wonderful weekend planned by the 2/4th Novocastians. The ball is now at **your** feet.

Send off \$4 per person with your booking details (preferred accommodation, etc.) to John Rae, 4/93 Wolfe Street, Newcastle. 2300.

DON'T DELAY — PLEASE!

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

Bub Graham	\$2	S. G. Carpenter	\$2
Jack Maloney	\$2	Snow Downes	\$2
G. Kirkby	\$2	Tom Fielder	\$2
Jim Brown	\$2	Gordon Brodie	\$2
W. J. Catt	\$2	Dick Butters	\$2
Ferd Pegg	\$2	Jim Cameron	\$2
Harold Conkey	\$2	Fred Burke	\$2
Fred Driscoll	\$2	Ken Northrop	\$2
A. J. Quinell	\$2	Frank Frizell	\$2
Mrs. Kath Webb	\$2	G. R. Bush	\$2
Graham Jackett	\$2	Geo. Sudgen	\$2
John Jordan	\$2	Harold Westwood	\$2
John Ringrove	\$2	Paid up Life	
Dick Williams	\$2	Membership	\$21
Frank Pohlman	\$2	Ben Connor	
Frank Crutchett	\$2	Dave Follington	
B. Barnes	\$2	Bob Griffith	
Aub Priest	\$4	Donations	
Bill Bartlett	\$4	G. Kirkby	\$3
Ron Ewbank	\$10	Jim Brown	\$3

WELFARE REPORT

For a week or so after the distribution of the June issue of WOG I thought I had at last got the message through that we urgently require information regarding:

- (a) Cause of death of deceased members, and
- (b) Disabilities suffered by surviving members.

The following people contacted me regarding deceased members:

Peg Hardie, sister of **Uncle Jim**, **Joan Davies**, widow of **Bill**, **Mrs. V. Roddy**, widow of **Clem**, **Mrs. A. Barry**, widow of **Doug**, **Joan Coomber**, widow of **Harry**, **Ken Moses** with information regarding several members, and **Doris Naphthali**, widow of **Reg**.

Medical history returns were received from the following:

George Friend, D Coy, **William (Buzz) Bennett**, D Coy, **Tim West**, A Coy, **Reg (Pommie) Cole**, all Companies, **Bill Stewart**, D Coy, **Cec Chrystal**, B Coy, **Dick Faulder**, B Coy, and **John Copland**, B, D & A Coys, and **Ken (Dasher) Deacon**, B Coy.

My sincere thanks to you all, most particularly to **Doris Naphthali** for her outstanding assistance and her very generous donation of \$5 to the Welfare Fund in memory of **Reg**.

After this first flash of success the very promising stream dried up and to the rest of you I would like to repeat the well chosen words of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh — "For heaven's sake pull your fingers out."

During the past month we have had our fair share of Hospital patients, and the following chaps have been visited:

R.G.H., CONCORD

2/4 Bn.

Richard Thomas, C Coy, **Jeff King**, **John Corrigan**, D Coy, **Alan Headlam**, **Beau Rowbottom**, **Curley Callaghan**, B Coy, **Stan Haid**, **Geoff Galvin**, HQ Coy and B Coy.

4 Bn. A.I.F.

Reg. Passau, **Angus Graham**, **Ray Weirick** and **Roy Furze**.

4 Bn. 39-45.

John Leehman.

Unfortunately I missed **Tony Creasey**, **Dasher Deacon** and **Harold (Skinny) Williams**.

Reg (Pommie) Cole spent a fortnight in hospital and I sincerely regret I was unable to pay him a visit, pleased to report he is back in harness, but he is not 100% by any means. He is by no means subdued, but I think very chastened. All the best, **Reg**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Dick Faulder** and **John Copland** for their invaluable assistance on one particularly busy visiting night and their support and advice in general welfare matters.

Cec Chrystal had a phone call recently from **Rick Carter** to say he was well on the way to recovery and had been posted to Nambucca Heads with the Department of Railways.

I regret to report the passing recently of the father of Committeeman **Bill (Snow) McLennan**, **1589 William Scott McLennan** an original member of 3 Bn A.I.F., was seriously wounded at Gallipoli, but miraculously survived to serve in France.

To **Mrs. McLennan** and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Vale **William Scott McLennan**.

To all members,

My sincere wish,

Good health.

DICK LATIMER.

LAST POST

NX38884, W. G. (GEORGE) KIRKBY, MACLEAN
(Reported by "Pom" Wallace, via Esca Riordon)

Vale George

We are also saddened by the recent passing of **Ted Gamble's** mother and **Bill McLennan's** father.

We are fortunate to count as mates the sons of these fine people.

RETURN TO WEWAK

George Stack, hon. sec., will be our official representative at the Wewak activities.

George Friend generously donated \$100 and **Dick Chamberlain** \$10 toward sending our secretary, and so started the ball rolling. Other donations have assured the trip for **George**.

Others have indicated their intention of attending

and, of course, there is the Guessing Competition for those who feel lucky — or, like your Editor, have little other hope of making the scene.

Ever the optimist, your editor is already trying to cadge film and equipment in the hope of getting to Wewak and bringing back a good film and tape coverage.

Remember that we need as many bookings as possible to ensure chartered flights at the extremely good price of \$232 return, so don't delay. Send \$23 to Allan Lindsay.

Accommodation will be billeting at \$4 daily (B. and B.), so little other cash will be actually necessary.

Those who wish to do the Grand Tour can join Frank Gatternhoff, who intends making the most of this one chance by flying the T.A.A. special "Return to Wewak" Tour of the P.N.G.

Cost is much higher, but the itinerary is very complete with all accommodation and meals. Contact T.A.A.

Shipping is also available, but you need plenty of time to manage this mode of travel.

OUR "FOURTH" COLUMNIST

Life member and columnist to WOG.

Cock Robin was surprised at the July meeting when he heard the dulcet tones of the glorious voices of the "Quastena Choir" RENDERING "Happy Birthday".

Jim's 66th birthday was officially recognised by the Choir and the meeting gave him full honours. Congratulations from us all, Cock.

Keep on doing, what you're doing!

SIR IVAN

As reported in last issue our Patron, Sir Ivan, has completed his tour of duty as Hon. Col. of the Aust. Cadet Corps.

Below we publish Prince Phillip's message to Sir Ivan in regard to the Cadet Corps Parade during the Royal Visit. Also Sir Ivan's farewell letter to the Corps.

The Corps fulfils an important role in the moulding of character of many to whom we will look for the safeguarding of our country's future, and we again congratulate Sir Ivan for his leadership in this vital field.

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(9 108 2 0817GMT OBGS), Etc.

ETAT . . . MAJOR GENERAL SIR IVAN
DOUGHERTY (Etc.).

4 Leumeah Street, Cronulla, N.S.W. 2230.

I AM SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO WITNESSED THE CEREMONY THIS MORNING MUST HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE BEARING AND VERY SMART DRILL OF ALL CADETS ON PARADE STOP I HAVE SEEN A GOOD MANY PARADES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND I HAVE NO HESITATION IN SAYING THAT I HAVE SELDOM SEEN A BETTER DISPLAY STOP IT MADE ME FEEL VERY PROUD TO BE COLONEL IN CHIEF OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS STOP

PLEASE GIVE MY CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD A HAND IN THE PREPARATIONS . . . PHILIP, COLONEL IN CHIEF.

MESSAGE FROM MAJOR GENERAL SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

As you are aware, my tour of duty as Honorary Colonel of the Australian Cadet Corps, Eastern Command, expired on 11th May, 1970, and I take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the courtesy and friendliness that has been shown to me at all times, by all connected with the Corps.

Sharing the companionship of the Cadets in their camps and on their bivouacs cannot but confirm one's faith in our young Australians of today, while the officers of cadets have at all times demonstrated a dedication and an interest in youth that merit the highest commendation. To the headmasters or principals, and the staffs of all schools and colleges concerned, to our Director-General of Education, Area Directors and Inspectors of Schools, and those responsible for the administration of Great Public and Independent Schools, may I express my warmest thanks for their co-operation with the Australian Cadet Corps, and the courtesy they have shown to me personally.

This message would not be complete without a special word of thanks to the Commander of 2 Cadet Brigade and his staff, for the keen interest they have unfailingly shown in the young men of the Corps, and for the help they have given me.

I regard it as a very great privilege, indeed, to have been given the opportunity of serving for six years as Honorary Colonel of the Australian Cadet Corps, Eastern Command.

I send to all members of the Corps, and to all those who give their encouragement and support to it, the best of wishes for good health and happiness in the days and years that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

IVAN N. DOUGHERTY.
Major General (Retired)

OUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

The solidarity and strength of our Association has become more apparent in recent years by the support given to social activities in which our Association participates. We have had many pleasant and enjoyable outings and functions—all of a high standard, and all aimed at bringing us all close together—members, their wives and families and friends. Listed below is a programme of social activities for the current year, and we do ask for your support in attending.

SUNDAY, 2nd AUGUST—4 RNSWR "Wales Trophy" Parade, Victoria Barracks, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST—Assn. of 4th Inf. Bns., Car Rally and Barbecue, \$1 per head.

SUNDAY, 23rd AUGUST—4th Bn. (14-18) Wreath-laying at Memorial Gun, St. Leonards Park.

SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST—Assn. of 4th Inf Bns., Golf Day. Booking for 28.

FRIDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER—6 Div. March and reunion.

11th to 14th SEPTEMBER—"Return to Wewak"
 SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER—2/4 Inf. Bn. Assn.
 Competitive Shoot—4 RNSWR, for 2/4 Aust.
 Inf. Bn. Marksmanship Trophy. Attend shoot
 a.m. at Long Bay Anzac Range. Mixed com-
 pany at H.G., 4RNSWR, Arncliffe, midday for
 presentation, barbecue and refreshment.

SATURDAY, 3rd to 5th OCTOBER—2/4 Inf. Bn.
 Assn. Country Reunion, Newcastle.

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER—Assn. of 4th Inf.
 Bns. Remembrance Day March. Wreath-laying
 Smoko.

DECEMBER—2/4 Inf. Bn. Assn. Ladies' Night—
 date, time, location to be advised.

SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER—Assn. of 4th Inf.
 Bns. Christmas Party, Cronulla, RSL Mixed
 Company, \$3 head, covers buffet dinner, wines,
 etc.

Other "actions" will be advised as they are devel-
 oped and planned. Remember the Assn. of 4th Inf.
 Bn. meets every FOURTH Thursday in the month at
 RNSWR, Burrows Street, Arncliffe, 7.30 p.m. Next
 meeting, Thursday, 19th August. Support our meetings.
 Come to our Social functions, and DON'T FORGET
 NEWCASTLE in OCTOBER.

HARRY GJEDSTED.

TRIP-LETS

Having made a couple of trips to Adelong in recent
 months, I met or heard of, a few of the boys in that
 area and elsewhere.

ROY MOORES is still Adelong's newsagent. Had a
 birthday on 17th January. Wife, Beverley, is an ex-
 cellent swimmer and coach. Both swim quite a few
 laps at the local pool each day.

On my most recent visit I arrived in Adelong
 about 6.30 a.m., so decided on a swim to freshen up.
 Approaching the pool, I beheld a bare belly cruising
 up and down, as the owner thereof leisurely back-
 stroked. None other than Roy, who did a "double
 take" when I asked how many laps he had done (30)
 and he realised who it was.

Roy and his wife were right in the middle of the
 organising and actual activities of the Adelong Gold
 Rush Carnival, which happened to be on that very
 weekend.

At the R.S.L., Roy introduced me to a 4th A.I.F.
 '14-'18 man, "Dooley" TAYLOR, who still enjoys
 a noggin and sends regards to Harry Stafford and the
 "Bow and Arrow" boys.

(Sequel: I asked HARRY STAFFORD if he re-
 called a "Dooley" Taylor — Reply — "Taylor . . .
 No . . . , lives in Adelong.")

I also visited the beautiful TUMUT R.S.L. to have
 a noggin or three with JIM ("STUMPY") AGNEW
 who is very active in local R.S.L. affairs and pro-
 duces the combined magazine of the Tumut and Ade-
 long R.S.L.'s. Also met CLEM RODDY there. Neither
 men have been enjoying the best of health.

Sad to say, Clem since passed away, as reported
 elsewhere.

Jim mentioned NORM EVERSON of "RAGSY"
 BUTLER'S No. 7 section, who is now growing passion-
 fruit and strawberries at Hargraves Road, Manly,

Queensland. Also "HARRY" DALE, Dale and Sons'
 Tannery, Botany; Jimmy (BERT) KINGSFELL, local
 grazier, and ARTHUR POWER, also local grazier.
 DICK MORRIS.

COCK'S COLUMN NORTH BRITISH NEWS

In Eileen's Notebook: 19/5/70. Rick and Ruth
 Carter called in. Jack Keating's name was on same
 page so I hope they met. Sorry I missed you, Rick
 and Ruth—too early for me.

Again met Allan Brown 2/1 Field Regt. Allan met
 Sid Wilson of Tamworth (2/1 Field Regt.) who was
 attached to the 2/4th. Sid is O.K. bar losing a couple
 of fingers in a circular saw. He has a grazing property
 at Tamworth. Allan sends regards to all 2/4thers.

22/5/70. Ken Northrop, Glen Innes. It was a pleas-
 ant surprise to see Ken walk in. Down for school
 holidays, was returning the next day. He sees Ron
 Stennett when he passes through. Ken sends regards
 to all the boys and paid me his subs. Ken was very
 sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of Clem
 Roddy and Jimmy Crowe, as Ken is an old Coota-
 mundraite himself.

June meeting. The boys who attended:

Russ McWilliam, Harry Wright, Allan Lindsay, John
 Meehan, Dick Latimer, Dick Morris, Chas. Adams
 (Woy Woy), Dick Faulder, Rex Everson, Jim Cameron,
 Bill "Snow" McLennan, Reg. Angel (Huskisson),
 Athol Heath, Rex Gilliland, Peter Cook, Dick Pinson,
 Ken Webb, Reg. Cole, John Copland, Larry Dooley,
 Dick Chamberlain, Ron Thatcher, Ron Baxter (Trans.)
 John Jordan.

Some news from them: John Meehan dined with Ron
 Belford and Mac Wilson recently—they reminisced
 on old times, and John intends twisting Mac Wilson's
 arm to ensure that he attends our next Country Re-
 union.

Dick Chamberlain reports that his daughter married
 an Air Force Sergeant and is now living at Towns-
 ville Air Force Base. He is ex-Malaya, Borneo and
 Vietnam. Congrats. to you both and wishing you every
 happiness. Sorry to hear that Harold Westwood has
 been seriously ill in Ward 18, Lidcombe Hospital.
 He is being cared for by one of our members, Johnny
 Jordan, 2nd in charge of the ward.

Many thanks to Jim Cameron for driving me home.

Those who called in during the month of June:

Ted McCaffery, Jack Heaney, Jack Keating, Ken
 Webb, "Porky" Ron Williams, Norman Lane, Don
 Ellicott, Joe Ragnini, Jim "Happy" Davis, Ron Ander-
 son, Jack Huston, Dick Pinson, Gordon Crisp, Jack
 Wilson, Frank Frizell, Dick Morris, Sailor Harvey
 and me.

Before the July meeting at the North British, Frank
 Frizell, John Jordan, Jim Cameron and myself met and
 later went to the July meeting. In attendance were:

Harry Gjedsted, Russ McWilliam, George Stack,
 Harry Wright, Allan Lindsay, John Meehan, Athol
 Meath, Stan Bowen, Dick Faulder, Ted Fox, Ces.
 Chrystal, Peter Cook, Rex Everson, Jim Cameron, John
 Jordan, Frank Frizell, "Sailor" Harvey, Dave Tearall,
 George Friend, Bill Luck, Ron Raymond, Rex Gilli-
 land, Dick Morris, Ted De Sage, John Copland, Dick
 Chamberlain, Ron Thatcher, Rick Morris, Brian
 Morris.