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**NEXT MEETING: Friday, 4th June, 1971, at Royal Naval House, at 7.30 p.m.**

## REPORT ON ANZAC DAY

"I pay tribute to the Presidents and Committees, past and present, for the wonderful contribution they have made towards bringing our Association to the excellent state in which we now find it", said **Sir Ivan Dougherty** addressing the gathering at the Reunion at Manresa Hall on Anzac Day. "I see about me some of the young men of the Association of Fourth Infantry Battalions; and what a wonderful thing it is to see these young men remembering the Anzac tradition. It will be to the eternal credit of the men of the 4th Battalions—men of 4th Bn. A.I.F. ('14-'18), 4th Bn. A.I.F. ('39-'45), 4 RAR, 4 R.N.S.W.R., and of course of our own 2/4th Battalion—that, together, we created an Association, embracing the generations, that will ensure the perpetuation of the ideals for which Anzac stands".

Despite the bad-weather forecast a parade of approximately 60 members formed up at 0750 hours for the March to the Cenotaph and the Wreathlaying Ceremony. Preceded by 4 Bn. ('14-'18) and accompanied by "our" Parramatta Pipe Band, the parade was a stirring and moving demonstration of the real Anzac spirit.

About 150 members took part in the main Anzac March. Those who saw the March on T.V. or in the streets will probably agree with Colonel Gordon Maitland who said he thought ours looked the best battalion on parade. Undoubtedly our Association Ties and our Banner stand out. This, together with the bearing of the members and their evident desire to do the right thing by their old unit, resulted in a very impressive sight.

The Reunion Luncheon at Manresa Hall was attended by about 140 members and guests and once again

proved a very happy and enjoyable function. **President Harry Gjedsted** opened the proceedings by thanking members for their presence at the Wreathlaying Ceremony and the later March and welcomed them to another Anzac Reunion. Apologies for their inability to attend together with their best wishes for the success of the day were received from—**John Copland** (who is in the U.K.), **Jim "Cock" Robin** (who is in Kandos), **Chas. Adams** (Woy Woy), **Dick Bawden** (Port Macquarie), **Dick Morris**, **Ken Kesteven**, "**Scotchy**" **McCartney** and **Glen Ackerman**. **Miss Peg Hardie**, sister of the late "**Uncle**" **Jim Hardie** wrote wishing everyone a happy day.

In welcoming members to the Reunion **President Harry** pointed out that it was 30 years ago this year that our unit, as part of the 6th Australian Division, participated in the campaign in Libya which resulted in the first victory for any of the Allied Armies in World War 2; and later had the honour to be part an Anzac Corps, formed once again with our New Zealand brothers-in-arms, to combat a European aggressor.

Committeeman **John Meehan** ably proposed the toast to our Guests who included **Frank Smith** (Wewak), **Col. Gordon Maitland** (H.Q. Eastern Command), **Lt./**

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**Col. Tom Chambers**, **Major Clyde West**, **Lt. Ray Hirst**, **Sgt. "Bluey" Bray**, and **Cpl. Ron Thatcher**, all of 4 R.N.S.W.R., **W.O. Norm Harries** (Eastern Command) **Flt./Lt. David Palmer**, 37 Sqdn. R.A.A.F., (who was the navigator of the Hercules on our trip to Wewak) and **Bill Ford** of the Parramatta Pipe Band with several of his bandmen. Others invited but who were unable to attend included **Capt. George Cartwright, V.C.**, **Major Barwick** (4 R.A.R.), **Mr. Bill Louis** (Northern Line Printing), **Lt./Cmdr. Tony Hordern**, R.A.N. and **Capt. Peter Keating**, (Ex. 4 R.N.S.W.R.).

On behalf of the guests **Gordon Maitland** thanked us for our hospitality and said how much they were enjoying the occasion.

During the afternoon fraternal visits were received from **Harry Stafford** and a contingent of "stayers" from 4 Bn. '14-'18 and from **Vic Rogers**, **Geoff Tuckwell** and **Cliff Horsley** of 4 Bn. '39-'45 with whom we had pleasure in having a noggin and a chat.

**George Stack** was officially presented by the President with his Honorary Life Member's Badge. In replying he mentioned that many members contributed a great deal to the Association and that he was fortunate to be chosen for the award. He thanked everyone for the honour conferred on him.

During the afternoon a "collection" of refreshments (donated by **Bill MacLennan**) was raffled; the lucky winner being **Tom Tracey** who was attending his first ever Reunion. (Incidentally the ticket was green A2).

A feature of the 1971 Anzac Reunion was the quality of the refreshments. The arrangements in this field were left entirely to "**Larry**" **Dooley** and he did a magnificent job. He has our thanks indeed—and the job for life.

**Bob Lane** of Woy Woy, on behalf of all members, thanked the President and Committee for the job they are doing to carry on the aims and objects of the Association. "With men of the calibre of our President and his committee at the helm," said Bob, "the Association is in good hands".

### THE CASH REGISTER

Honorary Treasurer **Allen Lindsay** reports receipt of the following:—

\$3.00 each from:—**C. White**, **D. Baxter**, **P. Cook**, **F. Pohlman**, **D. Stebbing**, **Frank Foster**, **T. Clark**, **J. Agnew**, **W. English**, **Ted Hopkins**, **George Friend**, **R. Andrews**, **John Storey**, **V. Adams**, **J. Dubber**, **G. Parry**, **A. J. Faulder**, **H. C. Williams**, **Bill Little**, **A. R. Moores**, **K. Beatty**, **L. Stronach**, **G. Hart**, **W. Key**, **B. Milner**, **B. Lever**, **Les Fox**, **C. Curran**, **K. Richardson**, **M. Richardson**, **H. McLaughlin**, **J. Hawkins**, **D. Munro**, **C. F. Whitehouse**, **F. Taylor**, **Pat Sydenham**, **C. Greedy**, **Ted Swadling**, **K. King**, **J. Page**, **W. Shaw**, **R. Percy**, **G. Naseby**, **J. Coughlan**, **F. Mills**, **H. Nichols**, **W. Weir**, **P. Cross**, **L. McNamara**, **G. Jackett**, **A. R. Butters**, **L. Clarke**, **A. Lindsay**, **M. Green**, **T. Fielder**, **W. Parry**; \$4.00: **J. Taylor**; \$5.00: **D. Boyd**, **Ron Coufts**, **P. Nugent**; \$6.00: **N. Smith**, **K. Venn**; \$6.50: **J. Eastham**; \$7.00: **Peter Foster**; \$8.00: **J. Huston**; \$9.00: **D. Karanges**, **R. Roach**; \$10.00: **J. Pearce**.

To bring their Life Membership to \$30.00—**Harry Wright**, **W. Wildman**, **J. Gardner**, **L. Carter**, **Jim Sherritt** (each \$10.00); Life Membership—**Allan Bohle**, **George Hazell**, **Craig Clark** (each \$30.00).

**DONATIONS:** **Mrs. Laura Wallace**, \$2.00; **Leo Carter**, \$2.00; **W. Parry**, \$2.00; **V. Adams**, \$2.00; **Ray Hirst**, \$2.00; **Jim Sherritt**, \$2.00.

Donations to Wewak Fund: **C. White**, \$1.00; **D. Baxter**, \$1.00; **Miss Peg Hardie**, \$1.00; **J. Huston**, \$2.00; **M. Richardson**, \$3.00; **J. Eastham**, \$3.50; **Mrs. M. McCarty**, \$5.00; **Geo. Friend**, \$5.00; **A. Bohle**, \$5.00; **C. Clark**, \$5.00.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription for the current year are asked to do so right away—please!! The continuance of our bulk postage rate entitlement for "WHITE OVER GREEN" depends on members who receive the Journal (other than widows and T.P.I.'s) being financial. We are forced by law to refrain not only from posting the journal to unfinancial members but from printing more copies than those reserved for bona fide financial members (N.B. Widows of ex-members, and T.P.I. members, are made financial each year from our Benevolent Fund which is one of the functions we are proud to be able to assume).

### NEWCASTLE NEWS

From **Jim Sherritt** to the Editors:

Enclosed herewith for **Cash Register** my cheque for \$10.00 being amount required as additional for Life Membership, also \$2.00 donation to fund. Please hand to **Allen Lindsay**.

Also enclosed, spot of news re Anzac Day in Newcastle.

The Battalion was represented at the Dawn Service by **Joe Bohle**, **Bill White**, **John Rae** and **Jim Sherritt**.

For the Main March the Battalion was again well represented and the following marched down Hunter Street through the Golden Mall to Civic Park where the Service was held: **Bill (Bully) Hayes**, **Bill Dooley**, **Snow Walker**, **Joe Bohle**, **John (Bookie) Rae** and **Jim Sherritt**.

**Hilton Batcheldor**, who was over from Cowra to visit his son Robert and Daughter-in-Law at Bar Beach, also joined the party after the march.

Hilton advised seeing **Tim West** and **Jack Ormiston** recently.

Some of our members including **Harry Pearce** and **Alf Carpenter** attended services in their own Particular suburbs, while **Cliff Curran** duly represented Newcastle at the Sydney march and Reunion.

The Newcastle boys are anxious to contact and ascertain the name of a youngish looking chap wearing the Association tie, who joined the march in Hunter Street. Should he read this column he may phone **John Rae** 2-1573 or **Jim Sherritt** 2-2943 with a view of joining us at one of our Meetings.

Kindest regards to all,

Jim.

### STOP PRESS—Missing at sea.

It is with regret we have to inform members that our friend and colleague **Dick Butters** of Tasmania is missing at sea. Dick, who sailed to Sydney especially for the Anzac Day March and Reunion was reported missing in Bass Strait on the return journey. He was accompanied by his son Don and a friend. A search was mounted by sea and air, but was abandoned after some days. It is our fervent hope that good news may yet be heard and our thoughts are with Mrs. Butters and family.



### THE COLOURS CEREMONY

**From the Address given by the Rev. Neville Chynoweth, E.D., M.A., B.D., at the Laying Up of the Colours at St. Anne's, Strathfield, on Sunday, 14th March, 1971.**

I am honoured to be asked to be present with you this afternoon. This is a fulfilment of a hope I had when Rector of St. Anne's. Christ Church, Cootamundra was a worthy home for the colours, but St. Anne's is their rightful home. Their presence will add materially to the shrine which St. Anne's already is—abounding in memories of past campaigns and heroic characters. My own claim to identity and association with you this afternoon is slight, but I am the more grateful for the honour.

My father was an infantryman, serving as a platoon commander in the same brigade to which some members of the 4th Battalion were assigned in France in 1915. When I joined the 2/3rd Battalion as a reinforcement, now over 30 years ago, the old brigade grouping obtained and recruits for 2/4th trained alongside us and sailed in the same contingent for the Middle East.

I grew up with tales of Pozieres, Ypres and Bullecourt, as now my sons learn of other more recent battles emblazoned on your colours. The glory of the 4th Battalions of the Australian Military Forces from South Africa to Vietnam, is the glory of the army, the three services, and the whole nation. Paradoxically, in its finest expression, despite the tragedy of its circumstances, war produces at times the best that human nature is capable of.

I never cease to wonder at the importance men place upon service experience. It may have been short; the time spent in action relatively very short indeed, and yet, for many, the rest of one's life is lived in the light of it. Those who wax sentimental on Anzac Day, or at a unit reunion are not necessarily over patriotic. For them, war in its stark reality is anything but glorious. There are very few soldiers like General ("Blood" and Guts") Patton who in the midst of an action cried, "God, how I love it!" More likely is the nostalgia which close comradeship brings, or the discovery of depths of character unrealized until some crisis makes it evident.

We live in an age when the profession of a serviceman has in some circles the odium of Prussian militarism. But nothing could be further from the truth, not only of our own short history in Australia, but also in the best military traditions of Great Britain. Those traditions are chivalrous and epitomise the best that is in us. In fact we may boast that a 'good soldier' is synonymous with 'good character'. Added to this is the laudable tradition of citizen servicemen. The honourable list of famous names in the history of 4th Battalions is, in the main, if not altogether, a list of men who left their chosen vocations in civilian fields to train, to serve and in some cases to give their lives in the defence of their country. In honouring them, we honour too, their loved ones, whose devotion to them matched their valour.

We meet this afternoon in a Christian service. It is significant that the unit colours should rest in a Christian church. And the history and influence of Christian men in the services makes interesting reading. (I do not, of course, compare unfavourably men of other faiths and of none, whose lives have been an example

to us all). However, I repeat that the influence of Christian men, especially Christian leaders has been immense. Allenby and Montgomery, in Britain, General Dobbie of Malta, Stonewall Jackson in the United States and so on. Most notable in living memory has been Field Marshal Lord Slim, whose Christian witness in service life and whose memorable term as Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the Commonwealth forces was an outstanding period in the post war years in Australia.

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### THE ASSOCIATION OF 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association was held as scheduled at H.Q., 4 R.N.S.W. Regiment, Arncliffe on Thursday, 25th March, 1971. Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—

**Patron:** Major General Sir Ivan Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D.

**President:** Mr. F. C. Horsley; **Vice-Presidents:** Mr. B. Keary, D.C.M. (4 Bn. '14-'18); Major H. E. C. Gjedsted, E.M. (2/4th Bn.); Lt. Col. G. K. Murray, E.D. (4 Bn. '39-'45); Lt. Col. J. C. Hughes, M.C. (4 R.A.R.); Lt. Col T. R. Chambers, E.D. (4 R.N.S.W.R.).

**Honorary Secretary:** Paul Boland; **Hon. Asst. Sec:** Bob Powell.

**Honorary Treasurer:** Gary Lucas; **Hon. Asst. Treas:** Ron Thatcher.

**4th Infanteer Editor:** Peter Cade; **Asst. Editor:** Pat Williamson.

**Historian:** Des O'Connell. **Public Relations Officer:** Peter Keating.

**Welfare Officer:** Vic Rogers.

**Committee:** Messrs. Harry Stafford, Len Hadlow, John Gorman, Colonel Gordon Maitland, O.B.E., E.D., Messrs. Ken Menser, Ken Skelton, Steve Vadja, Ken Chapman and Russ McWilliam.

Harry Gjedsted was foundation President of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions and continued in that office until this year when he advised he could not accept nomination for another term. Harry did however accept nomination and was elected Vice-President representing 2/4th Bn. on the executive. He is succeeded as President by **Cliff Horsley** (4 Bn. '39-'45) who has played a very active part in the Association since its inception. To Cliff and his committee our congratulations and best wishes for a successful and productive term of office.

Members are reminded that the Annual subscription to the **Association of 4th Infantry Battalions** is \$2.00. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at H.Q., 4 R.N.S.W. Regt., Burrows Road, Arncliffe and the Association's Journal "4th Infanteer" is posted to all financial members. Subscriptions should be forwarded to: The Honorary Treasurer, **Mr. Gary Lucas, 25 Dredge Avenue, Moorebank. 2170.**

### FROM THE OLD DART

**Monty Siems** writes from Essex, England to "Cock" Robin: "Guess I would like to be able to drop in to the North British for a drink with you and the mob. Have not made up my mind whether to retire here or come back to Aussie, but as I feel quite fit I hope to go on working at the B.B.C. We are suffering badly from inflation at present and it seems quite possible prices will rise much higher without a rise in wages. It's all supposed to be in preparation for the entry to the European Common Market—a prospect that does not have the backing of the people. Many feel very strongly about letting our relatives and friends of the Commonwealth suffer, as some will undoubtedly do if we go into the market. I hope we don't. Best regards to all my comrades and their loved ones.

Monty".

### RETURN TO WAGGA FOR

### THE 1971 COUNTRY REUNION

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, October 2nd to October 4th.

### 6 Hour Day Holiday Weekend.

The 2/4th Infantry Battalion Wagga Reunion Committee met at the Wagga R.S.L. Club on 18th April, and laid the foundation for a "bumper" 1971 Country Reunion. The following officers were elected to guide the function to a successful conclusion. **Chairman:** Stan Blacksley; **Secretary:** Bob Jackson; **Treasurer:** Perce Dalla; **P.R.O.:** Roy Moores; **Entertainment:** Barry Hall.

Accommodation has been reserved at Romanos Hotel, the Zebra Club Motel, and the Zebra Park Motel. These reservations will be held until the end of August and will be filled strictly in rotation as deposits are received.

The Reunion Dinner will be held at the Wagga Police & Citizens Boys Club which will be for our exclusive use for the evening.

Members will be kept informed of developments as plans are finalised. You can be sure that the Wagga team will live up to the standards set at our recent successful functions in the country. Bookings may be made now. **USE THE FORM BELOW.**

TO: P. R. Jackson, Date.....  
14 The Boulevard,  
KOORINGAL,  
Wagga Wagga,  
N.S.W., 2650.

Please reserve the following accommodation for me/us for the 2/4th Battalion Reunion to be held in Wagga Wagga on weekend 2nd-4th October, 1971:—

Room/s ..... Single/Double  
at a: Hotel/Motel/Hotel-Motel  
for night/s : Friday, 1st October.  
Saturday, 2nd October.  
Sunday, 3rd October.  
Monday, 4th October.

(Please cross out whichever does not apply).

Enclosed is cheque/PN for \$ ....., being deposit at the rate of \$4 per person for whom bookings are required.

I/We plan to arrive on: (day) .....  
by: car/plane/train .....  
at: approximate time .....

I/We would like to take part in the following activities if they are being arranged for this weekend:—

Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barbecue	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name:

(Block letters please)

Address: .....



## COCK'S COLUMN

In the absence of **Jim Robin**, who was unavoidably in Kandos the following items were compiled by committee man **Harry Wright**.

**Anzac Day Reunion at Manresa Hall:**

**Country Visitors:** "**Craigie**" **Clark**, Scone—on a recent trip to New Guinea saw **Newton "Doc" Howard** who sends regards. Newton is the accountant at University of New Guinea, Port Moresby. **Pat Sydenham**, Wagga, is looking forward to renewing acquaintances at Wagga reunion in October. **Peter Foster**, Tamworth, was pleased to be able to assist the Saturday afternoon working party at Manresa Hall. **Lang Stronach** made a first visit for 23 years. Has left Cootamundra and is now at Glebe (Commonwealth Bank) and looks forward to joining in activities again. Welcome back, Lang.

**Dick "Colonel" Butters** sailed over from Hobart in his 33 foot yacht. Sees **Graham Jacket** often. Dick's first Anzac Day reunion ever. **Colin Ogilvie**, ex Darwin and now of Umina, made his second Anzac Day reunion. **Bob Lane** came from Woy Woy bringing along the Wreath for the service. **Bob Gardiner** and **Charlie Grove** of Kyogle called on **Frank Wright** at Belmont who sent his regards. Bob is shortly going to Mt. Newman, W.A., to work. **Doug Grove** has left Kyogle and is now working in the hardware store at Ballina. **Ted Swadling** of Griffith is a regular at reunions. Has seen **Fred Driscoll**, **Arthur Webb**, **Nedda Erskine**, and **Dennis Jackson**, who all send regards.

**Tom Mort**, South-west of Keith, S.A. (about 20 miles off Melbourne-Adelaide Highway) spent his first Anzac Day in Sydney for about 20 years. Usually attended the Adelaide reunion of 19th Brigade. Has recently seen **Padre Reid** and **Max Rungie**. Tom says the 19th Brigade holiday house is to be sold. **Jack Crowle**, ex Dubbo, missed **Don Ellicott** and **Frank Sadler**. **Brig McAtamney** had seen "**Pom**" **Cole** at Central Station, Lost Property Officer. Pom did not think he would be able to make the reunion but sent regards to all. **Jack Huston** of Canberra enjoyed the function and sends best wishes to all members.

**Cec Chrystal** missed his first March ever due to a sprained ankle but took his place at the official table at the reunion. Cec was pleased to see **Dick Butters** up from Tasmania. **Gordon "Harry" Dale** had two mates with him from Ramsgate R.S.L., **George Weddell** and **Reg Higham**. **Flt. Lieut. David Palmer** represented the crew of 37 Sqdn. R.A.A.F. who flew our contingent to Wewak and back. **Frank Smith**, Wewak, who had been host to "**Lofty**" **Taylor** and "**Larry**" **Dooley** at Wewak, enjoyed himself. **Bill Ford** with four other members of Parramatta Pipe Band joined in the proceedings in their usual convivial style. **Tom Tracey** of Riverstone, attending his first reunion, won the raffle of 2 cartons of assorted wines and spirits which was drawn by **Tom Mort**. The prize had been generously donated by **Bill MacLennon**.

During the afternoon **Major General Sir Ivan Dougherty** arrived after having attended other functions and addressed the members. He was received by acclamation and the singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". **Harry Stafford**, President of 4 Bn. '14-'18 Association called in with a contingent of his mates and was given a rousing welcome. **Mike and Edith Richardson** report that a member called into their restaurant who was M.O. at Darwin and now lives at

Picton. Others to call in were **Dorothy Searle**, **John Copland**, **Phyl Chrystal**, **Pat and Julia Heath**, **Ferdie Pegg**, **Mollie Irvine**, **Judith Gjedsted** (whom Mike took to lunch in London), **Gwen and Bill MacLennon**.

"It was great to see so many new old-faces on Anzac Day," said **Bill MacLennon**. "Men like **Tom Tracey**, **Noel Smith**, **Bill Milner**, **Fred Mills**, **Gordon Dale**, **Tom Mort**—all ex-Mortarmen. There were 16 of the Mortar Platoon at the March and Reunion; a pretty good show, but don't let it be a one day stand. There's a meeting every month." **Jack "Smokey" Carroll** of Gladesville was happy to see **Tom Mort** again. **Mac Wilson** of Mosman put in an appearance after a number of years, and intends to come along more frequently from now on. He enjoyed meeting fellow signallers **George Stack**, **John Meehan**, **Allen Lindsay**, **Rusty McWilliam** and "**Snow**" **MacLennan**. **Gerry "Fangs" Coughlan** was noticed enjoying himself—lemonade is as good as any beer or scotch, isn't it, mate? **Bill Campbell** from Campbelltown brought along a young Indonesian exchange student who seemed very happy with the function. **Phil "Blah" Smith**, despite a slight accident with a container early in the day was on deck for the arrival of **Sir Ivan**.

**Dick Latimer**, North Turramurra, brought along his Wewak souvenir—the Japanese shell used by them as a mess-parade gong and found hanging from a tree at Wewak. **Ted Fox** is going to have a stand made for it and it will be used as a gong at future Anzac Reunions. **Ric and Brian Morris**, sons of **Dick Morris**, both appeared in uniform—Ric is a member of 4 R.N.S.W.R. and Brian serves with R.A.E.M.E. We were very happy to have their company. **Jim Cameron**, Pymble, enjoyed himself so much that he turned up on the Monday to help take down the decorations, etc. It was a pleasure to see **Frank Frizell** all the way from Taree. Frank is an ardent supporter of our Association and its work.

**Ron Coutts** mentioned that the village of Castle Hill in which he settled after the War has now become a thriving metropolis. Ron sold his orchard many years ago and invested in Real Estate. He has just disposed of property to a major chain store for a shopping centre, but has retained the block of shops and offices adjoining. **Joe Rognini**, Manly, is old, mellow and evergreen. Recently had a major internal operation but is now fit and well and sends best regards to all.

**Lance Henry**, son of our late comrade **Wal Henry** and **Kim Grove**, son of **Doug** and **Con Grove** of Ballina and nephew of **Charlie Grove** of Kyogle, called in to the North British Hotel, and left a message to say they would be remembering the 2/4th Bn. members on Anzac Day. Thank you for the thought. We feel very proud and honoured to think you young men would take the time and trouble to call in on us oldies. Our condolences to you **Lance** and your family on the recent sad passing of your father.

The Sydney Morning Herald's ace sporting writer **Rod Humphries** is the son of our **Jack and Mavis Humphries** of Bondi. Besides being a talented sports writer Rod is also a very smart tennis player. Recently, partnered by American professional **Bobby Lutz**, he was successful in winning the Annual Pro-Amateur doubles championship held prior to the Aust. Open Championships at White City. Bobby Lutz went on to reach the semi-finals in the Mens' Singles, being beaten by **Arthur Ashe**. Congratulations to the **Clan Humphries!!**



Best wishes to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vidulich**, who were married at St. James Church, Turramurra on Saturday, 24th April. Mrs. Vidulich was **Sue Brooks**, daughter of "**Massa**" and **Rhona Brooks** of St. Ives.

Our condolences are extended to **John and Doris Jordan**, Ashfield, at the loss of Doris' mother **Mrs. T. Briggs**.

Members will be sorry to hear that "**Tiny**" **Bleakley** has had to resign his job due to ill health.

### WELFARE REPORT

A rather mixed bag this trip, so here goes:

#### Visited in Hospital

**Rick Carter**. Who has since returned to Urunga. Unfortunately is not picking up very well. **Dick Bawden** has been in touch with Bill White who is calling on him in the near future to advise on Repat. assistance.

**Joffe Naseby**. Since discharged.

**Wesley (Jack) English** is in R.G.H. Concord for an abdominal operation but at last sighting looked as fit as a "Mallee Bull".

**Tom Webb**, twin brother of **Alex (Crow) Webb**, who has now returned to Port Macquarie. **Dick Bawden** asked me to look him up and it was a pleasure meeting him—he is like the **Crow**—a "bloody good bloke".

**Gordon Moray**. **Gordon** is an old 2/11 Bn. boy, who quite a number of you will remember as a visitor at the reunion at "The Coronet". Unfortunately fate turned bitchy with **Gordon** healthwise and every other wise. To those of you who remember **Gordon** and can spare an hour to brighten up a beaut bloke, please pay him a visit at Flat 3/213 Raglan Street, Mosman. Phone 969-3962.

**Mr. Jackson**. **Dick Bawden** rang and asked me to look this gentleman up and I am pleased I did. Those of us who enjoyed the hospitality of the R.S.L. at Port Macquarie will remember **Mrs. J.**, who is President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and her merry band for helping to make our stay so wonderful. I didn't get around to finding out if **Mr. J.** was a "brown type", a "blue orchid" of a matelot, but I did find out his charming wife had been a nursing sister on H.M.A.S. Manunda.

#### At Home

**Bill Leonard**. I recently took **Bill** to Anzac House to lodge an appeal for a pension increase and I regret to say that night he had a heart attack which laid him low for a week or so—he sounds pretty chirpy now, thank goodness.

**Harry Stafford** is improving every day and is now able to plan a trip to Orange in the near future. I hope the trip does he and **Blanche** the world of good. **Blanche** sounds as though she needs a break.

#### Walking Wounded

**Cec Chrystal** toppled base over apex on his front steps just before Anzac Day and sprained just about everything sprainable. He was very much missed by all hands on 25th April, the first parade he has ever missed.

**Charlie Adams**, another old stalwart, couldn't make Anzac Day, but I am pleased to say he is now back on deck.

**Allen (Billy McMahon) Lindsay** has been using the light axe he bought for **Gloria** and it proved too much for him. His back gave in but his "bone crusher" assures him he will be able to split the morning wood again in the very near future.

**Rusty McWilliam** is looking dangerously fit again and had several "pipe openers" on Anzac Day.

#### Mail Bag.

**Kath Webb** wrote to say she has received a very non committal letter from her Federal Member regarding her son's release from C.M.F. duty. No doubt when the elections are looming on the horizon the Honorable Member will smarten up his foot work. Poor consolation for **Kath**.

**Rocky Denyer**, Temora. A letter of appreciation, thanks **Rocky**.

**Roy (Mary) Moores** of Adelong. A short (aint that amazing) note and medical history. Kindest regards **Roy**.

**Doug Groves**, Ballina. Medical History—good to hear from you **Doug**.

**Dick Chamberlain**. Enid & I received a most delightful letter of thanks from **Dick** and I would like to say we enjoyed his company as much as he appreciated our hospitality. **Dick** is fighting fit and in his own words, hasn't felt as well in years—very good news **Richard**.

**Frank Foster** of Gunnedah. A very nice note and a donation to our New Guinea Honour Roll appeal from **Frank** and the **Turner** family—thanks **Frank** (see New Guinea Honour Roll Appeal).

#### Request for News

How about a bit of news about the result of your appeals from: **Ken Moses**, **Henry Roberts** and **Henry Nichols**.

### NEW GUINEA HONOUR ROLL APPEAL

On Anzac Day three chaps promised to let me have details and amendments for the inscriptions on the plaques, but so far they haven't come to light. **Sluggo Wildeman** is the only name I can remember—come on chaps, please.

The response to date has been most gratifying and I wish to acknowledge the following donations:

TO	FROM
Brian Rolfe	Cec Chrystal
Tommy Morris	Harry Gjedsted
Glen Whalan )	Vic & Eileen Francis
Ron Whalan )	
Owen Williams	Athol Heath
Dick Shepperd	Ted Fox
Kelvin Andrews	Peter Cook
Oliver Longstaff	Ted Kenna
John Wright )	Bill & Gwen MacLennan
Ted Andrews )	
Cpl. D. A. Turner	Turner Family & Frank Foster
	Dick & Enid Latimer
Teddy Tindal )	
Ossie Russell )	George Hazel
Vic Hall	J. Eastham
Sgt. H. F. Murphy	Arnold Gorman
Scotty Beacham	Charlie Adams
A Plaque	Ted Fox
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#### Medical History Forms

**Allen Lindsay** had a fresh supply of Medical History forms printed recently and I will be pleased to forward one to you blokes who are dragging your feet.

To all our members, my sincere wish,  
Good Health,

DICK LATIMER.