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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, 26th November 1971 at Gallipoli Memorial Club,  
12 Loftus Street, Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.**

## VALE FATHER "PADDY" REID

During the course of our lifetime, we meet people who have an undefinable, and rare quality that endears them to all in some way or another.

They are few, but such a man was Father Henry James Reid, M.S.C., Ph.D., D.D. who came to us in Palestine in 1941 as our Battalion Padre, and within minutes of his arrival became "Paddy" Reid.

In a very short space of time "Paddy" had endeared himself to all ranks and religions with his sincerity, understanding, sense of humour, and his bright and cheerful personality. He was a good friend to so many, and had the esteem, respect and affection of us all.

His unexpected arrival from South Australia, and to our Monthly Meeting on Friday, 3rd September, helped greatly in making that night one of the best that we have had—the delight and pleasure of having him with us was so obviously mutual. "Paddy" was born at Dubbo in 1902; in the progress of his religious following, went to Rome in 1925, where he was ordained in 1927. Following the outbreak of World War II in 1939 "Paddy" served with our Battalion in the Middle East and Darwin, and then went on to serve in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

At the end of the War, he was an Honorary Colonel in the Chaplain's branch of the service. When the Korean War broke out, "Paddy" served in Korea with the Australian Forces, and at the time of his death was Honorary Assistant Chaplain General to the Australian Armed Forces.

"Paddy" died on Saturday, 11th September, at Burwood, N.S.W., whilst on a train journeying to Strathfield to be with his sister and relatives, and on Tuesday, 14th September, a Requiem Mass was held for "Paddy" at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Avoca Street, Randwick.

In a Church filled to capacity with his many friends, a most impressive, and moving service was given to

"Paddy", with His Eminence, The Cardinal Sir Norman Gilroy, participating in the service, and hymns beautifully sung by the choir of St. Brigid's, Coogee.

"Paddy" was a good friend, an unforgettable comrade, a wonderful representative of God, and his Faith, and he shall be sadly missed by us all.

Vale "Paddy"—Lest We Forget.



Padre Reid leading 19th Brigade on Anzac Day in Adelaide.



### THE 2/4 AUST. INFANTRY BN. ASSN. MARKSMANSHIP TROPHY

This Trophy was instituted and presented to 4 Bn. The Royal N.S.W. Regiment in 1968, with the object of encouraging and developing team spirit and comradeship, and as an incentive to improve skill, and efficiency in weapon training within the Battalion. It also represents a token of our esteem and the high regard we have for the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of this Battalion.

In 1968 the Trophy was won by "B" Coy, who repeated the success in 1969. In 1970, the Trophy was presented to "A" Coy, and at this year's shoot at Anzac Range, Long Bay, held on Sunday, 26th September, the winners were, again "B" Coy.

At the Regimental "Open Day" held at the Regimental Depot, Arncliffe on the same afternoon the Trophy was presented by your President to **Major Bryce Frazer**, O.C. "B" Coy. on behalf of "B" Coy. team, headed by **W. O. Roderick**. As seven members of the team came from Moss Vale, they were dubbed "The Bush Rifles" on this occasion.

Members of our association who attended "Open Day" were your **President, Harry and Hilda Wright, Peter and Margaret Cade** and family, and **Mr. and Mrs. Jim "Happy" Davis**.

The association of 4th Infantry Battalions helped to make the day successful with a stall manned mainly by the young men of that association with their wives or girl friends who dispensed Hot Dogs, Scones and Tea and Soft Drinks. It was a great effort deserving of success.

One interesting feature of the presentation of trophies was the presentation of an additional trophy to the Regiment. The Trophy was the 4th Bn. (M.) Trophy introduced into that Battalion in 1934 for the most Efficient Section. It had been last won in 1939, and had remained in the hands of the Section Commander until now.

It was presented to **Lieut. Col. T. R. Chambers, E.D.**, C.O. 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R., by **Lieut. Col. Williams** as an association of 4th Infantry Bns. Trophy to be competed for annually on its original basis of "The most efficient section".

**Lieut. Col. Williams** was O.C. "A" Coy. 4 Bn. (M.), then 2 I/C, and then commanded the Bn. when **Lt. Col. Parsons** was posted C.O. 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn. He was C.O. 2/17 Bn. A.I.F. and after Tobruk was C.O. 2/2 Pioneer Bn. which later went to JAVA. He was taken prisoner when the Japanese overran Java, and worked on the Burma Railway until the end of the war.

HARRY GJEDSTED

### INVITATION FROM LISMORE

All ex-members of the 2/4th, and fellow-travellers, who may be holidaying or passing through the Far North Coast area in late November, are asked to keep in mind the Annual Far North Section dinner and get-together at Lismore R.S.L. Club, on Saturday, November 27, from 6 p.m.

The stopover will be the highlight of your trip.  
All the best from the North,

FRED VARLEY.

### FROM OUR S.A. VICE-PRESIDENT

P.O. Box 51,  
Goolwa, S.A. 5214.

Dear George,

Of certain writing I've found necessary of late this to you was postponed. Now that, in a few weeks, we are off to see our many friends at Wagga I won't write what I hope to say then, other than to express to you personally, and also as Secretary of our Association, our sincere thanks for your expressions, the wonderful words you used to convey them, and the obvious deep feelings tendered to us all after John's death.

All the very best and again many thanks from **Peter Denver** and family.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY — 14th NOVEMBER

**Her Majesty The Queen** has decreed that Remembrance Sunday this year will be held on Sunday, 14th November. The Association of 4th Infantry Battalions has arranged the Annual March, Wreathlaying Ceremony and Smoko to coincide with this date.

Arrangements are:

2.15 p.m. FORM UP at Cnr. Phillip St. and Martin Place.

2.30 p.m. MOVE OFF to Cenotaph, led by **Sir Ivan Dougherty**, accompanied by the Band of 4th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment and an armed detachment of that Battalion.

After Wreaths are laid at the Cenotaph the Marchers will proceed to the Gallipoli Memorial Club by way of George Street, Bridge Street, and Macquarie Place where the "Smoko" will be held. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

Members are requested to turn up in force at this parade and demonstrate the solidarity of the young and old members of the 4th Infantry Battalions. Association of 4th Infantry Battalion Ties (red with crossed rifles emblem of the Infanteer), and medals should be worn.

### THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

More of our members have made application for membership of The Gallipoli Memorial Club in answer to a call from the Club for men of the 2nd World War, and later conflicts, to become members and help in running the organisation.

Because men of 6th Division, together with their N.Z. counterparts, were formed into an **Anzac Corps** in 1941—the first time another Anzac Corps had been so designated since the original Anzacs of 1915—it is fitting that men honoured with this glorious name should follow in the footsteps of their illustrious forbears. Members of other units of the 6th Div. are joining the Club in force. New members this month include Major-Generals "**Sandy**" **Pearson** (Commandant R.M.C. Duntroon) and **John Bishop** plus 22 others. Won't you think about joining too? Application forms may be had from **Mr. A. Knox**, Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney or from your executive.



## OUR PATRON SPEAKS

On Thursday, 2nd September, 1971, at the invitation of **Lieut. Col. T. Chambers E.D.**, our Patron, **Major. Gen. Sir Ivan Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D.**, addressed Officers and N.C.O.'s of 4 Bn. The Royal N.S.W. Regiment at the Regimental Depot, Arncliffe.

The subject of Sir Ivan's address was the campaign in GREECE, 1941, and the 2/4 Infantry Battalion's participation in that campaign.

Sir Ivan outlined the general situation, and the development of the campaign, commencing with the embarkation of the Bn. on the "Pentland" at Alexandria on 1st April, 1941, and the dispersal of the Bn. after disembarking at PIREAUS, Greece. Sir Ivan gave a very concise and detailed description of events leading up to the campaign, and the situations as they developed. He supported his address with Charts and the use of the Blackboard. Emphasis was on the Bn's actions and tactics, the numerous problems and difficulties and lessons learnt from the campaign.

At the conclusion of his address, Sir Ivan invited questions, to which there was an enthusiastic response, following which he, and **your President**, with **Peter Cade**, and **Peter Cook** were afforded the usual very high standard of hospitality that is so characteristic of 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R.

HARRY GJEDSTED

## A LETTER FROM THE PADRE

Sacred Heart Monastery,  
Kensington, N.S.W.

10th September.

Dear "Dagwood",

Thanks for your warm invitation to the Wagga re-union next month. It was forwarded to me here in Sydney where I am having my annual holiday. Originally I had planned to take it to coincide with the Re-union. My brother asked me over to perform the wedding ceremony of his youngest daughter on August 24th, and since I had done the wedding of his other daughter I could hardly refuse.

As a result my chance of making the Re-union has diminished as another of our staff is going on Holidays when I return, and we have lost another man from the staff since I have been away. It all depends on my finding a replacement for my Sunday commitments. If it is humanly possible I will try and make it.

Thanks for your own personal welcome and greetings and the reminder of my last visit to Wagga.

All the best to yourself and family and trusting I will be able to be with you in October.

Ever sincerely,  
"PADDY" REID. M.S.C.

(Our dear Padre "Paddy" Reid died the day after this letter was written. It was forwarded on to Bob Jackson a few days later.)

## STOP PRESS

The 1971 Country Re-union at Wagga was an outstanding success. Time and space prevent us mentioning more at the moment, but we hope to give you a comprehensive coverage in the November Issue. We understand Canberra has offered to organise the 1972 Country Re-union—more on that subject anon.

NEW MEETING VENUE  
GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

Due to the pending demolition of Royal Naval House as part of "The Rocks" redevelopment scheme it has been necessary to be on the alert for a new meeting venue. It has been decided to avail ourselves of an offer by the **Gallipoli Memorial Club** to hold future meetings in their spacious 1st Floor Lounge on the **FOURTH FRIDAY** of every month commencing on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER, 26th next.**

The Gallipoli Club is situated at 12 Loftus Street, Sydney, within very easy access of the Quay Railway Station and the 1st Floor Club Bar is open from 4.30 p.m. daily. Meet there for an early drink. Remember the next meeting is **the Fourth Friday** in November **NOT the First Friday!!**

## COCK'S COLUMN

**Bert Milner** (Mortars) of Hornsby was a welcome visitor at the September meeting. It was Bert's first meeting for a number of years. He reported having seen **Bill Eslick, Mick Weir, Lyn Bloomfield** and **Cec. Whitehouse**. Pleased to greet you back to the fold Bert and hope you'll be a regular.

**Stan Bowen** to the "Bundeena Bunch": "Long time no see. If you are short of transport I'll go and get you—if you'll drive me home afterwards!"

**Cliff Curran**, Newcastle, brought to my attention that **Gregory**, the son of our old mate, **Bert Flynn**, was recently ordained to the priesthood and is now completing his studies at St. Patrick's College. Congratulations Father Flynn and thanks Cliff for the news.

I was very pleased to meet again **Steve Ward** (2/1st Field Ambulance) who was a 6 Division member on the trip to Wewak last year. Steve showed a coloured movie he had taken at Wewak. Steve also sailed to the Middle East on the Strathnaver with us. He has recently seen **Joe Lowe**.

**Dick Pinson** reports having met **Gordon Chrisp** on the train in town. Gordon sent regards to all. A young neighbour of mine was setting out on a motor cycle trip to Inverell so I suggested he call on **Ross Smith** at the R.S.L. Club and mention he was my neighbour. I was surprised a few days later to get a telegram asking me to ring Ross. This I did and was doubly surprised to hear that Ross had received a message from them to contact me. However, no harm done. It was good to hear your voice and get some news Ross. Sorry to hear **Geoff Hawke** is in hospital and hope you are out and about again Geoff. **Jack Heaney** and **Rex Gilliland** whom I met at the North British on the Friday also express their regrets Geoff, and send their best



wishes. To you too, Ross.

Ross also mentioned seeing **Selby Dean**, **Ted Flanagan** (M.G.), and **"Blue" Barton** (4 Bn. '14-'18). Others to call in at the North British were **Col. Campbell**, **"Bluey" Pinder**, **Bill "Sluggo" Wyldman**, who left a message to meet **Bruce Stewart** for a day out, and **Joe Rognini** on his regular visit for a noggin. **Rex Gilliland** had just had a short spell in R.G.H. Concord—a slight throat operation. He gave me \$3.50 for a Wewak plaque which I duly passed on to the Treasury. Rex also met **Jack Humphries** at the big dog show. Jack's son **Rod** was exhibiting his Dobermann. Rod is the dog show reporter for the Sydney Morning Herald as well as the ace sports writer.

**Gordon Chrisp** down from Wingham sends regards to all. Eileen said he would be calling back. I waited and sure enough Gordon appeared looking his usual debonair self. He had recently seen **Sir Ivan Dougherty** who was Guest of Honour at the Wingham Civil Defence Dinner. **Chris and Shirley Geelan** were also there. Gordon reports having had a noggin with **Frank Frizzel**, **Norrie McGregor**, and **Ted "Swannie" Swanson**; "Swannie" and Dorrie have sold out their Nabiac business and now live at Tinonee.

#### IN THE MAIL BOX

A letter from **Rick Carter**, Urunga; Rick has been retired from the railways due to ill health caused by War Service. Repat. has accepted responsibility. Rick and Ruth were off to the Wagga Re-union. Hope you had an enjoyable time.

Another letter from **"Hombre Sam" Ridley**, Clandulla, who advises he met **George Willoughby**, "A" Coy., who has the P.O. store at Clandulla. Sam wrote of **Harry Wright**, **Dick Pinson**, **Jim Graham**, **Ted Fox**, **David Wren**, and wants the address of **Rupe Carrington**. You will find Rupe C/- P. Office, Coonabarabran, Sam.

**Tom Provians**, O'ld Vice-president, has forwarded subs for **Mert Harris** (Tpt.) of Oxford Park in the sunny state. Also \$3.50 for a plaque for the Wewak memorial. Tom apologised for his and **Bill Cavanagh's** inability to get to the Wagga Re-union. Thanks, Tom.

**Ken Moses**, East Bentleigh, Victoria, wrote wishing everyone all the best for Wagga. Ken was unable to attend. He had just been appointed Chief-of-staff of his paper and that together with the marriage of his second daughter **Jillian** cooked his Wagga goose!

**Dudley Meacham** (Sigs.), of Warialda, attended his first monthly meeting ever on 8th October. Dud was very pleased to meet mates he has not seen for years.

**George Stack** reports receiving a letter from **Charlie Yow** ordering a War History—also from **Fred Varley** with a donation from the Far North Coast Section towards the Wewak Plaques.

During the monthly meeting **Bob Lane** advised that **Ray Cattermole** of Wewak was visiting Sydney on 13th and 14th October and would be pleased to show a film of the Wewak ceremony, etc. A hasty get together was arranged at the McWilliam ranch where about 30 members and friends enjoyed a convivial evening.

Our thanks to **Ferd Pegg** and his company Norton (Aust.) for providing, free of charge, the "Bear Tape" and dispensers which are so necessary for the speedy despatch of W.O.G.

Our thanks also to **Allen Lindsay** for his sterling work in preparing the successful submission to the Taxation Department for the recognition of the Wewak Scholarship Scheme as a deduction for income tax purposes.

**President Harry** has received lengthy reports from **Ern Smith** and his good wife **Helen**, of Wewak, on the Scholarship Students progress. You will get a summary of this as soon as we can fit it in.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Dorothy Searle** whose father passed away on Sunday, 12th September. On her last visit to her father in hospital at Dundas Dorothy had the misfortune to fall on the gravel driveway entrance resulting in severe bruises and abrasions to her face and knees, and several days in bed at home, causing her to cancel the Wagga weekend. That misfortune plus the unexpected hospitalisation of daughter **Jacquiline**, meant Dorothy missed out on a Country Re-union for the first time since its inception.

To you **Dorothy and Jacquiline**, our sincere wishes for a speedy return to good health.

A late message from Dorothy to say **Jacquiline** has a daughter—**Catherine Lee-Ann**, who arrived on 5th October. Congratulations!

Some news from Grafton—**Leo and Eileen Lynch** busy getting ready for their second daughter's wedding next month. Sorry to hear you are not the best Eileen, and hope everything goes very successfully. With seven children still at home Eileen has her hands full, especially as she is troubled with arthritis. Chin up Eileen—we know you'll be more than equal to the task. **Bill and Gwen MacLennan** called on **Leo and Eileen** on their way to the Gold Coast.

#### CASH REGISTER

Honorary Treasurer **Allen Lindsay** reports having received the following:

**Subscriptions:** \$3.00 each from **B. Sherwin**, **Pat Lahey**, **Vince Unicomb**, **H. Smith**, **H. Pearse**, **H. Bowman**, **Roy Moores**, **R. McCartney**, **C. Buchanan**, **G. Brodie**, **C. Warran**, **H. Conkey**, **K. Montgomery**, **Vince Quinn**, **P. Brook**, **L. Waterhouse**. \$4.00 from **Lex Michell**, **M. J. O'Regan**. \$6.00 from **R. Ferguson**, **K. Peacock**, **Nick Allardice**. \$7.00 from **C. Waller**. \$10.00 from **E. Waterstrom**, **H. Whitman**.

**Wewak Scholarship Fund:** **B. Griffiths** \$5.00.

**Donations:** **R. Moores**, **C. Warran**, **Claude Raymond**, each \$2. **Esca Riordan**, **Wally Lambourne** each \$1.50. **Brig. McAtamney** \$3.

**Plaques for Cape Wom Memorial:** **Frank Gattenhoff**, **Bob Lane**, **Dick Bawden**, **George Stack**, **Esca Riordan**, **Bob Ferguson**, **Wally Lambourne**, **George Ormiston**, **Mat Myers**, **Miss Peg Hardie**, each \$3.50. **Frank Pohlmann**, \$6.00. **Dick Lafimer**, **Ted Fox**, **Brig. McAtamney**, **E. Waterstrom**, **Peter Denver**, **Chas. Waller**, **Harry Gjedsted** each \$7.00. **Dave Follington** \$10.50. **Far North Coast Section** \$14. **Victorian Section** \$28.

**Life Membership:** **Bill Cosier** \$30, **J. Hamilton** \$30, **E. Waterstrom** \$30, **C. Raymond** and **B. Griffiths** \$10, bringing their Life Memberships to \$30.