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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 1975

at Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney, at 7.30 p.m.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 1975 prove to be a fitting Jubilee Year - the Diamond Anniversary of Anzac and for the 33 Anniversary of the First Desert Campaign, Greece and Crete. May it also be a happy, contented and prosperous Year for all W.O.G.'s and their families.

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the passing of another year in our Association's activity and history, I extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support and encouragement that you have all given to me, our Committee and our Association throughout 1974.

Coupled with this is my thanks and appreciation to our hard working and dedicated Committee for all that they have done in the interests of our Association and Members.

The year has been a most difficult one for our Country and our people, both economically and in Nation-wide disasters and in some way no doubt this has affected some of our Members and friends. We

can only hope that 1975 will bring better things all round.

As always we have had an active year with marked successes on ANZAC DAY, our country re-union at YOUNG, and good attendances at the 6th. Division Re-union and our Ladies night.

In addition Marge and I were the Official guests of the Parramatta and District Caledoneon Society at their Annual Cabaret Ball on 26th July, where I had the honour and pleasure of Officially Opening this annual social function.

It was my pleasure to present our Life Membership badge to Ron Barber on ANZAC DAY in recognition of Ron's work for the Association over the years and on that same day, prior to the start of the March I presented our Drum Major's Sash to Drum Major Ken Clarke of "our" Band. The Sash was made especially in Scotland and incorporates an original Battalion colour patch donated by John Copland.

"Our" Band now boasts of a Battalion Drum Major's Sash and a Pipe Major's Banner and I would be surprised if any other Association and Band can match this fellowship that we



are proud of and enjoy.

One Member missed so greatly by us all during the year was our Patron, Sir Ivan, who was involved in a car accident just prior to ANZAC DAY, resulting in the loss of a knee cap. In addition Sir Ivan suffered a downturn in health and as a result "Operation Fight-back" has been a long one.

Whilst the Therapy treatment still continues on his leg and progress is slow, Sir Ivan has made an excellent recovery and we all hope that it is not too long before we can enjoy his and Lady Dougherty's company again.

Our participation in activities both for an on behalf of the Association have been comprehensive and in addition to those already mentioned we have supported the 6th Division's Project (Far West Homes) and the Memorial being erected at Rethymon, Crete, to the Memory of the men of the 2/1st. 2/11th Battalions, 2/3 Field Regiment and the British and Greek troops who fought there. In both cases our support is a token of the esteem, pride and fraternal spirit we have for our Division and our Sister Units.

Our Country Re-unions for 1975 and 1976 have already been organised - 1975 is Yarrawonga well planned and organised by Peter Denver's Team and in 1976 we go to Brisbane where planning is already underway by Tom Provians and his 6th. Divvy Team.

As is to be expected, the year has taken its toll of our Comrades and in sharing the sorrow and sadness with the families of our Deceased Members, we also share the anxiety and distress that comes from sickness and accident and other causes to our Members and their families and our many friends & send to you our Best Wishes and hopes that 1975 will bring comfort and good health.

To you all, to your families and the next of kin of our Members and to our many friends and supporters everywhere I send you on behalf of Marge, myself and our Committee our Sincere Best Wishes for Good Health, Good Luck,

Prosperity, Comfort and Happiness for this year and the years ahead.

HARRY GJEDSTED, President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Now that another year of achievement and progress is over, I am sure that we can look forward to 1975 as another feather in the cap of a very proud and successful Association. This success, of course, is due to the support we get from our members, and also a dedicated and hard working Executive and committee.

I would like to point out however that the attendance at our monthly General Meetings leaves much to be desired. Our committee, or any other committee, for that matter, needs more than moral support. They need to see your faces at the meetings. So, please gentlemen, make your attendance at these meetings a priority New Year resolution.

It has not been easy to follow the high standard set by your previous secretary, George Stack, and I am deeply appreciative of the help that he, our President, and my wife, Pat, have given me. However, I am told that practice brings improvement, and if I have the honour of serving in this capacity again in 1975 I will do my best. In conclusion best wishes from Pat and myself to our Patron Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty, our President, Committee, members and all their families, for a healthy, happy and prosperous 1975.

Thank you all for your support.

ATHOL HEATH

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#### THE 1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

*The Annual General Meeting of the 2/4th Infantry Battalion Association will be held at THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 12 Loftus St., Sydney at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 28th February 1975.*

#### 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 1974.
4. To elect Office Bearers for 1975.



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.

Athol Heath, Hon. Secretary.

#### WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 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 Meeting of the Fund.

Athol Heath, Hon. Secretary.

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#### WELFARE: Dick Faulder Hospital Visitations:

NX 9868 Ronald Raymont. Missed him, he had been discharged that morning.

NX202744 Robert Johnston. Not 2/4 Bn. but 2/43 Bn.

NX5208 Baden Payne. He was discharged just after dinner, so I missed him.

NX9824 Athol Heath. John Copland told me Athol Heath was in hospital. He wasn't listed, but found he was in Ward 18, Bed.17 so went there, found he was visiting ward 510, proceeded there and found him talking to another unlisted 2/4 man, Ted Harris.

NX13350 Ted Harris. Lungs. Ward 510 Bed 19  
N205027 Leslie Cavanagh, Ward 32. Visited the ward twice, but he out both times. I don't think he was a member of the Battalion, but cannot be sure unless I can ask him.

NX9810 John Walsh. Ward 5, Bed.17. He is having serious blood trouble. The spinal cord is making no red cells and the transfusions given had the red cells destroyed after a few weeks. They don't know what is destroying them.

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#### 2/4 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1974, GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance 1.1.74	482.45	Printing costs W.O.G.	1595.00
Memberships Fees	406.00	Postage	172.78
Subscriptions W.O.G.	1096.00	Floral Tributes	10.40
Functions' Surplus	208.12	Advertising	70.20
Donations Received	439.50	Purchases - Badges	42.78
Sales - Badges, Ties etc.	74.90	Presentation	22.00
Interest	32.16	Subscription: 6 Div. Assn.	10.00
		Locker Fee	5.00
		Donations	20.00
		Deposit - Yarrawonga Country	
		Reunion Committee	300.00
		Balance - Bank A/c 190.97	
		R.S.L. Bldg. Society 300.00	498.97
	<u>\$2739.13</u>		<u>\$2739.13</u>

#### FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Anzac Day - Reunion Dinner	621.00	475.71
Country Re-Union Young	2044.48	1771.62
Ladies Night -	240.00	450.03
Net Surplus		208.12
	<u>\$2905.48</u>	<u>\$2905.48</u>



# BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance: Bank A/c 1.1.74	958.93	Hospital Comforts	12.24
R.S.L. Bldg Society 1.1.74	3256.75	Benevolence	380.00
Donations Received	22.32	Balance 31.12.74	
Proceeds Tin Hat	65.63	Bank Account	66.63
Sales War Histories	83.00	R.S.L. Building Society	4585.72
Sales Plaques	301.00		
Interest - Bnk	27.99		
R.S.L. Bldg. Society	328.97		
\$5044.59		\$5044.59	

H.E.C. GJEDSTED, President  
A.F. Lindsay, Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT I have examined the books of Account and other supporting statements of the 2/4 Infantry Battalion Association for the year ended 31st December 1974. From such examination I have formed the opinion that the above financial statements are a full and fair view of the affairs of the Association for that period.

H. Silver, Hon. Auditor.

# WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance 1.1.74	343.84	Payment to Wewak	
Donations Received	377.00	Trustees for 1975	
Bank Interest Received	22.12	Scholarships	350.00
		Balance 31.12.74	
		R.S.L. Building Society	300.00
		Bank	92.96
			392.96
\$742.96		\$742.96	

H.E.C. Gjedsted, Chairman of Trustees  
A.F. Lindsay - Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT I have examined the books of account and supporting documents of the 2/4 Infantry Battalion Association - Wewak scholarship Fund, for the year ended 31st December, 1974. From such examination I am of the opinion that the above financial statement is a full and fair view of the Fund's affairs for that period.

C. Chrystal, Hon. Auditor.

# APOLOGY

Your editor apologises for errors in the date of the Central Coast re-union of the 6 Div. Association, which was given as the 28th January instead of 28th February.

I sincerely trust that the error caused no inconvenience. As those interested were asked to contact the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club, I feel sure the correct date would have been advised by the people there. The

February date unfortunately clashes with our Associations Annual Meeting, but some members in the district and perhaps some of the Newcastle Group, may be able to represent our crowd.

Any who do attend are asked to send along a report for publication - don't leave it to the "other bloke", please.

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