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MARCH MEETING: Friday, 23rd at Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.

APRIL MEETING: ANZAC DAY at Manresa Hall, Carlow Street, North Sydney, at 12 noon

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1973 Annual General Meeting of 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association was held as advertised at the Gallipoli Memorial Club on Friday, 23rd February. Apologies were received from **Dick Latimer**, **Dick Bawden**, **Dick Pinson**, **Dick Faulder** and **Jerry Coughlan**, all of whom were ill in hospital. The Officers elected were the same as those serving for the previous year with the exception that **Peter Cade** has been elected to the seat on the committee formerly occupied by **Reg Cole**, who has had a long spell of incapacity with an injured knee. Peter has, as you know, been a member of the executive in the past including a spell as Editor of "White Over Green". The complete list of office bearers appears above.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions was held as advertised at H.Q. 4th R.N.S.W. Regt. on Thursday, 1st March. Among 2/4th members present were **Harry Gjedsted**, **John Copland**, "**Slim**" **Power**, **Bill Luck**, **Mick Steele**, **Allen Lindsay** and **Rusty McWilliam**. Patron **Sir Ivan Dougherty** and retiring President **Cliff Horsley** were re-elected unopposed. **Harry Gjedsted** was elected Vice-President representing 2/4th Bn. Association and **Peter Cade** was elected to the committee. Full details of this meeting will appear in "**4th Infanteer**" the bi-monthly journal of the Association.

6TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of 6th Australian Division Association (N.S.W.) was held at the Gallipoli Club at 8 p.m. on Monday, 26th February. **Sir Ivan Dougherty** was unanimously re-elected Patron of the Association and **Dr. C. H. (Tom) Selby** was elected President. **Major-General John Bishop** and **Major Harry Gjedsted** were elected Vice-presidents. **Mr. F. S. Toner** was re-elected Hon.Sec./Treasurer with his assistant Hon./Sec. being **Mr. H. Costello**. The committee comprised of Unit delegates will be notified in the next issue, together with a message from the new President "Tom" Selby.

CASH REGISTER

Subscriptions: \$3.00 each from **C. Barwick**, **T. D. Bartlett**, **A. Harvey**, **W. Fogden**, **Ted Harris**, **W. English**, **W. Reid**, **J. Coughlan**, **A. Quinell**, **S. Sutherland**, **K. Findlay**, **P. Brooke**, **A. Webb**, **E. Jones**, **B. Cork**, **H. Russell**, **J. Holland**, **J. Eastham**, **R. Cole**, **A. Lindsay**, **M. Lane**, **P. Gallagher**, **J. Chaseling**, **J. Wilson**, **N. Johnstone**, **T. Fitchett**, **B. O'Mara**, **K. Michell**, **J. Storey**, **F. Apthorp**, **D. Bundy**, **H. Gjedsted**, **R. Moores**.
Subscriptions: \$6.00 each from **A. Kleem**, **E. Reeves**, **F. Catley**, **R. McCartney**.

Life Membership: \$30.00 each from **L. Dunn**, **D. Grove**.

Donations: \$2.00 each from **A. Webb**, **R. Moores**, **M. Lane**, **B. Bundy**. \$4.00—**R. McCartney**. \$7.00—**N. Johnstone**. \$10.00—**B. Cork**.

Wewak Scholarship Fund: **J. Eastham** \$3.00; **E. Jones** \$5.00.

WELFARE REPORT

Since last reporting to "W.O.G." we have had a number of patients in Concord, amongst them being **John Walsh**, who is admitted regularly for blood transfusions. **Stan Healy**, **Claude Pollock**, **Leo Fing** and **Rick Carter** were all patients prior to Xmas. As I was going on leave, **Dick Faulder** and **John Copland** volunteered to visit over the New Year period. Unfortunately, Dick, who chauffeurs John, was himself hospitalised, and no visits were made. It is pleasing to report all are mobile again.

January saw the introduction of the computer system at the Repat. Hospital, which has now eliminated our record of admissions book previously kept at the main gate.

So far **Jim Rolston**, **Jock Ferguson** and **Tony Creasy** have managed to be "computerised" as also has **Ben Beauchamp**. **Reg Cole** has been somewhat hampered in his movements since the removal of his knee cap. Hope you make it to a meeting soon, Reg.

Athol Heath is still battling with a leg in plaster, and is now quite adept with his crutches. Nothing wrong with his right arm.

Mrs. Isobel Nelson-Slee wrote thanking "the boys" for the visits and flowers. She had eye X-Rays prior to Xmas, but so far no results. She has great difficulty in seeing. We hope for a good recovery as soon as possible.

Received a "thank you" phone call from **Cliff Horsley**, President of the Association of 4th Infantry Bns., thanking our Association for visitations. Notice has been received of a change in the visiting hours at the Repat. General Hospital, Concord, which now are:

Every afternoon—2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Every evening—6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

In conclusion, I would like to convey to **John "Larry" Dooley**, the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Hospital staff at the main gate for his very generous gift of Xmas cheer. The staff have at all times been most helpful and co-operative wherever the 2/4 Bn. Association has been concerned.

And now I wish you all the best of good health for 1973.

Dick Pinson has been a patient at Marrickville Hospital and was pleased to receive the best wishes of the boys for a speedy recovery.

Had a letter from **Rick Carter** of Urunga advising that **Clarence Brownlee** is coming to R.G.H.—will visit as soon as possible. Rick also sends his best wishes to **Enid** and **Dick Latimer**.

Dick Faulder returned to R.G.H. for an operation on Wed., 21st Feb. and was relieved when it was over.

Our former Welfare Officer, **Dick Latimer**, has been undergoing some unpleasant operations in Hornsby Hospital. His son **Robert** came from Bairnsdale to keep **Enid** company over the crisis period, and we all wish you, Dick, a speedy and permanent recovery. The promise of a lager in the diet was a step in the right direction.

At time of writing daughter-in-law **Jenny** (with granddaughter **Kristin**) is also visiting and this, with **Enid's** constant visiting, is keeping the old bloke's pecker up. I have passed on to Dick the many get well wishes from fellow members.

Jim Cameron, Welfare Officer.

WELFARE MAILBAG

From **Rick Carter** of Urunga:

Dear Jim,

Coming down from Bellingen by plane to R.G.H. is an ex stretcher-bearer from "C" Company. You may well know him yourself. He is **Clarence Brownlee**, not a member of the Association but perhaps you will be able to call and see him. He will be in ordinary medical ward—his reg. number is NX46489. You may be able to pass to **Dick Latimer** and his wife **Enid** my best wishes for his complete recovery. I owe a lot to Dick.

See "Cock" **Robin** for further news from these areas. Good luck to you in all the hard work that the welfare work for the Association entails.

Rick Carter
65 Foxton Street,
Morningside, Q'ld.

Dear **Jim Cameron** and **Dick Faulder**,

This is a first in writing to "White Over Green" but not of reading same as I'm sure "W.O.G." is almost in the class of a family magazine. My only complaint is that I've not as yet been able to cut out any pin-ups. Do you think it may be a bit late in the day to request same?

Observance has shown me that Time and Tide (the latter in the glass with the froth on top) hasn't exactly been flattering to those once handsome, lithe, bodies which used to make my female heart beat faster. To soften that blow boys—this particular old girl has run to a bit of fat also.

Tom is very busy at present with the sudden death of our shop manager who was also a dear friend and the visiting of three very ill 6th Div. members, one being **Bill Kavanagh**, known to 2/4th reunion goers. Bill has had two heart attacks within six weeks. Tom himself is standing up to things remarkably well.

The real reason for writing—the father of the late **Matt Davies** (B. Coy.), a first World War digger, is ill in Concord, there is talk of transferring him to a home. Pop Davies' last address would have been Young, although he lived most of his life at Corrimal. Matt's wife lives in Murray St., Corrimal. Matt and Joan's son Thomas is to be married in Sydney on 3rd March. On the home front Tom and I are taking delight in our granddaughter **Susan** (18 months), daughter of **Jim** and **Mandy John**, our second son, is now Administrative Officer to T. & G. Insurance, Townsville, so we now only have **Janet** at home to keep us in check.

Two 2/4ers, **Ted Werne** and **Laurie McCosker**, are both in good spirits.

Regards to all,
Vera Provians.

LAST POST

4 Bn. A.I.F. (14-18): 2601 **A. T. Davis**, 7231 **A. Earl**, 1375 **J. Horstead**, 2203 **A. W. Muir**, 2272 **J. W. Walker**, 54528 **H. J. Willis**.

2/4 Bn. A.I.F.: NX38890 **Monty (Basha) Boyd**, **Bill Whitehead**.

2/11 Bn. A.I.F.: NX79149 **W. Warrington**.

"We Will Remember Them."

COCK'S COLUMN

Personal Christmas cards to me and greetings to members are acknowledged from **Frank Mallett** (U.K.), **Eva Morrison** (Johnnie's sister), **Pat and Julia Heath**, **Harry and Hilda Wright**, **Harry and Marge Gjedsted**, **Dick and Enid Latimer**, **Eileen Cooper** (ex North British Hotel), **Roy Moores**, Adelong, **Rick and Ruth Carter**, Urunga, **Wal and Nona Taylor**, Cootamundra, **Arch and Eileen Lewington**, Corowa, **Harry Yvonne Pearse**, Newcastle, **Marcia, Graham, Leonie and Sandra Crowe** Cootamundra, **Esca and Vera Riordan**, West Kempsey, and **Bob and Ada Griffith**, Mildura, Victoria.

I wish to thank sincerely all who remembered me. It is nice to know you are not forgotten.

At Wynyard recently met **Cec Cameron**, Chester Hill, as we both hurried to our trains, and going home found myself next to **Ted Milner**, Hornsby.

At the Gallipoli Club on Friday, 26th January, a few of the boys gathered for a yarn and a drink. Among them were **Harry Gjedsted**, **Noel Ford**, **Stan Bowen**, **Peter Cade**, **Wal Lambourne**, **Jim Donnelly**, **Harry Silver**, **Sid Young**, **Gaydon Collis**, **Wal Taylor**, Cootamundra, and **Russ McWilliam**. Now for some news of some of them: **Noel Ford**, Roseville, who has recently become a member of the Gallipoli Club, reported that he had a night out with **Arthur Reilly** in Melbourne recently. Arthur mentioned seeing **Tom Mort** and **Ken Moses** both of whom were well. Noel also visited his home town, Forbes, before Xmas to attend Official Celebrations with his mother (who is "suspected" of being 84 years old). Noel was delighted to meet **Bernie and Rita O'Mara**—they were last to leave the Forbes Golf Club, of which Bernie is President. Bernie sought news of all his old colleagues and sends best wishes to them and regards to all.

Noel reported also that **Dick Bawden** was again in hospital. David, his son had flown down from New Guinea to be with him and thank goodness Dick is improving. I hope you got my card and letter Dick—you have our best wishes for your continued improvement.

Noel also gave me the names of the Mudjee originals, viz.: **Dick Bawden**, **Tom Mort**, **Arthur Reilly**, **Stewart Wenham**, **Keith "Sunshine" Beattie**, **Merv Hodges**, **Broughton Cox**, **Les Short** and **Gordon Chrisp**. (Thanks Noel for your news. Try and make it for all meetings, Pal, and bring more news.)

Peter and Margaret Cade and the children had a quick trip to Wagga in January and stayed in **Bill Cosier's** Hotel/Motel. Contacted **Bob Jackson** and **Pat Sydenham**. Had a few beers with Bob but somehow missed Pat. Bill looked after the Cade Clan as though they were royalty and his manager **Vincent** and wife **Yvonne** were most hospitable and attentive. Their pet cocky was almost abducted by the Cade kids and Vince lost his heart to Margaret (the younger one, that is). Fortunately the Cades had to go home otherwise Vince would have been stuck with a four-year-old embarrassment.

Wal Taylor, Cootamundra, with **Nona** and daughter **Maria** have had a trip to the Atherton Tablelands and Cairns. At Atherton saw only the brigade "igloo" building. Reports **Bede Machen** (Coota.) has not been so well but is on the improve. Will be retiring soon—best wishes to you from us all Bede.

Was pleased to see **Sid Young**, Leichhardt, and **Jim Donnelly**, Blacktown. Hope to see more of you in the future, men. Good to see also **Wal Lambourne** whom work does not often permit him a Friday night out.

Was very pleasantly surprised to have a visit from **Bill Sumpter** and his pretty daughter **Patricia** from Queensland. Bill has recently seen **Frank Crutchett** and **John Hyles** in Canberra. Bill said they were both very pleased with the result of the Canberra Reunion. Frank drove Bill and Patricia out to the Hyles' property. It was very nice to see you Bill and Patricia.

My thanks to **John Blakeney** sec./manager of the Kandos R.S.L. Club for sending on a copy of "Nulli Secundus" the journal of 2/2nd Bn. Association with a photo of **Sir Ivan Dougherty**. We appreciate your thoughtfulness John. It is a very good journal.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Ex-Editor reports: **Bill Stewart** (Don, Coy.), **Norm Robins** (Carriers) and **Peter Armstrong** ("I" Sec.) have been working in the same building in the city for about six months. Bill recognised Peter first. Peter only recognised Norm when he mentioned the Western Desert in passing. All three hope to get together for a yarn after Xmas.

142 Pennant Pde.,
Epping. 2121

Dear Jim,

Just a line to let you know that I was married on the 17th Nov. to Victor Pike and at present staying at the above address until this house is sold. The phone number is 86 3720.

I did not altogether enjoy my trip to the Orient as much as I would have liked. I got the Hong Kong flu' and was pretty sick with it; also I felt lonely leaving Vic.

I am glad you liked the cards. I tried not to miss out sending one at each port but was unable to go ashore at some.

I am very happy but still miss Jacqueline and my little granddaughter Cathy, but try to see them at least once a week.

I hope Jim, you had a very nice Xmas and the New Year will be good for you. Please pass on my good wishes to all the 2/4th boys.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Pike (nee Searle)

57 Tumut St.,
Adelong. 2729
6/2/73

Dear **Allen Lindsay**,

Enclosed is my sub and also \$2.00 for a donation and my best wishes to the committee which will be in action for 1973.

I would appreciate your passing this "bit of screed" to young "**Cock**" **Robin**.

How's this for news?? **John Hine** (Lithgow) and his wife **Dot** visited **Beverley** and me at the weekend and left for Lithgow yesterday morning, 5/2/73. I left for Albury and made the acquaintance of a bloke in a hotel bar by the name of **Frank Riddington**, also a newsagent with a shop at Walla Walla. A chance remark from me prompted him to say he was leaving by air for the Middle East, so I said "Were you 6 Divvy?" "Yes," he said, "2/8 Bn.". So what would we do but drink on and talk about old times. His number is VX6456 so his is an original of 2/8 Bn. Then I went for a haircut and the hairdresser was one **Alf Bromilow**, VX29854, 2/22nd Bn. and 2/4 Bn. at Wewak (was with **Charlie Bye** when he was killed, knows **Ned Kenna**) and is a member of the Association. After the shearing shed, went into the Albury Hotel for a noggin to run into **Vince Quinn**, postmaster at Albury and ex 2/4 Bn. also. What a day!

Now for personal news—I leave for England by B.O.A.C. on 9/3/73 and will have 6 weeks there to enable me to see some of my folks again—after 49 years in Australia. If you have any addresses of 2/4th blokes in England let me have them, I might be able to see some of them.

So until I get back, all the best "**Cock**" and don't do what I wouldn't do.

Yours,

Roy Moores.

Roy Findlay (A.C.T.) hopes to attend a monthly meeting in Sydney in the next few months. Sent his 1973 subs.

Mrs. Pat Bakewell, daughter of our colleague **Jerry Coughlan**, sent along Dad's subs for 1973 mentioning that our old mate is in Sydney Hospital recovering after a rather serious illness. Sorry to hear you have been hospitalised **Jerry** and hope you will be soon out and about again.

Mrs. Nona Reid, Douglas Park, paid **Bill's** subs for '73 and mentioned that they thoroughly enjoyed their N.Z. trip, but did not run into any of **Bill's** war-time mates. **Bill** and **Nona** send best wishes to all members.

Leo Dunn of 8 Wilma St., Bentleigh, Vic., 3204, sent **Allen Lindsay** a cheque for \$30 for life membership and a request for the address of **Bruce H. Barnes**.

Eric Jones of the A.C.T. joined the Association last year after a number of years in the West. Forwarded his subs for '73 together with a donation of \$5 to the Wewak Scholarship Fund. Good work **Eric**.

Bruce Cork of Palm Beach (Gold Coast) forwarded his subs and \$10 to the Welfare Fund. Was just about to take off on his periodic 4000 miles trip to North Qld. Hopes to be with us on Anzac Day again. **Angela** and he send their best wishes to all.

Jack Eastham of Ryde sent along subs to **Allen** together with a donation of \$3 to the Wewak Scholarship Fund.

Doug Grove of Ballina sent along subs for **Jack Chaseling** (\$3) and his own \$30 for Life Membership. Hope you are in good health **Doug**. Our best wishes to you and **Connie**.

Jack Wilson, Randwick, advises a change of address. **Jack** says he and his wife **Vera** visit the Coogee/Randwick R.S.L. Club and would welcome 2/4th visitors to the Club.

Gayden Collis reports that he is T.P.I. now, and looks forward to receiving "W.O.G.". Gets to meetings when possible.

Ted Harris, Cowra, sent his subs for '73 ("the year it rained", says **Ted**, "have had eight or nine inches in the Wyangala catchment area"). **Ted** sends best regards to everyone.

Keith "Sailor" Harvey has been unable to get to a meeting for a while but hopes to do so soon. Sent along his sub for '73. All the best "Sailor".

Ray "Scotchie" McCartney sent along \$10 for subs and donation with appreciation for the way the Association is managed. Letters with subs and/or donations have been received also from **Cyril "Horse" Barwick**, Willow Tree, **Fred Catley**, Brisbane, **Peter Gallagher**, Paddington, **Merv Lane**, Blacktown, **John Holland**, Greenwich, **Harry Russell**, Repton, **Paul Brooke**, Braxton, **Bill English**, Concord West, **Stan Sutherland**, Capalaba, Qld., **E. A. Reeves**, Dungog, **Bill Fogden**, Crows Nest. All expressed appreciation for "W.O.G." and best wishes to their fellow members.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Those in attendance were **Sir Ivan Dougherty**, **Harry Gjedsted**, **George Stack**, **Allen Lindsay**, **Dick Morris**, **John Copland**, **Ted Fox**, **Jim Cameron**, "**Larry**" **Dooley**, **Athol Heath**, **Harry Silver**, **Harry Wright**, **Russ McWilliam**, **Cec Chrystal**, **Peter Cade**, **George Friend**, **Ewan Wood**, "**Sailor**" **Harvey**, **Ken Webb**, **John Meehan**, **Maurie Porter**, **Cecil "Slim" Power**, **Charlie Adams**, **Ernie "Ollie" Twist**, **Ken Richardson**, **Dave McGillivray**, **Bill Key**, **Don Baxter**, **Peter Cook**, **Len Hadlow** (first 4th Bn.).

Some of their news:

Was pleased to see **Charlie Adams** from Woy Woy (good effort **Charlie**). **Charlie** and his wife **Phoebe** have had a rather bad 12 months of sickness; his chest has not been good for some time. In October **Charlie** and **Phoebe** went to Queensland for a holiday and only lasted five days, went down with a virus and finished up in bed for six weeks and have not actually got over it yet. **Charlie** collapsed one night at home and was taken to Gosford hospital for two days. But I am pleased to say they are both on the mend now.

We are all very sorry to hear of your sickness and worry and sincerely hope that you have much better health in the future, and luck.

Charlie has recently seen **Bill White** regarding pension, also met **Ray Raymond**. **Charlie** also brought several items for **Johnny Jordan's** scrap book. Thanks **Charlie**—regards to **Phoebe**.

A sad part of the meeting was when **Jim Cameron**

our Welfare Officer, made it known that **Dick Pinson** was in hospital—Marrickville. **Dick Latimer**, Hornsby Hospital, and "**Jerry**" **Coughlan**, Sydney—a friend of mine told of Jerry and I rang Jim to pass on the info.

We are all very sorry to hear of this bad news. To **Dick** and **Rene Pinson**, **Dick** and **Enid Latimer**, **Arthur** and **Mrs. Coughlan** we sincerely hope that by now all are on the way to enjoying good health again. Hope you all got my card and letter.

Larry Dooley on holidays, took a trip down south and at Wagga met **Max** and **Pat Sydenham** and family. They entertained **Larry**, **Yvonne** and girls at a barbecue at their home, then next day took them on a conducted tour of Wagga.

Thanks to Max's brother-in-law **Jack McGuinn** and wife **Angie**. **Larry** and **Jack** were friends since the war (they joined up together); also **Pat** and **Angie** are sisters.

Ken Richardson, Baulkham Hills, came along for the general meeting, has not seen **Ron Coutts** for some time, although he lives in the same area.

On Monday, 19th February, went along to the Gallipoli Memorial Club to meet **Bill Reid**, who was going overseas. There I met **Dick Morris**, **Allen Lindsay**, **Harry Stanley** and **Peter Denver**, over from South Australia. But no **Bill Reid**.

The story is **Peter Denver** over from S.A., rang **Dick** and **Dick** agreed to meet him at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. Then **Dick** had to ring **Allen**, told him, **Allen** came in too. I go in to meet **Bill Reid**, but no **Bill**. Also met **Harry Stanley**, an original Sydney man, joined the 13th Light Horse in Victoria, landed on Gallipoli with the 2nd Division. Transferred from the 13th Light Horse to the 58th Bn., after Bullecourt (France), Hindenburg Line. Commissioned on the field, was wounded, receiving 7 wounds as raiding officer, at Varil-Sur-Corbis 20th June, 1918—received the MID. He said he is also a friend of **Sir Ivan Dougherty**.

Bill Luck, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions, reported having had a beer with **Basil Privett** recently. Also met "**Slim**" **Desmond** who is well and sends regards to all. **Bill** came to the meeting with **Mick Steele**. Both our members were appreciative of the thoughtfulness of **Captain Peter Keating** ex 4 R.N.S.W. Regiment who transported them to and from the meeting.

Len Hadlow (4 Bn. '14-'18) together with **Fred Evans** of the same ilk were lively representatives of the "Old" 4th at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions. **Len** is the Honorary Secretary of the 4th Bn. ('14-'18) Association.

At the Annual General Meeting of 6 Division Association **Jack Hamilton** who was accompanied by his brother **Jim** (2/4th Commando Bn. "Sparrow Force", Timor) had a few jugs with **Russ McWilliam**, **Larry Dooley**, etc. **Jack** reports all is well down south except that he finds it difficult to drive in Victoria for a short while. **Jack** sends his greetings to "**Moose the Mousefoot**"—where are you **Moose**??

Ron Leach, President of the Bundeena R.S.L. Club attended the 6 Div. Association meeting as delegate from 2/5th Bn. **Ron**, who has played host at Bundeena on a number of occasions to our Association, had recently seen **Dick Chamberlain** and reports he is in good order, well and fit.

IN THE MAIL BAG

8 Wilma St.,
Bentleigh, Vic.

Dear Jim,

Leo Dunn reporting from Melbourne. My wife and I had a very pleasant night out with **Bill** and **Bonnie Panther** who only live a few blocks from me—I had to go to a Sydney reunion to find that out.

When delivering a load to Ford Motor Co. I met **Ken Williams** (B. Coy.) and learnt that we went to the same school.

On my Xmas holidays at Swan Hill I visited the local war museum and my eye was caught by a W.O.G. patch above a photo entitled "A Handsome Digger", and guess who?? **Ken Moses** no less; with a couple of letters of **Ken's** from the Middle East.

Best regards to all,

Leo Dunn.

1122 Forest Rd.,
Lugarno.

Dear "Cock",

Rang Cec Chrystal this morning and he suggested that I let you know, the sudden realisation that I would be absent from parade on Anzac Day, as I will be overseas, and the "C" Company boys will be wondering where I am. It's essentially a business trip, Mum's coming along nevertheless. Leave on 2/3/73, fly via Honolulu to Chicago, U.S.A., for five days, on to London, fourteen days in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, and back to England. A month in England, Scotland and board the "Fairstar" on the 24/4/73 from England via Casablanca, Tenerife, Durban, Capetown, back to Sydney on 28/5/73. So, I'll be thinking of the boys on the morning of 25th April, 1973, somewhere in the south Atlantic, and you can be sure Mum and I will have a few noggins to see the day right.

Our best wishes for a great Anzac Day, a great get-together and God willing I'll see the boys on Anzac Day '74.

Bill Andrews.

Thanks **Bill**. Bon Voyage and let's see you at a meeting on your return.

Jim.

58 Bonville St.,
Urunga. 2455.

Dear "Cock",

Have just had another trip to the local hospital for a week. On the Thursday Ruth arrived with the latest "W.O.G." and after she had left I was just reading through it when I asked the chappie in the bed next to me what his unit was. "Oh, the 2/4th Infantry as a stretcher bearer," he said. Joined the mob after we came back from Crete. Mentioned **Mel McInnes** and **Ken(?)** who was a B. Coy. stretcher bearer, also **Tom Clough** who he sees often and **Harry Dowling** out **Esca Riordan's** way. His number according to the history book was NX46489, **Clarence Brownlee**—I lent him the "W.O.G." to read and he was quite excited reading of so many that he knew. He may be going into RGH, Concord, shortly. **Cock**, I'm looking for an ex 2/4th NX5108 **Jimmy O'Dea** last heard of working for the Randwick Council. He became batman for a Brigadier, I do not know which

one. I need this for a friend of his who often corresponded with him but has lost touch. Can you help in any way?

I do not think that I will be down at Easter—it looks like a sea trip in a new boat that I have helped in a small way to build. I had a run in it today and it requires some minor adjustments to the engine and then when this trip is over and the boat is secure it's over the seas to the Islands and hope to make Wewak and Aitope. This over a 4 month trip.

That's all the news from here, see what you can dig up about Jim O'Dea will you and I'll notify his long time friend of his whereabouts.

Kind regards to all from Ruth and self and in passing daughter Alison is now back at Prince Alfred doing a 12 month Theatre Sister course so all those Kyogle boys will have no worries when she returns there late this year after her examinations.

See you soon I hope.

Rick Carter.

Thanks for your news Rick. Congrats. Alison, we know you can do it. Regards Ruth. All the best to Rick and you.

Jim.

152 Marston Ave.,
Dagenham,
Essex, U.K.

Dear Jim,

Many thanks for your card and letter and glad to know that all is well with you and the 2/4th Association.

Am kept up to date with the "W.O.G." and it is certainly a live and bustling show.

Had a letter from **John Copland** and he tells me of **Dick Latimer** having to go to hospital. With our entry here into the Common Market prices are going up every day and living is becoming much more difficult for the lower paid, which includes yours truly, but will, am sure, keep my head above water as long as my health holds out.

When you see a quite common fish like haddock priced at 50d. or \$1 (Aust.) a lb. and you can remember buying it for 6d. it makes you realise how prices are jumping, everything is being affected and am afraid that wages and salaries are lagging behind prices, contrary to what may be printed in newspapers.

Have been reading about the spell of hot weather and glad to read that a break has arrived and what a drop in temp., 40 deg.; we here have had a very mild winter and don't mind if it continues to be so. Nice to read of the splendid turn out in Canberra. It's a great thing to keep the regimental spirit alive in a rapidly changing world; it's as well to have something stable from the past to cling to and keep alive the future. Best wishes to you and all.

Monty Siems.

BILL LUCK FOR PERTH

Bill Luck, who is the Federal President of the Australian Blind Soldiers' Association, is off to a Congress of that organisation in Perth. Bill is to be guest of honour at a reception given by the Lord Mayor of Perth whilst in that city.

Congratulations Bill and best wishes on your trip from all your fellow 2/4thers.

GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Gallipoli Memorial Club Limited will be held on the first floor of the Club premises on Friday, 27th April, 1973. At this meeting, the officers for the 1973/74 term will be elected.

In response to many requests from a number of senior members of the Club, for ex-servicemen of the Second World War (and later campaigns) to assist them in the conduct of the Club, it is pleasing to find a good number offering to play their part this year.

Ex-members of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion, in keeping with their record over the past 30 years, have provided nine candidates for office. To them is extended the thanks of all members for their willingness to offer their services toward the perpetuation of the **Spirit of Anzac** which the Gallipoli Memorial Club so nobly epitomises. The 2/4th candidates are **John Copland**, **John "Larry" Dooley**, **Dick Faulder**, **Ted Fox**, **Allen Lindsay**, **John Meehan**, **"Snow" MacLennan**, **Dick Morris** and **"Rusty" McWilliam**. All the above members have offered for election as Directors of the Club. Additionally **Allen Lindsay** is offering his services as Honorary Treasurer and **Dick Morris** his services as Minute Secretary. Shortly, Club members will receive ballot papers for the election of officers. We know they will use their judgment in the best interests of the Gallipoli Memorial Club and vote for those members they think are best able to promote the Anzac Spirit.

ANZAC DAY — 1973

ANZAC DAY, 25th April, 1973, falls on the Wednesday after Easter and it is anticipated that a larger number of members than usual will be attending.

Arrangements will be as usual but full details will be set out in April issue of "White Over Green". What we would like you to note **now** is:

1. Every possible member is invited to join our Patron and President in the Wreath-laying Ceremony prior to the main march.
2. Form up at approximately 8.50 a.m. in YORK STREET, at the corner of ERSKINE ST., for the short march to the Cenotaph preceded by 4 Bn. A.I.F. ('14-'18) and accompanied by the Parramatta Pipe Band.
3. Attend the Main March (see the next issue for details).
4. Join your comrades for the Reunion Luncheon at Manresa Hall, Carlow Street, North Sydney, at 12 noon.