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AUGUST MEETING: Friday, 23rd August

8 P.M.

Gallipoli Memorial Club

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Friday, 27th September

12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney

LADIES NIGHT

SATURDAY

24th AUGUST, 1974

at the

GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

LOFTUS STREET, SYDNEY

THE SOCIAL EVENT OF OUR YEAR

The girls' night out — with the boys!

Sherry 7.30 p.m.

TICKETS \$5

Function 8 p.m.

EXCELLENT SUPPER



YOUR CHOICE OF DRINKS

BOOKINGS FOR YOUNG

Arthur Kleem reports over 80 bookings to date, but there are still a lot of the regular names not listed.

Also, how about all you A Coy. fellows?

Come on, back up Arthur and have a grand weekend at the same time.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT—BOOK NOW!

WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP

The Wewak Scholarships Fund has been augmented by donations from a number of individuals through the year as well as some regional groups in the Association. To all these donors we extend the thanks of the Trustees. Particularly worthy of mention are contributions from the Newcastle Group (\$50) and 19th Bde. Association from South Australia (\$50).

YOUNG COUNTRY REUNION 6-HOUR WEEK-END

OCTOBER, Saturday 5th - Monday 7th, 1974

Be "Younger than Springtime" In the Springtime at Young!
Here are the details supplied by the "Youngsters" for a fabulous week-end.

TRANSPORT

Train Service: To Young.
Plane Service: To Cowra, and Bus to Young.
Private Vehicle: Road distance 372 km (231 miles).

ACCOMMODATION

Three (3) First Class Motels have been booked. Plus ample Hotel Accommodation.

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY

Check in at S. & C. Club, Cloete Street, to receive all details, together with Honorary Membership at the Club.

MARCH

5.30 p.m. fall in at Anderson Park—led by Young Town Band.
March to Memorial Hall for Wreath Laying Ceremony and welcome by His Worship the Mayor.

DINNER

At S. & C. Club—6.30 p.m. (Ladies included). Social to follow.

SUNDAY

Young Tourist Promotion Officer, Mr. Bill Kearney, will conduct members and wives on a bus tour of Young. Leaving at 10 a.m. and arriving at the Young Bowling Club at 12 noon for refreshments and buffet luncheon.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Bowls at Young Bowling Club for Ladies and Members.
Golf at Young Golf Club for Ladies and Members.
Both Clubs extend an open invitation.

SUNDAY EVENING

Commencing at 8.30 p.m., Barbecue Tea and Social at Young Bowling Club. (Not exclusive to our Association.)

MONDAY

"R" Day (R = Rest, Recovery and Return to Normal).

COST

The cost of the week-end, less accommodation and fares, will be kept to a minimum.

PLEASE BOOK NOW!

If you have not already sent off the form in the June issue, please do so **NOW** so that the excellent accommodation being held can be confirmed as **YOUR** booking.

No form? Then send all details, together with \$4 per head deposit, to:

Arthur Kleem,
Karabah Ave., Young, N.S.W., 2594.

GOOD LUCK, RUSS!

Russ McWilliam, after many years of dedicated service, bows out as Editor to venture to distant fields and new interests.

I am certain that the best wishes of all go with Russ and we look forward to his return to the fold in the future. God speed, Russ.

The July Meeting accepted Russ's resignation from Editorship with regret, and elected Dick Morris as Editor, dropping the title Assistant Editor. Of course Bill MacLennan and clan will still be on duty on the "wrap and post" department.

COST OF W.O.G.

Many may not be aware that printing costs, including paper, have gone sky-high and of course our little "line on communication" is greatly affected.

This matter came in for long discussion at the July Meeting, particularly the possibility of finding a cheaper method of printing.

However, the overall view was that W.O.G. was such an important link between all members to warrant **any expense** to both keep it in production and maintain the standard of presentation.

The Meeting passed a motion to increase the subscription for W.O.G. from \$2 to \$5, together with the present \$1 airmail subscription, making a total of \$6 per annum.

The Committee would like to think that members regard the importance of W.O.G. to our Association as our "line of communication" sufficient to warrant **any cost** and accept the charge as a "necessary evil".

JULY MEETING

With Harry and Marge representing our Assn. at the Parramatta Caledonian Pipe Band Ball, Snr. Vice-Pres. Bill MacLennan was in the Chair for both the Committee and General Meetings, and capably carried out those duties.

Present were our Treasurer, Allan Lindsay; Hon. Sec. Athol Heath; Asst. Sec. Dick Morris; Welfare Officers Dick Faulder and John Copland; Life Members Cec Chrystal, George Stack, Ron Barber and Harry Wright; Committeemen John Meehan, John Dooley, together with Dick Pinson, Harold Silver (our Hon. Auditor), Bill Goodall, Stan Bowen (great to see you up and about again, Stan!), Don Baxter, and 'long-time-no-see'—Jim Donnelly.

There were apologies from Jim Cameron, Peter Cade, Ted Fox, Russ McWilliam, "Cock" Robin, and of course, Harry Gjedsted.

Harold Silver, Bill Goodall, Jim Donnelly and Stan Bowen were accorded a warm welcome.

There were letters from quite a few of the "gang"—mostly subs. and donations. A couple of the more "newsy" ones are published separately.

Doris Naphthali, who has been generous to our Welfare Fund in the past, sent along a special donation in memory of Reg, who died just 10 years ago.

Bob Griffith has pleased to read in W.O.G. that Dick Latimer has been on the improve and that Sid Buckley was present on Anzac Day. He sends regards to them both—and to all the "boys".

Main discussion of the evening was Editorship and W.O.G. Russ had pointed out at the previous meeting that yours truly (Dick M.) has been fulfilling all the duties of Editor, completely relieving him of those responsibilities. At this Meeting, Bill MacLennan re-

ported that Russ wished to resign the Editorship as he would be away for quite a long period. The Meeting received this resignation with regret and full Editorship was bestowed upon me, and the title of Asst. Editor dropped.

Cost of printing W.O.G. was thoroughly discussed, but this is covered elsewhere.

A convivial period followed the business side of the gathering and was enjoyed by all.

We ask that members try to come along to a Meeting now and then—it is a worthwhile experience—an enjoyable evening is guaranteed or your empty "Lady Blamey" back—free of charge!

—DICK M.

**6 DIV. MARCH AND REUNION
SUNDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1974**

F.U.P.: O'CONNELL STREET

START TIME: NOON

MARCH: To the Cenotaph,
thence to Sydney Town Hall

REUNION: SYDNEY TOWN HALL, Lower Hall
1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

FEE \$5

GUEST OF HONOUR:

The Rt. Hon. Maj.-Gen. Sir Victor Windeyer
EXCELLENT DINNER — AMPLE REFRESHMENTS

Come along to the March and Reunion, both for a good time **and** to show Sydney that 6 Div. was the first and the finest Div. of World War 2.

R.S.L. LIFE MEMBER

Congratulations to STAN BLACKSLEY, Humala, who has been made a Life Member of Tarcutta R.S.L. Sub-Branch.

IN THE BEST OF SPIRITS

Congratulations to Fred ("Lofty") Taylor on his promotion to Sales Manager of John Walker & Sons. Bill MacLennan sends special best wishes, "Lofty".

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A SAD LOSS

Harry Wright reported the recent death of his brother Charlie, who had retired with his wife Belle to Munmorah Lake.

His death occurred only days after moving into their recently-completed retirement home.

Our deepest sympathies to Belle and to our dearly loved Life Member, Harry.

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POST-SCRIPTS

In sending in his subs., Jim Whitaker said how shocked and saddened he was to read of the passing of Mick Weir. Mick had visited Jim in Atherton Hospital only a short time before his death.

Jim sends greetings and regards to everyone.

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Len Hellyer, Bellambi, reports that shift work prevented him attending Anzac Day, but he hopes to be with us next year. He was pleased to hear of the good "Roll Call". Says Len: "I am always thinking of the good job you boys are doing—kindest regards to all on your Committee, not forgetting "Cock" Robin." *And a big cheerio to you too, Len. (Dick.)*

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George Mitchell has been busy moving and now resides at 6 Verli Place, Waratah West.

He hopes to see all the gang at Young.

Another on the move has been R. A. PERRAM. His wife advises their move from Corrimall to Urunga. Hope the house was completed by the time you arrived in Urunga, Mrs. P.!

ON THE "WALKIE-TALKIE"

Our thanks to Jim Brown for the following letter and news of Doug Christian.

I note that Jim is Chairman of Committees in State Parliament. Congratulations Jim and thanks for the kind words.

"Dear Dick,

Received the June W.O.G. today. I was saddened to hear of the passing of John Sutherland Lane—a really wonderful bloke.

I was reading a "War Cry"—God bless the Salvo's—and came across the attached cutting. None other than our beloved Doug Christian of 2/4 Salvo fame. It is interesting to note he has the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Open Door Alcoholic Rehabilitation Centre. So once more we of 2/4 have a walk-up start!

Thanks a million Dick for what you and all the boys are doing to keep our Association so active and so well-informed through W.O.G.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,
JIM BROWN."

WELFARE REPORT

At the July Meeting, Dick Faulder presented a comprehensive report on those visited by John Copland and himself.

CONCORD:

NX165865 Leonard G. Smith. In for troubles due to malaria. May be discharged this week. Doctor told him he may not work again. Being discharged as T.T.I. Ward 23.

NX18731 Denis Kilker. In for operation. Discharged last week. Wards 24 and 110. He gave his address as 185 Albion St., Surry Hills, but appears to have drifted from place to place. Also appears to be a loner, but did not need help, he said.

NX47202 Desmond Cunningham. In for heart check. Discharged within the week. Ward 330.

NX3981 Henry S. Taylor. In for eye trouble. Right eye removed. Should be discharged about Wednesday. Ward 520.

NX2083 George (King) Coles. Was in for eye trouble. Discharged last week. Ward 520.

NX72312 Leonard J. Burns. Entered hospital today, Monday. In for heart trouble and feet. He joined the Battn. (A Coy.) at Julis after Crete. Ward 410.

NX43911 Allen B. Christian. Not 2/4 Bn. but 2/4 Pioneers. This man has no visitors, so we visited him twice. Ward 23.

PRINCE HENRY:

NX68245 John Jordon. Lung trouble. Now discharged.

—DICK FAULDER and JOHN COPLAND.

LAST POST

VX37771 Gnr. C. H. HAGGBLOW (Vide Reveille).
NX5131 Pte. J. E. HIBBARD (Vide Reveille).
NX26131 Pte. A. McLEAN (Vide Reveille).
NX47723 A. W. WRIGHT (Vide Reveille).
NX5853 J. C. WOOD (Lightning Ridge).
NX5361 H. F. HOWARD.

COCK'S COLUMN

June Meeting

Those in attendance: **Harry Gjedsted, Cec Chrystal, Dick Morris, George Stack, Harry Wright, Russ McWilliam, Dick Faulder, John Meehan, John Copland, Peter Armstrong, Frank Rowell, Rex Rowell, Mike Richardson, Ken Webb, Winston "Wink" Walker, Peter Cade, and myself.**

Frank Rowell reports that he saw **Jack Maloney** at Bowraville. Jack is well and would like to see any member of the Bn. at any time, for they would be very welcome at Bowraville.

Harry Wright said he saw **Harry "Hubly Bubly" Brown** at Redfern Railway Station. Harry said: "How are you going Harry?", and Harry said the same.

Dick Faulder asks anyone who knows the whereabouts of "**Cocky**" **Gorham** and "**Ferdie**" **Simms** to please report.

It was **Dick Faulder's** birthday, a mere 58, and **Rex Rowell's** the day before, 56. (Mere boys!)

It was good to see **Winston "Wink" Walker** walk in. Winston had been travelling all day to be at the Meeting—locals please note!

He is a Branch Inspector with the Commonwealth Bank and on the day of the Association Meeting had breakfast in Maryborough, Qld., lunch in Brisbane, and tea in Sydney. He attended a bank conference over the following week and came early to see relatives and be at the Meeting. Earlier in the year when at Mount Isa he met up with **Kevin Peacock**, C Company, of Aitepe—Wewak days. Kevin is a Stipendiary Magistrate in the Mining City and dispenses justice without fear or favour, and on hot days may be located at a favoured watering hole.

The Walkers' eldest son, **Ross**, is to marry **Glenys Suthers** of Mitchelton, Brisbane, on 10th August. Their daughter, **Annette**, is school teaching at Dalby, Qld., and their youngest son, **Douglas**, studying to be a surveyor, has reached voting age. **Wink** says his good wife **Winifred** (the other **Win**), is looking forward to their retirement in some four years' time.

Winston is in the "Tall Timber" group: his height is six feet, four inches. (What would that be in metric, **Wink**?) Others in the group were **Fred "Lofty" Taylor, Andrew "Snow" Gibson**. Others eligible, please send name in—you have to be over 6 ft. I think the above are all C Coy.

Frank Frizell, now of 35 Old Wingham Rd., Taree, writes (in part):

"Dear Allen,

From time to time I see a few of the old Bn. boys, now living locally—**Chris Geelan, Gordon Chrisp, Ted Swanson, Noel Woolcott**—who are all in the pink, still able to stand up to a minor session, and they send their regards to one and all ex-2/4 blokes.

Am well myself and trust the same applies to all others of the Bn.

Best wishes and kind regards to one and all."

Good luck, **Frank**, to you and the boys, with a special cheerio to **Chris** and **Chrisp**. How about **Johnnie Graham (M.M.)**—is he still with the **Gillingham Golf Club**? (**Dick M.**)