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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS:

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE, 1975  
25TH JULY, 1975

AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 12 LOFTUS ST., SYDNEY, AT 8 P.M.

## EDITORIAL

### WE NEED A QUORUM!

Our Association is now in its Thirty second year. That it has been, and is, a success, and has, and will continue, to achieve the objectives laid down by its founders, there is no doubt. After thirty two years our membership, on the books, continues to increase, despite the ravages of time. The members attending on Anzac Day and Country Re-unions continue to increase, and, judging by the large monthly mail received interest continues at a high level. All this is very gratifying to your committee and is all the reward they seek for their efforts.

What is not gratifying to the committee is the steady decline in attendance at our monthly general meetings. Whilst it has been said many times, that this magazine is the "lifeblood" of our Association, so may it

be said that our monthly general meetings are the bones, or framework.

At our May general meeting this Association was unable to conduct the business brought before it by the members in attendance, for want of a quorum. A quorum of this Association is fifteen members, at the May meeting we could only muster thirteen and this was after a bumper attendance on Anzac day.

This Association is one of the best Unit Associations arising out of World War II. This naturally follows, as the 2/4 Infantry Battalion was one of the best units in World War II. Don't let apathy and indifference kill it. If you don't agree with some, or all, of the things the Association is doing, don't express your disagreement by staying away from our general meetings. Come along and tell us what you think should be done.

The time and place of our next two meetings



appear at the head of this page. What about it men?

### ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE

On Sunday, 29th June, the ASSOCIATION OF 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS will hold its annual CHURCH PARADE at ST. ANNES CHURCH OF ENGLAND STRATHFIELD. The Church Service will be preceded by a short march. The F.U.P. is the corner of Beresford, Coventry and Rochester Roads, Strathfield. The time, 2-45 p.m. The Service will commence at 3 pm. A special appeal is made to all members to attend and thus ensure that our Association is well represented.

### LAST POST

NX6030	D.J. (BRICK) BRADFORD
NX5195	V.R. WEST
NX5261	C.E. PEARSON
NX9935	D.G. CAMLIN
NX72364	J. McIVOR
NX72863	T.P.F. FIEDLER

### VALE DAVID JOHN BRADFORD

Our long standing, staunch and loyal comrade "BRICK" BRADFORD passed away 13th May 1975 at R.G.H. after a long illness caused by a stroke and was cremated at Northern Districts Crematorium on the 15th.

To his wife Elsie, and his family, David Janice, Lynette and Peter go our deepest sympathy in a loss, shared by his many friends in the Association.

Brick served his country and people well both in war and peace. He was a driver (H.Q. COY) with us and after his discharge in 1945 was an engineer with the Public Health Department until his retirement.

Always active in R.S.L. Welfare and Legacy he first belonged to Griffith Sub-Branch later transferring to North Ryde and later to Entrance-Long Jetty Sub-Branch and the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club.

Always active in our association, it will be remembered that he was welfare officer after FRED SEARLE until DICK LATIMER succeeded him. In later years he was highly respected in the Long Jetty and Woy Woy district for his very active work in Legacy and Welfare.

The funeral service was shared by LEN JONES the North Ryde Welfare Officer and this Association represented by DICK LATIMER, SAILOR HARVEY, ATHOL HEATH, DICK

FAULDER, JOHN COPLAND and DICK BOURKE.

A relative of the family from Kempsey, who lives opposite ESCA RIODAN, brought condolences from ESCA, as well as good wishes to the Association. Telephone calls came from FRANK CRUTCHETT in Canberra and GEORGE MOORE in Mollismook.

### WELFARE REPORT

Our energetic and dedicated Welfare Officers report the following visitations at R.G.H. Concord.

Charles Batho - now discharged  
John Peard - since discharged  
George Coles - since discharged  
Len Smith - since discharged  
Harry Nichols - still in hospital  
Lady Mackay - still in hospital  
Ken Northrop - still in hospital  
James Campbell - still in hospital  
Stan Bowen - still in hospital

Mrs. Glynn rang to say that her husband STAN (NX5836) is in AEOLUS Convalescent Hospital in Ryde. He is T.P.I. has had a stroke and has suffered some brain damage. Mrs. Glynn wanted to ensure that Stan's membership of the Association continues and that we keep on sending W.O.G.

Stan transferred from us to 2/17 Bn, belongs to Ryde District Sub-Branch, RON TUTTLEBEE the Welfare Officer of that Sub-Branch is in constant touch with them.

Saw in the paper a death of T.P.F. FIELDER of 2/4 Exhaustive enquiries found that he had been in Bourke for many years but later had come up to Sydney to live with his sister, Mrs Margaret McJannett in Maroubra Bay. Dr. McJannett, a nephew, told me that it was to be private funeral. I sent a card on behalf of the Association - Dick Faulder and John Copland.

### LOCAL OPERATIONS

Congratulations to our old mate, REX EVERSON (B Coy) who retired from the Prospect County Council on the 20th April. That's the good news. On the 20th June Rex undergoes an operation in Wentworthville Community Hospital. Rex was most active in the Association for many, many years, doing particularly outstanding work in the area of practical help to members and widows and work on "Nominee Quartus" cottage in Brooklyn. Whenever there was a "working bee" you could count on Rex, a skilled toiler! The sturdy banner and flag stand, an example of Rex's handiwork, will long give stirring service to the Association,



as has Rex.

We wish him a rapid and successful recovery and a long, fruitful and happy retirement.

#### OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

As always President Harry was on the ball when friend STEVE MacDOUGAL was travelling to Greece. He arranged for Steve to present Association Plaques (on behalf of the Association) to the Australian Embassy in Athens and to STEVE GRADY, War Graves Commissioner in Greece. Steve also placed a wreath on the Memorial in Athens which was raised in memory of the dead and death of Lela Kara Yanny, war heroine who helped hundreds of Aussies (and others) escape from Greece. She died a martyrs death after shocking treatment and torture in the hands of the Gestapo.

#### LUCKS COLUMN

An interesting letter from ROY MOORES 57 Tumut Street Adelong, 2729. Roy writes, re the "Dreadnought Boys" of which he is one, also STAN BLACKSLEY. Roy would like to know whether anymembers of the 2/4 th Bn. were Dreadnought Boys? Or if any members know of any, please report. Roy is President of the new Old Dreadnought Boys Association. Their next Re-union is at the Wentworth Hotel on the 12.6.75.

Unfortunately, I am sorry to report Roy shall not be there, as he expects to enter Concord Hospital as he has to have a new hip joint for his left hip. Roy also enclosed a cheque for subs and a donation. Thanks Roy. Well that is a brief summary of Roy's letter, read it in "Mail Bag" when space permits.

A very nice letter from BOB GRIFFITHS, Box 269 Mildura 3500 Victoria. Last October Bob went back to his home town Barmmedman for its Centenary and there he met RUSSELL GORHAM. Russell joined the Bn on the Tablelands. Bob also met "COCKY" GORHAM of B Coy. Cocky was over for the day from Parkes, where he is with the P.M.G. Are they related? Quite a coincidence, same name. Bob got as far as Narrandera, on his way to the Young Re-union when he ran into a stretch of water over the road, so he turned around and went home. He hopes to make Yarrawonga. Bob and Ada had a visit from VIC and EILEEN FRANCIS who were on their way to Melbourne.

Met a young lady in North Sydney, her name is Sue. She mentioned that she had lived

at Glenbrook. Yes, Sue knew the Lever family, Bob, Gladys, Dianne, Susan and Bill. Sue said she had grown up with the Lever girls and sends to them all her kindest regards.

Being in Portland on Anzac Day, I marched with the Portland boys, proudly wearing my 2/4th tie, hoping I may see others there also. A very good march an excellent band and Service at the Cenotaph. An excellent address by Father Bede Smith on the "Theme of Anzac". After the Ceremony was "invited" into the R.S.L. Hall and made very welcome. Refreshments handed around, beer and food, no charge. Met the President of the R.S.L. G. Graham, Treas. H. Dewson, Hon.Sec. John Curran (John was a "white over green" too, 4th Bn 8th Brigade). Harry Dewson, President of Portland R.S.L. Club. David Spears, ex President has been a Trustee for years. Was told any 2/4 thers passing through would be made welcome I enquired of 2/4ers, there was one years ago, Dave Allen from Mudgee, but has passed on. So I sincerely thank the Portland R.S.L. and R.S.L. Club for being made so welcome, an excellent day (Father Bede Smith was a friend of our late Father Reid).

Everybody's darling - Margo Pearse was married on the 3rd May to Phillip Hain in the lovely old Church of England at Cook's Hill (Newcastle). Congratulations to Margo and Phillip and to Mum and Dad, Yvonne and Harry.

Harry Pearse, on Anzac Day also reported that he, Yvonne and Carol (Dad's girl) have booked for Yarrawonga. Now we know this Re-union will be a success. Can you imagine one without Harry and Yvonne being on parade? (Oh yes, I know it HAS happened, but only once or twice!)

It was great to see TED KNOX present on Anzac Day - all the way from Burringbah Tweed River ("Tiny" Egglinton country!)

"Sailor" Harvey reports having met "Curly" Calligan who is a member of Clovelly R.S.L. Club. Hi, "Curly". He also met Jack Humphries who has quite a business in the Eastern Suburbs. Of course we had the pleasure of Jack's company on Anzac Day.

Cec Chrystal reported at the meeting in May that Graham and Jean Jackett (Hobart) have become grandparents again, a son to Clare and "Arlie" McShane. Congratulations and cigars all round!

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

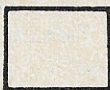
On page 6 of this issue is a list of members from whom we have received subs, donations,



etc. during this year, not previously acknowledged.

There are over 80 members on our books who are still unfinancial. If there is a red tick in the square at the end of this paragraph, you are one of them. The committee realises that to some of our members, for good reasons, subs may be a burden. Should such be the case, a personal note to the treasurer will ensure that the matter will be treated confidentially and such subs will be paid out of our (at present) healthy welfare funds.

REMEMBER we are in breach of postal regulations when we send W.O.G. to unfinancial members.



#### MAIL BAG

Dear Athol,

I would like you please to convey to our members the following message of appreciation. I feel quite sure our President will not object if I use extracts from a letter I sent to he and Marge some time ago.

"The wheel has at long last turned the full circle and I'm back at work, unfortunately I was not able to return to Bill MacLennan.

Not very long ago I didn't think I would ever be able to resume a normal life. That I have, is due in no small measure to the wonderful help and encouragement I received from you and Marge and the wives and members of our Assn.

It isn't until you're really "behind the eight ball" Harry, that you realise what true comradeship means, and believe me, I do know.

With everything I had going for me, a Good Lord, a loving family, a dedicated medical team and staunch friends, no wonder I made the grade".

Athol, would you please pass the enclosed cheque to Alan Lindsay with heartfelt thanks to our Association Members and wives on behalf of Enid and myself.

Yours sincerely,  
Dick Latimer

#### THE "HORSE-DOCTOR" SAYS NEIGH!

Our thanks to Frank Cruchett for the following excerpts from the Canberra Times under the heading of "Predictions of Pollution Problem Unfair". Predictions that Canberra was facing a pollution problem were a little unfair on the people of Canberra, according to the former director of the conservation

and agricultural branch of the Department of the Capitol Territory, Mr. Jack Huston.

Mr. Huston, who will be 65 in November, retired 13 days ago, after about five years as director and almost 30 years in the N.S.W. and Commonwealth Public Service.

"Why should people worry about something that might not happen?" he said yesterday.

"Personally I don't think its much of a problem at the present time and you can't say with total accuracy what might happen in 10 years time. By then there might be a petrol shortage and there might not be as many cars and trucks on the road."

Mr. Huston, who has lived in Canberra since 1957, said the most satisfying event during his time as director was getting the Tidbin billa Nature Reserve established.

Congratulations, Jack, however, it is our information that "hot air" is one of the primary ingredients of pollution.

#### SIX DIVISION RE-UNION

The third annual re-union of the Central Coast group of the 6th Australian Division held at Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club on Friday, 28th February was an outstanding success with personnel attending from all parts of N.S.W.

The wreath laying ceremony took place at 6.25 pm at the War Memorial Park, when Sir Ivan Dougherty laid the wreath on behalf of the 6th Division Association in memory of fallen comrades.

At the dinner which commenced at 8 pm Sir Ivan was lead into the auditorium to the strains of Waltzing Matilda and applause from all present.

Following the dinner Mr. Charlie Adams presented Club president Dave Keen with a beautifully designed tapestry depicting the 6th Div. Insignia which will be hung in a place of honor in the clubrooms.

Our spies told us that this tapestry was personally hand-woven by the donor. Congratulations Charlie.

There were 98 6th Divvy members present including the following 2/4thers: Sir Ivan Dougherty, Bunny Burrows, Jack Parsons, Charlie Adams, Wally Lambourne, Sid Cherry, Tom Bartlett, Perc Michell and Brick Bradford.

#### NEWS FROM LONDON (or THE MACLENNANS ON SAFARI)

All those hardy members who survived the "send off" to Bill and Gwen MacLennan on the



"ORIANA" on Easter Saturday will be pleased to hear that they have arrived in London safe and sound. They are at present devouring all the historic sights and pageantry of London in the Spring. Bill has ordered the full MacLennan kilts and regalia for their attendance at the world gathering of the MacLennan clan in Scotland in August. That should be something to see! Maybe we could make it "Dress of the Day" for the Country Re-Union march at Yarrawonga. Although they are having a ball they write that they are missing all their friends and look forward to their return in September. They send their best wishes to all. Our spies (who are everywhere) inform us that Bill and Gwen are again expecting (as grandparents). Congratulations Jill and Rob Elvy.

#### NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Our Queensland Vice-President Tom Provians has sent us a lengthy letter reporting the activities of 2/4thers in the Sunshine State. (Our apologies Tom for not printing this earlier but we have had a space problem in the last few months - Ed).

Tom reports visits from Harry and Hilda Wright together with Joan Davis last Easter (1974). Bill Staggs, Esca Riordan, Dot and Vic Pike, Bill Sumpster, Selby Dean, Norm MacIntyre, Chris White (from Cairns) and John Copland.

Tom wishes to thank the following members that he heard from over Xmas:- Sir Ivan Dougherty, Graham and Jean Jackett, Vic and Dot Pike, Esca Riordan, Sailor and Thora Harvey, Perc and Eileen Lansley, Jack and Eirie Reynolds, Bill (Sar Maj) and Millie Robbins, Bruce and Angela Cork, Mert and Betty Harris, Cec and Phil Chrystal, Bill Luck and family, Chris and Pat White, Duncan and May Russell, George Stack and family, Pop Davies and Joan, Leo and Eileen Lynch, Bill Staggs, Wink and Win Walker, Frank and Norma Gattenhof, Harry and Hilda Wright, Nick and Ruth Alladice.

Tom reports that he visited Ian and Edna Wallwork who were enjoying life and going well.

Keep up the good work, Tom, it looks as though we may have to transfer the monthly general meetings to Morningside as you seem to have less difficulty in forming a quorum than we have.

#### YARRAWONGA COUNTRY RE-UNION

Peter Denver reports that arrangements are well in hand and proceeding satisfactorily. He advises that the Cypress Gardens Motel - Boatel, which has been booked for the re-union in its entirety is rapidly filling up, so "shop early and avoid the rush". Vince Quinn (ex Sig Platoon), the Postmaster at Albury has been aptly appointed Communications Officer, and more recently the Transport Officer. He advises there may be problems of transport between Albury and Yarrawonga and where possible, for those who can, to travel by car.

Further details of transport for train and plane travellers will be published in our July issue.

If you have not already booked in, the word is to do so now, Send your bookings, including usual details of time of stay, number in party, method of transport, what company you were in in the Battalion, together with a deposit of \$10 per person to

Mr. F. Parrish,  
C/- Mulwala Services Club  
P.O. Box 19  
Mulwala N.S.W. 2647

#### ASSOCIATION OF FIRST INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Dear Harry,

*Lt/Col Selby has sent me the cheque for \$20 which your Association has so generously subscribed towards the cost of casting Aust. plaques and badges to be attached to a memorial the Cretans are erecting at the site of the landing field battle area near Rethymon.*

*My committee will not be meeting for a few weeks but those members I have spoken to have expressed delight and appreciation with regard to the gift and the thoughtfulness which inspire it. It re-affirms the war-time links between two great Battalions.*

*Former members of 2/3 Field Regiment, 2/11 Bn and 2/1 M.G. Bn have also signified willingness to support the project and also to come to the opening on 20 May 1975. The organisers in Crete are going to a good deal of trouble in the arrangements and we are looking forward to meeting them.*

Yours sincerely  
Ted Givney.



# CASH REGISTER

The Treasurer advises that he has received subscriptions and donations from the following members:-

## Subs \$6

G.Jackett  
A.Arnett  
D. Faulder (\$2)  
E.Fox  
J.Washe  
C.Adams  
A. Lewington  
C.Yow  
P.Lane (\$4)  
G.Mitchell  
F.Wright  
D.Bundy  
T. Bartlett  
J. Heaney  
D.Pinson  
A. Heath  
J.Dooley  
M. Richardson (\$4)  
H. Russell  
E. Graham  
J. Maloney  
R.Lever  
W.Shearwin  
A. Manning  
E. Wood  
T.Hart (\$1)  
C. Kong (\$4)  
J.Storey  
F.Gattenhoff (\$3)  
T.Harris (\$1)  
H. Gjedsted  
K.Webb  
T. Hopkins  
S. Bowen  
C.Pollock  
S.Young  
J. Meehan  
R. Cole (\$3)  
D. Williams  
W. Mitchell  
K.Moses  
I Fitchett  
F. Cruchett (\$3)  
J. Wilson  
A. Gibson (\$4)

## Subs \$6 Cont'd

B.Cork (10)  
H. Conkey  
H.Nichols  
N.Everson  
G.Willchams  
S. Sutherland  
J. Hawkins  
S. Doggett  
W. Stewart  
G.Moore  
P.Cross (\$3)  
K.Kesterven  
M.Steele  
R.Coutts (\$3)  
J. Reynolds  
C.Cameron  
G. Ings (\$4)  
L.Roach (\$3)  
P.Foster  
H. Bowman  
G.Hart  
D.Boyd  
A. Kleem (\$4)  
A. Faulder  
H. Pearse (\$3)  
J. Morgan  
K. Richardson  
C.Curran  
H. McLachlan  
W.Shaw  
L. Stronach  
J.Rae  
W.Hayes  
W. Kensell  
C.Scully  
L.Fox  
B. Milner  
J. Naseby  
N.Smith  
J. Sibilant  
R.McAdam  
P.Nugent  
L.Hammond  
L.Clarke  
N.Alavoine

## Subs. \$6 cont'd

F.Pegg  
J.Huston  
V.Forbes  
D. Crossthwaite  
J. Chaseling  
P.Jackson (\$4)  
G.Coles  
W.Eslick  
W.Martin  
R.Moores (4)  
N. McGregor  
A.Dalloway

## Subs \$10

K. McCaffrey  
G. Friend  
W. Bartlett

## Subs \$12

A.R.Moores  
D. Wren  
J.Wilson  
C.Hood  
J. Maloney  
D. Stebbings  
B. Mulquinney  
T. McCaffrey  
V. Bowman  
G. Willchams  
A. Webb

## Subs \$15

G. Brodie  
D. Munro

## Subs \$16

J.McGrath

## Subs \$18

E.Wilson  
F. Pohlmann  
J. Hyles

## Subs \$20

T.West  
H.Cox  
C.Byrne  
K.Graham  
G. Williams  
H. Greedy

## Subs \$25

J. Forman  
L.Herbert  
B. Black

## Life Member \$30

C.Adams  
T.Ellis  
F.Dibden  
L.McNamara  
D. Cunningham  
T. Saunders (20)

## DONATIONS

H. Silver (10  
Mrs. P. Wallace \$2  
J. Bohle \$2  
P.Lahey \$2  
J.Copland \$10  
D.Morris \$5  
R.Barber \$5  
W.Bartlett \$10  
R.Griffiths \$3  
W. Reaney \$10  
R.Latimer \$100

## WEWAK FUND

R.Griffiths \$10  
Newcastle Boys \$50  
Mrs. N. Smith \$10  
W.MacLennan \$100  
P.Brooke \$4  
R.Morris \$5  
F. Gattenhoff \$4  
S.Young \$2  
P.Lahey \$10  
F. Frizelle \$25  
R.Griffith \$10  
A. Bohle \$3  
H. Smith \$4

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AMOUNT IN BRACKETS DENOTES DONATION

IN ADDITION TO SUBS. DONATIONS WHERE

REQUESTED, WERE PAID INTO WELFARE

FUND