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TARTAN TRAVELS

Bill and Gwen MacLennan leave on March 29th on "Oriana" for a long awaited trip Overseas. They arrive at Southampton on May 9th and are eagerly awaiting a reunion with Son Greg, who has been over there since last November. They will be away about six months, will have headquarters at 50 Curzon Street, Mayfair, for three to four months, and the culmination of the trip will be to attend a world-wide gathering of the Clan MacLennan at Inverness in mid August - the first for 300 years. Daughter Sue and possibly Jill will fly over later to attend the Gathering also, and Bill and Gwen plan to return home via Greece in time for Yarrawonga. During their absence Allan and Gloria Lindsay will be carrying on the "W.O.G." wrapping.

Bon voyage Bill and Gwen. Send us regular news for W.O.G. please.

CONGRATULATIONS HARRY!

Our fearless leader, Harry Gjedsted was unanimously re-elected to the Presidency of our Association for his tenth term of

office, when the Election of Officers took place at the Annual General Meeting. Harry was proud to nominate for re-election our Patron so congratulations to Sir Ivan, again elected Patron. He has been gracious enough to accept this responsibility, over the years since the formation of the association. He is therefore unique as being the one member who has been in office continuously through the life of the Association.

Congratulations are also extended to all Office-bearers who were unanimously re-elected with one change only.

Dick Morris wished to stand down as Minutes Secretary due to work involved in Editorship of not only W.O.G. but also the Gallipoli Gazette. John Meehan accepted the Minute Secretary's post and Dick fills John's place on the Committee.

Our good friend Harold Silver is also to be thanked and congratulated for again accepting the position of Honorary Auditor (you're worth more "dough", mate!)

Thanks to all who attended the Annual General Meeting and helped expedite the business as well as join in a convivial evening.

Special thanks to David Wren for acting as Returning Officer.

FOUR HON. LIFE MEMBERS

Members present at the Annual General Meeting saw fit to confer Honorary Life Membership on four of our members.

President Harry pointed out that the years were rolling by and therefore the services rendered to our Association over many, many years by Peter Cade, John Copland and Dick Morris should be recognised now.

Allen Lindsay reminded the President that he was being too modest, pointing out that the Committee's recommendations gave four names, including Harry Gjedsted, our leader for a decade.

It was unanimously agreed that Honorary Life Membership should be conferred on all four, as recommended.

I personally thank the Executive and Committee for seeing fit to include me in such distinguished company and those members present for supporting this. I trust the decision is acceptable to all.

All will join with me, I am certain, in congratulating Harry, John and Peter for this thoroughly deserved recognition of their outstanding work for the Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was reasonably well attended and the President welcomed all particularly those not seen for a time which included David Wren, finished with New Guinea and now living in Canberra; Ivan Pollock, Reg (Pom) Cole, Stan Bowen (ex-hospital) Peter Armstrong (complete with beard) and Jim (Happy) Davis to whom condolences were extended on the recent loss of his wife.

Most regulars were on deck, but we do hope that the few faces missing whom we always look forward to seeing, are in good health and enjoying a happy life: these included Life Members Fred Staggs, Cock Robin and George Stack.

All present enjoyed a happy evening which was perhaps aided by backshees amber refreshments.

NOTE WELL

Be it noted please, gentlemen, that your Secretary, speaking on his own and the Committee's behalf urged members to make every effort to attend meetings whenever possible. This plea was backed up by other committee men, so please get the message. Your Executive and Committee are all happy to plan and work for the Association.

The role of members should be to support their elected officers by every means, particularly by attendance - at meetings and functions. Thank you Gentlemen.

THANKS!

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Dear Harry,

On behalf of my wife and self I wish to express appreciation to your good self, your Committee and the Welfare of that great Association the 2/4th Battalion of which you have the honour and proud position of President. Mrs. Reamy and myself have sat down and wondered how great it was of you all to do what you did, and the morning when that gentleman John Copland handed over that envelope to us both with all good "Wishes from your 2/4th Bn and now a visit from Bill Key of the 2/4th Bn from the NSAMC Nth. Sydney of which he is a member of the Visitation Committee and Welfare. This all adds up to thanks and appreciation and we both feel proud to know that we belong to you the 2/4th Bn. W.O.G.

Yours respectfully,
BILL REAMY

ANOTHER "THANK YOU"

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the President, Committee and Members of the 2/3rd Field Regiment Association I am writing to convey to your Association our sincerest thanks for the very fine gesture in the form of a contribution towards the costs of the plaques to be affixed to the Memorial at Rethymnon, Crete.

I can assure you that our Association deeply appreciates the thought that motivated the donation. A thought all the more meritorious for having been prompted by a true spirit of

unselfishness and comradeship.

Yours sincerely,
K.N.WILSON,
Hon. Secretary.

6 Yaraan Avenue,
EPPING 2121.

URGENT SIGNAL FROM WREN TO ROACH

I still owe you Twenty dollars (\$20)
please contact Editor. (who will accept
a small commission! - Dick M)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Anyone "dragging the chain" in
regards renewal of membership is
reminded that annual fees are
now \$6 (Subs. \$1 W.O.G. \$5).

SEND OFF A CHEQUE NOW

WELFARE

STOP PRESS.....

Esca Riordan, our Northern Vic-President
has sustained a second sad loss.

Dulcie, Esca's bride of so short a
period, suffered a massive coronary and
passed away on the 11th March.

Our sympathies go out to our old mate.

I'm sure he has the courage to weather
his latest tragedy, sustained by the
knowledge that he has the prayers and
thoughts of all his Army mates and
very, very wide circle of friends in
Legacy, R.S.L. and from the many other
fields in which he concerns himself.
Our thanks to Jim Brown for passing on
this sad news.

Nick Alledice is still convalescing.
Brother John is in Intensive Care unit
Ryde District Soldiers. (2 heart attacks)
Nick hopes to be down for Anzac Day.

VISITATIONS

CONCORD -

NX 9810 John Walsh. Now discharged. Can
be expected to re-enter Concord during
second half of March, due to blood trouble.

NX 9824 Athol Heath in again for further
allergy tests. The tests taking longer to
complete than anticipated. Hopes to make
the annual meeting (He did! - Dick M.)

NX 6048 Arthur Webb. Had been in hospital
since New Year, with exception of a five
and a three day period. Never appeared on
list. A phone call to John Copland gave us
the information. Now discharged. Ulcer
trouble.

NX 504359 Cecil (Happy) Davis. Discharged.

NX 11903 Henry Galleghan had not long returned
from operation to stomach so was unable to
see him. Should see him next week - Ward 530
Bed. 1.

Molly Irvine discharged after her ear
operation.

NX 85212 William Pigott not 2/4 Inf. Bn.
but 2/4 Independent Company but knew "Blue"
Benson.

NX 48770 Leo Lawrence, not 2/4 Bn - 2/4
Arm. Rgt.

3947 - Thomas Kennedy - Not 2/4 Inf. Bn

LAST POST

NX 41879	Pte.	J.W. CARRETT (Vide Reveille)
NX 5534	Pte.	V. CUNNINGHAM (" ")
NX 1225	Lieut.	R.G. MATTHEWS (" ")
NX 72741	Pte.	J.J. NOLAN (" ")
NX 47217	Pte.	E.V. STEVENS (" ")
		J.J. ROLSTON (Vide Salute)
NX 12475	LtCol.	J.B. WELLS (per John Storey)
		ROY HARRISON
		(S.A.)

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the
families of these, our late comrades in Arms
and to Jim (Happy) Davis on the loss of his
wife, Alice Thelma

LEST WE FORGET.

HELP US TO HELP

To operate effectively our Welfare Officers
must have prompt and up-to-date information.
Members wives or families are urged to phone
in details of any member ill, hospitalised or
demised, preferably backed up by letter giving
fullest possible details of Regimental number
and other known facts. If unable to contact

a Welfare Officer ring any number given in the list on the front page.

Admission Details

If being admitted to Concord R.G.H. make sure you give them unit - 2/4 Infantry Battalion so that this is recorded for computer lists which can quickly give to our Welfare Officer a list of 2/4 Infantry Battalion patients (only those recorded as such)

COCKS COLUMN

I think I should call this one the "Mail box" column. Letters received from Selby Dean, Margaret McNamara (Les McNamara's daughter (age 13)), Peter Armstrong, Arch and Eileen Lewington, two letters from Jim Sheritt, Reg. "Pommy" Cole and Miss Eva Morrison.

Selby Dean, Inverell, receipt for wreath on behalf of Association for Norman Irwins funeral.

Selby writes "Living very quietly now Jim; still have a game of golf, but has been too hot for that lately. Never see any of the boys up this way, as not too many of us around here now. Regards to all the boys, Selby".

From Margaret McNamara, 51 Cornelia Rd., Toongabbie, 2146. Margaret's letter is a sad one, her father Les, has had an amputation of the left foot and has since had a second operation. We are sincerely sorry to hear of this Les. I hope Margaret has received my letter. Les wishes all his mates of the 2/4 Bn. A Happy New Year for 1975.

Two letters from Jim Sheritt, Charles-town. Jim's letters will appear in April-May bag. They are very interesting. Thanks very much Jim, you're a pal.

Peter Armstrong, 254 Railway Parade, Blaxland, 2774. Thank you Peter for the very nice letter to me and also the one for the Column.

Arch and Eileen Lewington, 35 John St., Corowa, 2646. Eileen writes "Arch is keeping well, thanks me for my New Year Card. They also had a card from Frank

Tattenhoff and Molly Irvine.

Reg. H. Cole, 28 Cairo Ave., Padstow, 2211 Reg thanks me for forwarding a Christmas card from Frank Mallett (England). Frank did not know Reg's address. I am sorry to write that Reg has been in hospital for an operation to his leg. But now he is home again. Reg wishes to be remembered to the boys. shift work prevents him from coming to the meetings.

Eva Norrison. A nice card with every best wish to me and all the 2/4thers. Thank you Eva, hope you got my card.

"COCK ROBIN"

Dear Cock Robin,

With this note comes my best wishes to you, both for the New Year and for your retirement, and I want to congratulate you on your retirement. It must be a bit strange to be "put out to grass" after the long, hard working, useful life you have lead. I'm afraid that, when the boys at work bring me a beer and send me off I'll look back more at the things I haven't done and should have done - than have any sense of achievement; but Cock, as the time approaches, I feel that if a man can say to himself, (as I know you can) "I've tried to do an honest day's work all my life, I've had a hobby (your column) that has given pleasure and useful information to a lot of my mates - well, what the hell if I never became Prime Minister or Welterweight champion!

Me, Cock, I hope to live a lot and do a lot in retirement; and I know you, mate! You won't stop battling just becomes you take a well earned pension.

The above was personal to me, but I like Peter's philosophy, so I'm sure he won't mind its publication.

Peters possible Pension plans.

I'm planing to retire to a small block of land (25-100 acres) in the Mudgee-Bathurst area. I have about 7 years before I am put out to grass from my present job in Sydney, so there's no rush. But if any of the boys know this area well, or live up there, I'd be happy to buy them a beer at the Gallipoli Memorial Club any time whilst they give my any info. that might help. My phone number at work is 218 8133 and at home (std. 047 39 3894). Home is at Blaxland and anyone passing through we have a spare bed and a well stocked fridge!

Regards, Peter Armstrong.