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To be held at GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1972 was another successful and progressive year in our Association's history, again reflecting the support, comradeship and loyalty of our members, families and friends, the planning and work of our committees and the work of the organizing committee and all concerned with our Canberra Reunion.

To you all I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support and encouragement that you have given me and the committee throughout the year.

Our financial situation is sound and growing stronger, thanks to our Hon. Treasurer, **Allen Lindsay**, our planned budgeting, the success of our Canberra reunion, the generous donations of wines and spirits by our Senior Vice-President **Bill MacLennan**, and the many donations made by members, families and friends, including the beautifully mounted Gibraltar Crown pendant, donated by **Monty Siems**, and won by **Enid Latimer** on Patron and Ladies' Night. Monty has sent me another pendant equally as beautiful, to be raffled in 1973.

Our Welfare problems and activities are in the capable hands of our welfare officer **Jim Cameron**, who is assisted in this important work by **Dick Faulder**, and I extend to them our sincere thanks and gratitude for the work they do and the time they give to this most important part of our Association activities.

Our Association's "Life Line" is our monthly journal "**White Over Green**" and on behalf of us all I extend sincere thanks to **Russ McWilliam**, **Bill MacLennan** and the WOG-wrapping volunteers, and to **Jim "Cock" Robin** for all that they do in the production and distribution of our journal. Our thanks also to **Bill Rhall**

and the staff of Northern Line Printing Co. Pty. Ltd. for their co-operation in the printing of WOG.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by our Hon. Secretary **George Stack**, assistant Hon. Secretary **Dick Morris** and our committee team, and on your behalf I extend to them our sincere thanks and appreciation for all they have done, and are doing to ensure that all our activities and responsibilities are maintained at the highest standards.

Highlights of our activities during 1972 were:

1. The conferring of Honorary Life Membership on **Harry Wright** for his service to our Association.
2. **Anzac Day** — a clear sunny day, well attended, the pride and comradeship that is so strong within our Association reflected in the appearance and bearing of our men on parade, and the atmosphere at our Reunion Luncheon.
3. **Patron's and Ladies' Night** — a most enjoyable and well attended social function in the company of our Patron **Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty** and the wives, families and friends of our members.
4. **The Canberra Reunion** — another outstanding success in every way, and again our sincere thanks to the Canberra Committee and all concerned for all that was done to ensure success, and to all those who came from near and far to join us.
5. **The 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Assn. Marksmanship Trophy** for inter-company competition in 4 Bn. R.N.S.W. Regt. and won this year, for the first time, by "C" Coy. Our congratulations to all ranks.
6. **The Annual November Remembrance Day March**

& Wreath Laying Ceremony of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions.

7. The election of our Hon. Treasurer **Allen Lindsay** and committeeman **Ted Fox** to directorships of the Gallipoli Memorial Club. Allen's and Ted's appointments should — and must — give us all a greater interest in the affairs and future development of "our Club", and again I appeal to our members to join this Club which has become the home of our Association. The original and older members of the Club, have appealed to us "younger" men to take over the responsibilities of the Club, so let's do our share in the true spirit of ANZAC. Start your 1973 correspondence by writing to us for an application form — you'll have it back by return mail.
8. The production of our **Association Plaque**. From several designs by **Dick Morris** and **Peter Cade**, a final decision was made, and I took the design with me to London for costing, production, etc. The London firm of C. H. Munday are specialists in the field of Heraldry and Regimental Wall Shields and other than a minor alteration to "balance" the layout, the design is originally ours. So in 1973 we will have Association Plaques of our design, and which you will be very proud to possess. Details of availability and cost will be advised as soon as possible.
9. The presentation to our Association of the **Tobruk Flag** by the president of Hurstville Sub-branch, R.S.L., which we plan to have displayed in the Gallipoli Memorial Club.

Being with **Marge** and in the company of **Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty** in Greece and Crete was a wonderful and unforgettable experience — the kindness, courtesies and hospitality extended to us during our visit will always be remembered. At the reception given us at Heraklion **Sir Ivan** presented our Association Memorial Plaque to the Mayor, **General Aristides Petrakis**, and was in turn presented with a Medallion by the Mayor (details of the plaques were given in the July issue of WOG). From Heraklion we went by car through Retimo, Suda Bay, Canea, to Malame airstrip where we were given another Civic Reception, **Sir Ivan, Major G. Corey** and I being presented with a Medallion and Scroll.

During a description of the battle for Malame airstrip, given by the Commander of the Greek Forces, Suda Bay, some earth was disturbed near Sir Ivan and a German paratrooper's helmet revealed. (Sir Ivan later handed the helmet to the Australian Embassy in Athens, and on contacting the Embassy on our way home in Sept., I was informed that arrangements had been made to send the helmet back to the Australian War Memorial Museum in Canberra).

We visited the British Commonwealth War Cemetery at Suda Bay where all the men of the A.I.F. who were killed on Crete are buried, or their names recorded. Like all British Commonwealth War Cemeteries throughout the world, it is beautifully sited and maintained. Sir Ivan & Lady Dougherty with Marge and myself took a 6 day tour of northern Greece. In the relatively short time available this was the only way we could see some of the places where the Battalion fought in 1941. The tour took us through Levadia, Bralos Pass, Lamia, Domokos, Larissa, but unfortun-

ately not near Elasson, Servia, Kozani or Veve. Instead we went up the coast road to the Island of Thassos, via Thessalonika.

The countryside is beautiful as ever and we stopped the bus at Bralos Pass while we stood, looked and remembered. It was here in 1941 that 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F. and the N.Z.E.F. were formed into an Anzac Corps, the second time in history that A.I.F. and N.Z. troops were so designated. There is little or no change in these places, some road widening at Bralos, but other than that, just the same as we knew it.

We said good-bye to Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty in Athens — we were going our separate ways to Europe and the U.K. (2 days later we "bumped" into Sir Ivan in Constitution Square in Athens, as we were racing to catch our bus to Patras — 3 weeks later we met again at the Tourist Information Centre at Heidelberg, Germany, and travelled up the Rhine together the next day!)

Our but to Patras took us through Daphni and Megara. On our way back home in September we stayed 2 weeks in Athens, attended the Wine Festival at Daphni (just the same as we saw it — pine and gum trees) and saw the Greek folk dancing, and the "Sound and Light" theatre at the Acropolis — wonderful experience. On this return trip, and by arrangement with the Australian Embassy, I presented our second Memorial Plaque to **Lieut.-General Mourikis**, Deputy Commander of the Supreme Hellenic Armed Forces, representing the Prime Minister, in his absence.

General Mourikis, a Lieutenant in the Greek Army fighting the Italians in Albania in 1940-41, was most impressed with our Plaque, and on behalf of the Greek Government and people, expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to our Association. We visited the British Commonwealth War Cemetery at Phaleron, which faces the sea and is halfway between Athens and the Airport. The names of all those who gave their lives in Greece are inscribed on rectangular, polished marble Memorial Panels, 15 feet high and recorded by units. 6 Aust. Div. A.I.F. is inscribed by the units, with Infantry Battalions in numerical sequence. **Mr. Steve Brady**, War Graves Commissioner for Europe and Middle East is having a photograph taken for me which we will reproduce in W.O.G.

It would take a book to describe the beauty of Greece, its Islands, Europe and the U.K., the many interesting places we saw, the experiences we had, and the friendliness of the people everywhere we went, but some of the many things we did were:

To visit my father's grave in the British Commonwealth War Cemetery at Grevillers, France, between Bullecourt and Bapaume. (My father enlisted in the 1st Bn. A.I.F. — was seriously wounded at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, repatriated back to Australia, and after recovering rejoined his Battalion in France and was killed at Bullecourt on 6 May, 1917.)

To visit Dachau, the British Airborne Museum and Cemetery at Arnhem, and the Danish Resistance Museum at Copenhagen. The Resistance Museum includes the decorations awarded to **Captain Olaf Larsen**, of the Royal Danish Army, who fought the German Invasion of Denmark, escaped to England and joined the Free Danish Army — fought in North Africa — parachuted into Denmark to join the Danish Resistance, and was killed in action. In addition to numerous awards

and decorations he won the Victoria Cross (Posthumously) D.S.O. and Bar, M.C. and Two Bars. He is the only non-member of the British Empire and Commonwealth to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

To meet, in Vienna, **Walter Konneink**, ex-German Paratrooper, a member of Max Schmellings group who dropped at Malame, Crete, later fought in North Africa, was captured by the Kiwis, and spent the rest of the War in a P.O.W. Camp in South Africa.

The U.K. — its beauty and traditions — the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, The Horse Guards Parade, the Tower and the Yeomen of the Guard, the Royal Tournament, St. Paul's and Westminster Cathedral, the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (Chelsea Pensioners), and its Museum, which has the largest collection of awards, decorations and campaign medals in the world. Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, Loch Lomond and the beauty of the Trossach Country; Portsmouth, Sandhurst, and to meet **Monty Siems**, who looks remarkably well and sends his regards and best wishes to all. So much to see and do, but the highlight of our visit in the U.K. was for Marge and me to be the guests of the Regiment at Goodwood Races, in the beautiful Sussex Downs countryside. The course is traditionally a Royal Sussex Regiment course — the course and horse racing was established on Goodwood, the estate of the third Duke of Richmond, by the Duke, who commanded the 3rd Sussex Militia Battalion in 1782. The Regiment has its own enclosure and Club, including dining and bar facilities, and it was a wonderful experience to be in the company of so many of my old friends again.

And so the year has gone, and, as always, it brought its share of sadness, and in sharing the sad loss of our comrades with families, we also share the distress and anxieties caused by sickness and accident to our members, families and friends, and extend to them our sincere best wishes that the New Year brings comfort and a speedy return to good health.

To you all, and your families, to the next of kin of members, to our many friends and supporters, to the C.O.'s, officers and men of 4 R.N.S.W.R. and 4 R.A.R. and the members and families of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions, I send you, from Marge and myself and our family, our best wishes for Good Health, Good Luck, Prosperity and Happiness in 1973.

Harry Gjedsted, President

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our Association, with 1972 behind, can look forward with hope and good prospects for the year that is now well in its stride.

The membership remains steady, and that is encouraging for the President and his Committee, who all strive to the best of their ability to keep the Association the strong group it is.

With the Association firmly established at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, and membership increasing, I feel sure the Association has found a permanent home, where we will be able to do all the things we have been unable to do for years, if ever. That is a permanent resting place for all our records, trophies, etc., Jim 'Cock' Robins' albums and the Tobruk Flag, being two of our prized possessions.

As must be expected, the 'Honour Roll' is at a steady

due — it is among names known and many due, and there are those we never hear of at all.

From phone calls and personal contact at times during the year we all appear to be fairly well, and weathering the problems of daily life with a smile and thankful for small mercies.

Some members who are financial would be welcome and more up-to-date with Association matters if they attended meetings at some time, instead of trying to find out matters second-hand or per the 'grape-vine'; unfortunately — and the Committee will verify this — we have had examples of Members not bothering to read W.O.G. Not many, but there are some. Not very encouraging for our devoted Literary Staff.

I have not touched on Association activities in detail, as that is covered by our President in his report. One event for this year — the Country Re-union on the Far North Coast. Fred Varley had an application in for over twelve months, but CANBERRA "beat him to the gun" for 1972. The North are very pleased, and in the last letter from Fred, all is very much under control, so good luck for the 1973 Country Reunion.

My sincere thanks to the President, Assistant Secretary and all Committeemen for the pleasure of working together for another year; team-work and co-operation is the key-note to success.

A special mention to **Harry Wright**, my Assistant Secretary for many years, and one of those good silent workers, always there when he was needed. Harry did not seek re-election in 1972, but we still have his worthy support.

Also a mention to **Athol Heath**, may he have a much brighter year, free from the frustrations of the past. Athol has faced up to his setbacks of last year in a typical 2/4 way, and despite all has done his best to carry on as an active Committeeman either by attendance or per phone. Best of luck for the coming year.

In conclusion sincere wishes from Marjorie and myself to our Patron, **Sir Ivan & Lady Dougherty**, President, Committee Members, and all their families for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 1973.

George Stack

THE LAST POST

4 Bn. (14-18): 507 **J. W. Aylward**, **Harry Stafford**
2/4 Bn.: NX4008 **M. Downie**; NX46909 **R. A. Green**
2/11 Bn.: WX564 **J. J. Kelly**.

"We Will Remember Them"

WELCOME TO THE WOODWARDS

Graham and Joyce Woodward were welcomed to the Gallipoli Club on the evening of the Committee meeting on 19th January. They have arrived from England for a brief holiday before returning home to retire. Graham and Joyce were entertained by Committeeman **Athol Heath**, with whom he was a P.O.W. in Germany, and **Ollie Twist** and his wife **Gladys** while the Committee was meeting. Later on in the evening the whole of the Committee joined in the welcome to the Woodwards. Graham and Joyce extend to all members and their families very best wishes for the future.

COCK'S COLUMN

IN THE MAIL BAG

36 Cameron Street,
West Kempsey

Dear Russ,

Just a note to let you all know that **Dick Bawden** is in Hastings District Hospital at Port Macquarie with a recurrence of his old trouble. **Vera** and I went over and visited him on Friday last. He sends his regards to everyone. **Ruth**, unfortunately, was down with some wog and we were unable to see her. Their eldest son **David** is home from New Guinea for three months. **Vera** was speaking to "**Billie**" **Bennett** last Saturday. We are pleased to hear she is feeling much better now after a rather severe illness.

All the folk up this way are O.K. Our best wishes to all there.

Esca Riordan

220 Scarborough Road,
Scarborough. 4020

The Treasurer,
Dear Sir,

I enclose cheque for \$30 to pay for Life Membership of the 2/4 Bn. Association.

The past few years have been rather tough for me, mainly due to health reasons. However, I am now pretty fit and have been able to accept more responsible work — namely in the Real Estate business, where I have been having some success.

As a result I am in a position to pay for Life Membership, which will also relieve me of the need to remember to pay dues.

I have recently moved to the above address, having sold my old home and purchased a new one.

Best wishes to all,

Ken Franklin

201 Chloride Street,
Broken Hill

Dear Allen,

Please find enclosed my cheque for subs and a donation.

My wife **Dawn** and I were disappointed we could not make the Canberra Country Reunion. We hope to to make Lismore. Lismore, of course, is just on a thousand miles from here, but we will do our best to make it.

I would like to wish all members of the Association and their families all they wish themselves for 1973. Also my highest regards to the committee for holding us "bushies" together per medium of W.O.G. Here is wishing the incoming committee health and happiness for their term. To the outgoing committee "Thank You."

Hoping to see you all on Anzac Day this year.

Sincerely,
John D. Robertson

78 Broughton Street,
Tumut. 2720

Dear George,

I have noticed a red cross in the square on my "White Over Green", so I thought I had better do

something about same; find enclosed postal note for six dollars (\$6) for '72 and '73. Full marks for giving us a list of members, I see some names there that I thought must have passed on.

Compliments of the Season to you and all the mob.
Jim Agnew

74 Lachlan Street,
Cowra. 2794

Dear Allen

Enclosed please find cheque for \$3 for subs. due. I am going to try and remember to pay each January in future, then I will know where I stand.

Saw **Ted Harris** last Friday; he is looking very well and getting about pretty well. I also saw **Tim West**, but Tim is such a busy fellow it is hard to corner him for very long; however, he is also pretty well and fit.

Saw **Hylton Batchelor** in the distance the other day, but did not get close enough to have a talk with him. He is pretty busy with the Senior citizens' Association in Cowra these days.

Wishing you and all the Association members a very good New Year.

Jack Ormiston

Bank of N.S.W.
Peak Hill. 2869

Dear Allen,

Enclosed is my cheque for 1973 subs. A bit late in sending it, but I have been disorganised here lately with over-the-century temperatures and all my farmer customers running out of money due to the drought and no wheat.

I guess we'll survive and a cool change and rain will come one day.

Regards,
Stan Coy

226 Hastings River Drive,
Port Macquarie. 2444

Dear Allen,

Please find enclosed cheque for subs. I think I might be dragging the chain a bit so have enclosed \$6; should this not square me up, please let me know. Our old mate **Dick Bawden** is crook again. He took a heart attack and is in hospital here, but not allowed any visitors at present, so I can't get to see him.

I wish to be remembered to all the boys, **Dick Pinson**, **Jack Shearer**, and quite a few others I was closely associated with, but just can't recall their names.

I hope you, and all, have had a most enjoyable Xmas, and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Regards,
Tom (Barber)

49 Barker Street,
Flinders, Vic.

Dear Allen,

Enclosed cheque \$10 to cover subs — could be a little behind for which apologies — any balance to Welfare.

Should be glad if you would record the above address for posting of W.O.G., which, as always, is of great interest.

Best wishes for the New Year. Regards to **George Stack**.

Gordon "Robbie" Robins

Box 269, P.O. Mildura

Dear Allen,

Enclosed please find cheque for \$25.00, to be divided as follows:

\$20.00 Wewak Scholarship Fund — forward me to the above address one 2/4 Badge, and the balance allot to whichever W.O.G. Fund you wish.

It may be of interest to **Harry Pearse**, Newcastle, to know that **Sam Blaby** (ex A. Coy.) has disposed of his property at Robinvale and I believe moved to the Ballarat area. Being so isolated at Mildura I am not able to take an active role with the Unit, but thanks to the Journal and Cock's Column, I'm well-informed of the activities of the members.

I was in Adelaide just before Xmas for my son's graduation from the South Australian Police Academy, but owing to lack of time was unable to look up the **Harrison Brothers** or **Darky Abbott**.

My regards to all the boys,

Bob Griffith

102 Mansfield Street,
Thornbury, Vic.

Dear George,

It came as a welcome surprise when some little time ago **Claude Raymond** appeared at our place to present me with the autographed copy of "White Over Green," the Battalion History. It was a kind thought and I appreciate it. Going through the names has brought back many memories, faces and events of those days.

I would acknowledge gratefully the arrangement whereby I receive the monthly journal, which is very interesting.

I have always counted it a privilege to have served with the Battalion, and to have been associated with a fine lot of men, especially those who were loyal helpers in my particular service to the unit.

Kindly express my greetings to your President, Committee and members with happy remembrances.

God Bless all,

Yours sincerely,

Doug Christian

(Major — The Salvation Army)

Moxton Street,
Douglas Park

Dear Jim,

Just a brief note to advise you that my wife and I will be going to New Zealand for a month leaving on 19th February. If any members want any personal messages conveyed to family or friends we would be happy to do so.

Will call at the Gallipoli Club between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the 19th to check for any requests.

Best wishes to you and all members of the old unit for 1973 from us both.

Bill Reid (NX5324)

Letters with subs and greetings have been received also from **Cyril McCosker**, A.C.T.; **Austin Mooney**, Randwick; **Ron Small**, Rockdale; **Percy Lane**, Angus Place; **Claude Pollock**, Inverell; **Albert "Angel" Gabriel**, Richmond; **Doug McKinnirey**, Shoalhaven Heads; **Jack Heaney**, Petersham; **Bill Anderson**, Lugano; **Sid George**, Chippendale; **John Low**, Hibbard; **Frank Foster**, Gunnedah; **Keith McCaffery**, Taree; **Jack Maloney**, Woolahra; **Alf Burgess**, Five Dock; **Pat Lahey**, Collaroy; **"Wink" Walker**, St. John's Wood, Q'd.; **George Friend**, Vaucluse; **Frank Wright**, Belmont North; **Wal Potts**, Taree and **Les Jones**, Brookvale.

VALE HARRY STAFFORD

Another valiant old warrior of 4 Bn. A.I.F. ('14-'18) has been called to his just reward. **Harry Stafford**, who was known to all for his devotion to his old unit association, of which he was President, to Legacy and to the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions, (of which he was one of the founders), passed away peacefully last month after a long illness. To his dear wife **Blanche** and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Included among the large number of mourners at the funeral were our Patron, **Sir Ivan**, President **Harry Gjedsted**, **Bill MacLennan**, **Cec. Chrystal**, **John Copland**, **Dick Faulder**, **Dick Latimer** and **Russ McWilliam**.

THE GALLIPOLI CLUB

The Directors of the Gallipoli Memorial Club Ltd. have now decided to budget \$150,000.00 for improvements to the main lounge on the second floor. Plans are awaiting the approval of the State Planning Authority, and **Allen Lindsay** and **Ted Fox**, who are Gallipoli Club Directors, anticipate that the improvements will be completed in the second half of this year. Members and intending members can be assured that the lounge will be a really first-class club room and one to which you will be proud to take your family and friends.

The Annual General Meeting of the Gallipoli Club Ltd. will be held in March. Nominations for all offices close on February 19th. Members intending to stand for office are asked to be sure their nominations are in the hands of the Secretary of the Club by that date. Any member is eligible to stand for the Committee and approaches have been made by some of the Gallipoli members for new blood to assist them in the conduct of the Club.

If you feel you can help and you are a member of the Club then contact **Allen Lindsay**, **Ted Fox** or the **Club Secretary/Manager** for a nomination form.

THE ASSOCIATION OF FOURTH INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Those of us who are members of the above Association are reminded that the **Annual General Meeting** will be held at H.Q. 4 Bn. R.N.S.W. Regiment, Burrows Street, Arncliffe, on **THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1973, at 7.30 p.m.** The meetings at Arncliffe are noted for their brevity and the Kenna Club for its hospitality, so a convivial night can be assured. Keep up the good name of the 2/4th Bn. by putting in an appearance at the Annual General Meeting of the Combined Association.

ASSOCIATION PLAQUE

President **Harry Gjedsted** brought along to the committee meeting in January the sample Plaque forwarded from England, the manufacture of which he arranged on his recent trip. It is indeed a beautifully-finished product and one which every member will be proud to have in his home. Two hundred and fifty plaques have been ordered for members, and they will be coming forward in batches as they are produced. The price will be only \$7.00 per plaque and they will be supplied strictly by priority of ordering. Treasurer **Allen Lindsay** will take the money.

M. & B. (MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS)

PETER TAKES A RISK —

Peter Watts, younger son of Kath, married **Robyn Risk** on Kath's birthday, the 26th January. Kath is already a "Grannie" as **Brian** and **Kathy** are the proud parents of a bonny 4 months' old boy.

Sandra and **Doug (Clark)** make up the remainder of the Watts family.

So now you know what Watts what!!

Congratulations to all members of a fine family and best wishes for 1973 and the future.

Dick Morris

CASH REGISTER

Subscriptions \$3

F. Crutchett, G. Dale, W. Key, J. Coughlan, D. Grove, W. Martin, C. Geelan, K. Webb, D. Pinson, A. Heath, D. Bundy, J. Clarke, S. George, J. Ormiston, Dr. Mooney, W. Andrews, F. Pohlmann, D. Ender, F. McKinnirey, B. Gabriel, C. Pollock, M. O'Regan, P. Lane, R. Small, C. McCosker, L. Jones, J. Robertson, S. Carpenter, W. Potts, G. Friend, J. Walker, A. Burgess, M. Siems, J. Maloney, F. Wright, J. Low, M. Coy, R. W. Lane, C. Yow.

Subscriptions \$6

S. R. Smith, G. Parry, K. Moses, N. Rogers, G. Willchams, H. Greedy, R. Barber, D. Stebbings, H. Conkey, T. Barber, J. Heaney, J. Agnew, K. McCaffrey, F. Foster.

Subscriptions \$9

H. Cox, A. Priest.

Subscription \$10

G. Robbins

Life Membership \$30

E. Wilson, W. Bartlett, Dr. Hodgkinson, G. Sugden, C. Buchanan, K. Franklin, G. Woodward.

Donations to Welfare

D. Grove, B. Gabriel, F. Wright, each \$1; F. Crutchett, D. Bundy, M. O'Regan, P. Lane, J. Robertson, each \$2; R. Griffiths, \$4; H. Silver, \$5; Doris Napthali, \$10; H. & Delma Silver, \$20.

Wewak Scholarship Fund

H. Conkey, \$5; R. Griffiths, \$20; P. Lahey, \$10.

DICK LATIMER IN HOSPITAL

Friends of **Dick** and **Enid Latimer**, of Turramurra, will be sorry to learn that Dick has been hospitalised for abdominal surgery. At time of writing the Latimers were awaiting the report of the specialist after the surgery. They are hopeful of a complete recovery.

GRAFTON FOR COUNTRY REUNION

By the time this report is in type it will be generally known that because of all accommodation in Lismore being booked out by a national convention of Apexians, the venue for the 1973 Country Reunion has been changed to Grafton.

However, to those not aware of the circumstances leading to the change, the following may be of interest:

On Saturday, January 20, the organising committee for the Reunion met at the Lismore R.S.L. Club to draw up plans for the Labour Day Weekend.

During the meeting **Mel McInnes** volunteered to make a preliminary accommodation survey of the five motels and 12 hotels in the town.

Mel's survey on Monday, January 22, revealed that all were booked out.

The committee was faced with two alternatives — either abandon plans to conduct the Reunion or seek another venue.

An emergency meeting was called. This was attended by **Allan Kirk**, **Jack Chaseling**, **Doug Stebbing**, **Jack Lister**, **Roy Andrews**, **Mel McInnes** and **Fred Varley**.

Allan Kirk reported he had contacted the secretary of the Motels' Association in Ballina and the Ballina R.S.L. Club and found there were no obstacles to staging the Reunion in that seaside town.

In the meantime **Jack Chaseling** had rung **Leo Lynch** at Grafton Services Club re possibilities in that town. Leo contacted **Noel Howell** and reported back that "all systems would be go" for Grafton and that Graftonians would welcome the opportunity of assisting to organise the "show".

The meeting then considered the reports on the two possible venues. The two towns had everything going for them but after kicking the ball around the meeting unanimously selected Grafton.

Several important points favoured Grafton. These were that it was better suited geographically for the majority of "travellers", its week-end tourist potential was greater and there was a strong band of locals prepared to assist in a joint effort.

Meetings will be held in Grafton and Lismore at regular intervals to ensure that the 1973 North-East Corner Reunion will be a real "winner". Instructions for bookings, etc., will appear in later issues.

Fred Varley,

12 Teven Street,

Goonellabah,

Lismore, 2480

2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

RECEIPTS	\$ c	PAYMENTS	\$ c
Balance at Bank 1-1-72	1002.20	Printing Costs W.O.G.	786.52
Association Fees Received	567.11	Stationery, Postage and Telephone	237.33
Subscriptions W.O.G.	815.00	Photographer's Expenses	20.00
Sales of Ties, Badges, Stickers and Association Cards	82.30	Plaques for Greece	220.00
Donations Received	124.25	Donations	28.00
Bank Interest Received	20.38	Subscription — 6th Div. Assn.	10.00
Excess Income — Functions	145.75	Classified Advertising	9.15
		Transfer — Benevolent Fund	900.00
		Balance at Bank 31-12-72	545.99
	<u>\$2,756.99</u>		<u>\$2,756.99</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972

RECEIPTS	\$ c	PAYMENTS	\$ c
Balance at Bank 1-1-72	777.48	Hospital Comforts and Benevolence	224.00
Balance on Deposit 1-1-72 R.S.L. Building Society	2270.28	Deposits on Association Plaques	464.21
Tin Hat Collections	56.66	Balance at Bank 31-12-72	1107.11
Sales of War Histories	73.00	Balance on Deposit 31-12-72 R.S.L. Building Society	3053.74
Proceeds Raffle:			
Ladies' Night	100.00		
Canberra Reunion	80.00		
Donations Received:			
Members	160.00		
Supporters	30.00		
General Account	900.00		
Victorian Branch	186.34		
	<u>1276.34</u>		
Bank Interest Received	31.84		
Building Society Interest Credited	183.46		
	<u>\$4,849.06</u>		<u>\$4,849.06</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM FUNCTIONS
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972

FUNCTIONS	Income \$ c	Expenditure \$ c
Committee Night	7.00	
Anzac Day (Incl. Raffle)	616.00	459.38
Patron and Ladies' Night (Incl. Raffle)	232.00	200.25
Canberra Country Reunion Committee (incl. Raffle)	209.44	
Expenses — Annual General Meeting		79.06
Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to:		
Benevolent Fund — Proceeds Raffles		180.00
General Account		145.75
	<u>\$1,064.44</u>	<u>\$1,064.44</u>

Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that I have audited the above statements and found the same to be correct.

Signed: H. SILVER, Auditor

Signed:

H. E. C. GJEDSTED, President
A. F. LINDSAY, Treasurer

**2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION — WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP
FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER,
1972**

	Income \$ c	Expenditure \$ c
Balance at Bank 1-1-72	293.66	
Donations Received — Members and Supporters	393.00	
Bank Interest credited	16.82	
Cheque Forwarded to Wewak Trustees for 7 Scholarships for 1973		350.00
Balance at Bank 31-12-72		353.48
	\$703.48	\$703.48

Auditor's Certificate:

I hereby certify that I have audited the above statement and found the same to be correct.

Signed: C. CHRYSTAL, Auditor

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## The 1973 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association will be held at **The Gallipoli Memorial Club**, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney at 7.30 p.m. on **Friday, 23rd February, 1973.**

**Business**

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and consider the Annual reports.
3. To receive and consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ending 31st December, 1972.
4. To elect Office Bearers for 1973.
5. To elect an Honorary Auditor.
6. General Business.

Members are requested to make a special effort to attend. You won't **have** to take a job on

**George Stack, Honorary Secretary**

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WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1973 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association Wewak Scholarship Fund will be held, in accordance with the constitution, at the conclusion of the Association's Annual General Meeting. All subscribers to the Fund shall be deemed to be members of the Fund and are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Fund.

George Stack, Honorary Secretary.