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**General Meetings are held on the 4th FRIDAY of EVERY MONTH  
at Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.**

**Next Meetings: FRIDAY, 23rd JUNE and FRIDAY, 28th JULY**

## ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE

**ST. ANNE'S GARRISON CHURCH, STRATHFIELD, ON SUNDAY, 25th JUNE, 1972**

As advised in the last issue of W.O.G. the FIRST ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE of 4th Australian Infantry Battalions will be held on SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 1972, at St. Anne's Church of England, 42 Homebush Road, Strathfield, where our colours were laid up for safe-keeping, in March, 1971.

Those of you who were privileged to be present at that solemn ceremony will no doubt be anxious to be in attendance again on this occasion. We hope you will also bring along other members of your family and friends — all are welcome.

**Colonel Gordon Maitland**, O.B.E., E.D., is handling all arrangements which in itself will ensure a highly successful day. However, we must play our part by being in attendance.

The timetable is:—

### **Sunday, 25th June, 1972**

- 14.30 Members' families and friends report at the Church.
- 14.45 Short march commences from the Park at the corner of Beresford, Coventry and Rochester Roads — ALL DECORATIONS AND MEDALS TO BE WORN.
- 14.50 ENTER CHURCH WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.
- 15.00 SERVICE COMMENCES.  
After the service:—  
AFTERNOON TEA IN THE CHURCH HALL.

**NOTES:** The front 2 pews on either side will be reserved, otherwise members and families, friends and parishioners may sit anywhere in the Church.

The Association welcomes and thanks the 4RNSWR Band once again on this occasion and the members hope that the Battalion will turn out in strength. We can seat 700 in the Church. Don't let the 4th down on this occasion.

The Parade will be led by the Association Banner, the Association Banner of the 4 Bn. AIF, followed by the banners of the 2/4th Battalion Association and the 4th Battalion Association 1939/45.

Rosemary from bushes struck by our late member, Mr. J. C. Noakes, DCM, will be provided.

The March Marshall — WO II N. Harries.

The Preacher — **The Reverend Tipping** assures us we shall be truly addressed, even if he has to do it himself.

The Association of 4th Infantry Battalions will make a donation for the afternoon tea, which the ladies of St. Annes will provide.

Finally gentlemen, we have a responsibility to honour the colours of the 4th Infantry Battalion (Australian Rifles) which we so proudly removed to St. Anne's for safekeeping on 14th March, 1971.



## PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## CANBERRA

## FOR THE 1972 COUNTRY REUNION

Saturday, 30th Sept., Sunday, 1st Oct.,  
Monday, 2nd Oct.

## The Six-Hour Holiday Weekend

## ARRANGEMENTS WELL IN HAND

**Frank Crutchett**, the Honorary Secretary of the Canberra Committee organising the 1972 Reunion, has advised Senior Vice-President **Bill MacLennan**:—

A provisional committee has made tentative arrangements (the committee being **John Hyles**, **Don Patterson** and myself with power to add other members) as follows:—

## For Saturday, 30th September:

**Registration point** to be the lobby of the Coach House Hotel/Motel, McMillan Circle, Griffith, A.C.T. This will be manned from 9.30 a.m. on this day. At approximately 4 p.m. there will be a short march to the War Memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony. Negotiations for a band have not yet been finalised, but will be satisfactorily concluded. (It is hoped to obtain the Royal Military College, Duntroon Band.)

The reunion dinner will be held at the Training Centre of the 3rd Bn. R.N.S.W.R. (Allara St., City), a short distance from the War Memorial. Catering arrangements have been made on what are considered to be most favourable terms.

Dinner will be followed by dancing, with refreshments available during the evening.

## For Sunday, October 1st:

A sick parade will be organised, but the venue has not yet been determined. This will be no problem as if suitable club facilities are not available the A.C.T. hotels trade on a Sunday.

It is proposed to arrange the choice of several activities during the day (e.g. conducted or bus tour to points of interest, visit to War Memorial etc.). In any event, the day will culminate in a barbecue — most likely at **John Hyles'** property.

## For Monday, 2nd October:

The provisional committee has not yet fully discussed the activities for this day. However, as there are four golf courses and seven bowling clubs in Canberra, suitable arrangements can be made once the wishes of those attending are known.

The following have been reserved as accommodation for members:

**Noah's Town House Motel** (City): 10 twin rooms \$12; 15 doubles \$15.00.

**Forest Motor Lodge**: 6 singles \$9.25; 19 doubles \$12.75.

**Captain Cook Hotel/Motel** (Griffith): 5 doubles \$13.00.

**Embassy Motel** (Deakin): 10 doubles \$14.00.

**Deakin Inn Hotel/Motel**: 7 Singles \$9.00; 3 twin \$14.00; 7 Family \$18.50 to \$22.50.

**Park Royal Motel** (City): 30 doubles \$20.00

**Burley Griffin Motel** (Queanbeyan): 3 doubles \$13.00; 3 Family \$21.00.

**NOTE:** Coach House Hotel/Motel IS ALREADY BOOKED OUT with members.

Other accommodation is available in Canberra, full details of which may be seen in the N.R.M.A. accommodation Directory available free to N.R.M.A. members at any N.R.M.A. office.

Members will be kept informed of developments as plans are finalised. You can be sure that the Canberra team will be all out to ensure a pleasant and successful Reunion in the National Capital.

Make your booking NOW on the form below.

TO: Mr. Frank Crutchett  
7 Fishburn Street,  
RED HILL,  
A.C.T. 2603.

Date: .....

Please reserve the following accommodation for me/us for the 2/4th Battalion Reunion to be held in Canberra on the weekend 30th September-2nd October, 1972:—

|              |                         |   |
|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| Room/s ..... | Single/Double           | Please<br>cross<br>out<br>whichever<br>does<br>not<br>apply |
| at a:        | Hotel/Motel/Hotel-Motel |   |
| for night/s: | Fri, 29 September       |   |
|              | Sat, 30 September       |   |
|              | Sun, 1 October          |   |
|              | Mon, 2 October          |   |

Enclosed is cheque/PN for \$....., being deposit at the rate of \$5 per person for whom bookings are required.

OR I/we have made our own arrangements for accommodation.

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:—

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Visit War Memorial <input type="checkbox"/> | Tours <input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Bowls <input type="checkbox"/>              | Socials <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| Golf <input type="checkbox"/>               | Barbecue <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday |

Name:

(Block letters please)

Address: .....

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## WELFARE REPORT

In submitting this, my first report, I would like to thank the members for their confidence in electing me to this position. I also wish to pay tribute to the splendid job done in the past by **Dick Latimer**. It may not be generally known, but Dick himself has not been well, and coupled with his work with Legacy, has not been able to continue in this office.

Perhaps the happiest events to report would be the discharge from R.G.H. of **John Ringrose** and **Ted Harris**. Both these stalwarts underwent operations and heaved sighs of relief when satisfactory reports followed. Keep it up.

**John Walsh** is one member who will probably be in and out of hospital at regular intervals for blood transfusions.

Members who have been patients at Concord, and in some cases still are, include **Jack Duncombe**, **John McGrath**, **Chas Spence**, **John McGregor**, **Joff Naseby**, **John Davis**, **Len (Slim) Smith**, **Harold Westwood**, **Ron (Jock) Ferguson**, **Ralph Fenton** and **Norm Pearce**.

**Mrs. Dot Searle**, widow of the late **Fred Searle**, was recently admitted to Ward 30 for a series of tests. We wish her a speedy return to good health.

I do not think it appropriate to comment on the nature of patients' illnesses where such are to be recorded in print.

**Esca Riordan** was kind enough to advise that **Mrs. Isobel Nelson-Slee** was to be admitted to R.G.H. prior to Anzac Day. My wife and I visited her on Friday, 28th April, but she was no longer a patient, and I apologise for not making it on time.

**Fred Staggs** had a sojourn in Hornsby Hospital for an operation and we were pleased to see him during the latter part of the Reunion — take it easy, Fred.

**Tim West** reported to "Cock" **Robin** that **Jack Ormiston** had been admitted to Cowra Hospital and we send our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

I was advised recently that **Ted Page** (NX6008) passed away, after having been ill for some time. I believe he was a member of several clubs and associations which were represented at the funeral.

As some confusion existed as to the submission of a Welfare Report to W.O.G., I apologise for the length of this one, but it covers a two-month period and I hope to have fewer "patients" next issue!

Wishing you all good health. — **Jim Cameron**.

## LAST POST

NX2337 E. Midgley; NX5300 P. J. Lynch.  
NX8857 E. N. Lilliebridge; NX102930 L. C. Tutty.  
NX26984 J. H. Keyte; NX13266 J. C. Benton.  
NX45707 R. Kennedy; WX1037 H. R. Jasson (2/11 Bn.).

"We Will Remember Them."

## GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB ELECTION

Congratulations to our Honorary Treasurer **Allen Lindsay** on his election to the committee of the Gallipoli Memorial Club. We know his experience and administrative ability will be invaluable in the future planning of the Club. Allen has already been elected to the Finance and Building Sub-committee which will be planning the rehabilitation of the whole premises.

## ASSOCIATION OF 4th INFANTRY BATTALIONS

## Monthly Meeting — 13th July

The Committee of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions is conscious of the fact that it is not always easy or convenient for members to attend general meetings at Arncliffe. Accordingly it was decided to arrange a number of meetings in other areas to afford more members the opportunity of participating in the convivial atmosphere which is always enjoyed in the company of our older and younger comrades of the 4th Bn. A.I.F. (1914-1918), 4th Bn. A.I.F. (1939-1945), 4 R.A.R., and 4 R.N.S.W.R. Already successful gatherings have been held at Sutherland and Merrylands Depots of 4 R.N.S.W.R.

On 13th July next the monthly meeting will be held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12-14 Loftus St., at 7.30 p.m. This venue has resulted from the suggestion of **John Copland**. It is hoped that all our members who have an interest in the tradition and history of the 4th BATTALION will make a special effort to be present on this night. There will be a minimum time spent on formal business. The emphasis will be on friendly conviviality. Please bring along a friend, especially a member or ex-member of any 4th or affiliated Battalion.

## COCK'S COLUMN

At the May Meeting; those in attendance: Sen. Vice-President, in the Chair, **Bill MacLennan**, **George Stack** Secretary, **Dick Morris** Assn. Sec., **Dick Faulder**, **John Copland**, **Ted Fox**, **Jim Cameron**, **John "Larry" Dooley**, **Athol Heath**, **Ken Richardson**, **Harry Wright**, **Dick Pinson**, **Ken Webb**, **John Meehan**, **Harry Silver** and myself.

**John "Larry" Dooley**, reports having gone to Melbourne for a couple of days. Had the day out with **Bill** and **Bonnie Panter**. Bill arranged for **Charlie** and **Maria McKenna**, **Les** and **Edith Dunn** to come over the same evening; "Larry's" thanks to **Bill** and **Bonnie** for their hospitality.

**Dick Pinson** went to his Club, Canterbury, Hurlstone Park, for his 30th wedding anniversary. (Congratulations **Dick** and **Rene**.) During the evening **Dick** met an old 2/4er, one **Johnny Whitelaw**. Johnny is now living at Bankstown. How about coming to a meeting, Johnny?

**John Copland** reports **Ron Belford** from Ashford giving him the information that the Ashford R.S.L. Sub-branch has 35 members of which the Belford family make up almost 10%. There is **Ron** who is also Patron, his wife **Lyn** (2/7th A.G.H.) and son **Jim**, ex-Vietnam. Congrats. to the Belford family — write any news **Ron**, please.

**Dick Morris** travelled to Newcastle on Mother's Day to see his mother, and arranged to meet **Bill "Bully" Hayes** and **Estelle** at Hamilton R.S.L. Club to show them his Anzac Day and Return to Wewak slides, which they greatly appreciated. **Dick** reports the 4 R.N.S.W.R. Ball was attended by **Rex Everson** and friend, **Johnny** and **Dot Jordan**, **Dick** and friend, where they were made very welcome by **Tom Chambers** and company and to renew contact with **Ray Sharp**, **Gordon Maitland** and other 4 R.N.S.W.R. identities.



**Ken Richardson** reports that Sid Young was coming to the meeting but Senior Officers of his Company arrived from Melbourne, so he could not make it.

**Ted Fox** was in Swan Hill, Victoria, on holidays recently and visited the new War Museum and was surprised to find a complete exhibit devoted to **Ken Moses** and exploits of 2/4th Bn., including the photograph which appeared in the National Press the day the Bn. sailed on Strathnaver for the Middle East. It is entitled "The Handsome Digger", the same handsome Digger being **Ken Moses**.

#### IN THE MAIL BAG:

A letter from **Tim West** of Cowra advises that **Jack Ormiston** is in Cowra Hospital, following a coronary and has had further attacks since admission. Jack is manager of "Breakfast Creek" station (for over 25 years and is a master in the management of merino sheep and cattle.

**Ted Harris** continues to improve slowly, following his operation and sojourn in Concord Hospital.

**Hylton Batcheldor** is also mentioned, and we gather he would like to put on a bit of weight.

As for **Tim** himself, he is "indecently fit and well", to use his own words. Thanks for your letter, **Tim**. I took it into the meeting. I am sorry to read of **Jack Ormiston** and sincerely hope by now he is well on the way to recovery. I'm also pleased to read that **Ted Harris** continues to improve and hope that you'll soon be your old self again, **Ted**.

And to **Hylton Batcheldor**, all the best. Would appreciate a letter from any of you chaps when you can. Thanks again, **Tim**.

A newsy letter and very interesting one from **Tom Provians**, our **Queensland Vice-President**, of 85 Foxton St., Morning-side, 4170, followed two days later by another with news he had left out. (Thanks, **Tom**):—"Had a very pleasant surprise on the weekend; strolled into the Golf Club on Bribie Island, where I have a small retreat, and found **Norm Johnstone**. You can guess what happened — a bit late leaving. **Norm** with **Wilma** and family had sneaked into Queensland without my knowledge, but got caught in the act.

"Landed a diary and a letter from **Sailor Harvey** and have taken long overdue time to answer them. Must warn **Leo Lynch** that **Sailor** is threatening a visit up his way. **Leo** was quite well, the last news I received about Christmas time, and I can assure any of the boys who call into Grafton Services Club, unsurpassed hospitality.

"Got myself a job last year as State President of the Meat Traders Social Golf Club and whilst organising an Interstate Carnival on the Gold Coast, from the Chevron Hotel, took time out to call on **Bruce Cork** and his family. They were sparking on all fours, and would welcome any callers from down yonder.

"**Jim Crawford** from Wewak, also arrived on his way through and back. **Jim** was arranging the dismantling of a windmill at Townsville to be shipped back to Wewak for use on the park surrounding the monument at Wom which quite a few of us were lucky to see consecrated in 1970.

"**Bill Cavanagh** and myself looked after **Jim** quite well. Had a visit during the year from **Kevin Peacock** who is now featuring in the news as Magistrate at Mount Isa.

"**Chris White** was also down this way as his eldest daughter **Mary** was a finalist in the R.S.L. Girl in a Million. **Mary** wasn't successful, but **Chris** and myself enjoyed a quiet sojourn to Anzac House. All is well in his neck of the woods.

"Saw **Stan Sutherland** (Pioneer St., Capalaba, Qld.) on Anzac Day. He assured me that he had been around before, but had not made himself known. **Stan** was in A Coy. Also had on parade **Ted Werne**, **Laurie McCosker**, **Bill Sumpter**, **Ken Franklin**, plus **Bill Cavanagh**, **John Shingles**, **Chas Robinson** and **Max Cooke**, who are known to quite a few of the gang.

"**Jack Reynolds** rang on his way through to N.Q., but it was Saturday morning and time would not permit us partaking. All is well with the **Reynolds** and the **Whittaker** families up that way.

"**Esca Riordan** dropped a line to make sure we knew all about the Back to Greece journey, and I have been busy promulgating the particulars through 6 Div. and R.S.L. circles. It was nice to hear from **Esca** and know all is well in Kempsey; with him around it would have to be.

"News also of **Fred Catley**, whose wife works for a mate of mine and recognised the name on a circular I sent out about a golf game. Must get on to that bloke as it is about time I heard direct.

"**Wink Walker** is also going strong and well; was on his way home on Anzac Day so couldn't attend our little gathering; he had been annoying some unfortunate manager up Isa way.

"Have received quite a few notes from President **Harry Gjedsted** who reports very favourably on Anzac Day in Sydney. We were thinking of you while we were quaffing a couple of ales up this way.

"Had Christmas cards from **Nancy Smith**, **Joan Davies**, **Selby Dean**, **Perce Lansley**, **Pop Davies** (**Matt's** father), most of the fellows I have mentioned, plus quite a few W.O.G.'s from the Sydney area, and if I haven't acknowledged them all I plead 'too busy'. I haven't my file with me and am writing from a not too reliable memory, so if I have missed anybody, I humbly apologise.

"Eldest son **Jim** is out of National Service and has made us grandparents (but don't feel any older). Second, **John**, is on transfer to Townsville with T. & G. Insurance Co.; still have a daughter at Grammar and battling on — don't we all? Soon be **Darby** and **Joan**.

"**Jim**, please accept the Queensland W.O.G.'s appreciation for your column and our gratitude to **Sir Ivan, Harry**, and all the gang who do such an excellent job in keeping the Association and our monthly W.O.G. going, and if some of this letter is repetition please scrub it out.

"My very best wishes to all.

—**Tom Provians**.

"P.S.: **Bill Sumpter** is off the amber ale. I have witness to prove he was seen drinking ginger ale or lemonade, or some such on Anzac Day.

"Also had a Christmas note from **Sam Robbie** who has retired to South Australia, and news from **Graham Jackett**. Again all the best.

—**Tom**."

(Thank you **Tom** for this excellent report, also for the nice remarks re my column.)