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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS: **FRIDAY:** 26th September, 1975, 24th October, 1975
At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney - 8 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS LT COLNEL VIN HALLINAN

Early in September Lt. Colonel Vin Hallinan hands over command of the 4th Bn. RNSWR to Major Phil Carey. This will complete 27 years of service with the 4th and its antecedents (45th Battalion) by Vin. Vin joined the 45th Battalion in July 1948 as a private soldier and rose through the ranks to Commanding Officer of the 4th Bn RNSWR. A unique record and one of which Vin can be justly proud. Vin attended the August monthly meeting of our Association and was warmly welcomed by President Harry. In his response, Vin stressed the vital links between our Association and the 4 RNSWR. He said "It is from the members of the 4th Battalion in World Wars I & II that the young soldiers of today draw their traditions and history. It is vital that members of the "old" Fourths continue to actively support these young soldiers. During my service with the 4 RNSWR I was an active supporter of the Association of 4th Infantry Battalions but it was not

until I assumed command of the Battalion that I fully realised just how great a role the active support of the "old" soldiers played in the maintaining of morale and the giving of a sense of purpose to the young soldiers of today". Well said Vin!

We of the 2/4th can only continue to supply this necessary morale and tradition by our active support and interest. This support can be best demonstrated by our making every effort to attend those occasions, ceremonies and functions, organised from time to time, that give us an opportunity to mix with the young soldiers of today.

Our next combined function will be the Annual Remembrance Day Parade to be held on Sunday 2nd November. Time 1400 hours F.U.P. - Martin Place and Elizabeth Streets. Dress, Lounge Suits - Association Ties and Badges Decorations and Medals to be worn.

After the Parade or Cenotaph Ceremony the Reunion will be held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club commencing at 1500 hours.

It is sad to read in the 4th Infanteer the following: "In recent years our numbers have dropped off to the point where it is not to the credit of the Battalions or the Association to March with so few on Parade.

A reasonable turn out would be the 4 RNSWR Band, the Colour Party and not less than 100 marching members. If the numbers aren't forthcoming the Committee will seriously consider reducing the March to a simple ceremony at the Cenotaph and then members can make their way independently to the Gallipoli Club."

Members of the 2/4th don't let this happen. Roll up in your numbers, similar support that you give us on Anzac Day will ensure the success of this important occasion. If you will be on parade please telephone President Harry Gjedsted at the Gallipoli Club 27 6350 so that some assessment of the numbers can be made. Demonstrate your belief in the ideals and traditions of our Association by ensuring that this occasion is a success.

LAST POST

Michael Curtis Richardson

MIKE RICHARDSON

All who knew Mike were aware of his tremendous courage, zest for life and happy disposition in the face of his disabilities.

It was always good to see him at meetings happily joining in the business and convivialities, but the Country Reunions were, of course, his forte with his family about him having a jolly time.

We will miss him.

One likes to think that the silent prayers offered at the June meeting contributed to his tenacious grip on life when no hope was held for him at that time.

Our sympathies go out to Edith and the family that is a tribute to Mike and Edith as parents and citizens.

Present at the funeral were: John Copland, Cec Chrystal, Harold Bowman, Les and Ena Anderson, Ted Jackson, Bill Keyes, Molly Irvine, Harold and Del Silver.

John Copland spoke on behalf of the Association and Bill Keyes carried out the R.S.L. Service.

Our sincere sympathies go to Mick Gray on the loss of his wife, Doris.

Miss Eva Morrison passed away August 11th. Sincere sympathy to her family.

From Reveille:

NX 142422 Pte. W.Cook
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NX 46794 Grove, A.C.(Charlie)

WELFARE REPORT

At the June Meeting Dick Latimer came forward with a scheme, (the idea was really Enid's - bless her) for several teams to share in the hospital visiting, a most welcome idea.

We met later at the Ryde R.S.L. and the following teams were organised from Volunteers at the June meeting.

Team A: John Copland, Dick Faulder (when available), Bill Parry.
Team B: Dick Latimer, Ted Gamble.
Team C: Harry Wright, George Stack
Team D: Jack Heaney, Ken Webb, Ted McCaffrey

A weekly roster was worked till the end of this year with the provision that I shall call at R.G.H. during the weeks of our regular monthly meetings. This extra help in our welfare work is really good and we must all be grateful for this practical interest in the work of our Association.

Each team will contact the computer room at R.G.H. who will supply lists of 2/4 Bn men who are there. So BE SURE that, if any of us are admitted you tell the admission staff that you are 2/4 Bn. Otherwise how can we know? They will not ask you. The girls in the computer room are very good to us always, so please do your best to help us all and yourselves.

The teams are working well and the patients are happy to have a variety of visitors.

Those seen since the June meeting are:-

Chris Batho	Fair
David McGillivray	Since Discharged
Dick Faulder	Fair
M.A.(Mat) Myers	Discharged
Lady Mackay	Improved
Harry S.Nicholls	Fair (in again)
Cecil Williamson	"D" Coy P.W.Germany - Fair
Mrs.A.S.(Mick) Welling.	Now enrolled at St.
George Legacy, thanks to Cliff Horsley	

and Guy Willchams.

Arthur Noel Howell, H.Q. Coy (Mortars), Jim Brown rang to say Noel Brown of Mudgee is in Prince Henry Hospital. Rang the ward (2) Sister who said he has been there some weeks and is improving slowly. (Police Inspector at Mudgee) had a big operation.

Stan Bowen in Queen Victoria Hospital Wentworth Falls. At my request Rex Rowell has visited Stan and reports that he is very well and comfortable. Rex is President of the Lawson R.S.L. and will call on Stan again.

Kevin Monsell on list in error. Was 4 Bn. (39-45). He was glad of the call by Dick and Ted. I informed Cliff Horsley who took over.

4 BN W.W.1

Albert Croker Fair

Henry Osborne Fair

Arthur Gunner Satisfactory

Brig.M.A.Fergusson 6 Div. Cav. in for observation seen at the request of Lady Mackay - Fair.

John Copland,
Welfare Officer.

MONTHLY DOINGS

The August Monthly Meeting, although once again poorly attended was thoroughly enjoyed by all those stalwarts who attended. They were President Harry, Cec Chrystal, John Meehan, Athol Heath, John Copland, Dick Latimer, Ted Gamble, Bill Parry, Vic (the Gypsy) Francis, Jack Reynolds, Allen Lindsay together with guests Harold Silver and Lt. Col. Vin Hallinan. Two other guests also showed up under the wing of Dick Latimer, they were Jack Kearney and Charles (Paddy) McGirr.

Subsequent conversations during the evening revealed that Dick's guests were eligible for Association membership, they both having sailed for the Middle East and marched into our I.T.B. at Kilo 89 with 2/4 colour Patches firmly sewn to their uniforms. Subsequently they were transferred to the 2/5 Field Regiment from Kilo 89. They both enjoyed themselves to a very great extent and were last seen floating gently in a corner of the club with Treasurer Allen. Murred phrases from this group were heard, as follows "... and the first \$6 will entitle you to membership for the next year...etc." So welcome to two new members of the Association.

Jack Ormiston of Cowra showed up at the Club

on Friday 18th July. He was in Sydney for his daughters wedding. Jack sends his best wishes to all.

THE WEWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At a meeting of the Trustees of this fund held at the Gallipoli Memorial Club on 22nd August 1975 it was reluctantly resolved to close this fund down.

This action has been forced on us by the lack of communications from the local Trustees (at Wewak). These local Trustees have apparently all departed from Wewak. It simply boils down to the fact that there is no-one left at Wewak to appoint new beneficiaries and administer the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed. Our remittance of \$350 to cover the 1975 school fees has been returned unclaimed. Repeated attempts to contact the Local Trustees have also failed.

In view of these circumstances the above-mentioned decision was taken. Because of certain provisions in the Trust Deed your Trustees decided on the following course of action.

"We request all members who have made donations to the Wewak Scholarship Fund during the last two years to write to the Association and inform us to their wishes regarding the disposal of their donations. At their request the Trustees will either (a) refund their donation, (b) transfer it to the 2/4 Battalion Benevolent and Welfare Fund or (c) remit it to any other charity of their nomination. So as not to prolong the winding up of this fund; in the event that the Trustees receive no advice from the individual donors by the 31st December 1975 their donations will be transferred to the Benevolent and Welfare Funds of the Association." We trust that this action meets the approval of all the members of the fund. Please write if you have any objections or suggestions further to this matter.

COCKS COLUMN

Bill and Gwen MacLennan return to Australia from their extended overseas trip on September 2nd. Gwen wrote that they were recently entertained in London by Frank Mallett (ex Sig Platoon - see letter elsewhere). Gwen said that Frank sends his regards to all his old mates, particularly Fred Apthorpe. If you are still looking for that gold tooth Fred, don't worry, it is in safe hands, Frank still

has it.

We have now definite confirmation that Sir Ivan and Lady Dougherty will be attending the Yarrawonga Country Reunion.

Congratulations to Fred (Lofty) Taylor. Lofty has been appointed N.S.W. Sales Manager of John Walker & Sons Ltd. (a very agreeable occupation if I might add) Fred said he thinks the new job will be a very "tall order", however he is confident that he will be able to "size it up" O.K.

Frank Gattenhoff reports: "During my duties at the Mandarin Club have recently had the pleasure of meeting Gordon Maitland and Noel Ford. My greatest pleasure was seeing and talking to Sir Ivan Dougherty who attended a dinner at the Club. Sir Ivan looked very fit and well. I also met Bill Sumpter (Qld). Kindest regards to all - see you at Yarrawonga."

Received a nice long letter from Rick Carter of Urunga. Rick writes that his daughter Alison is now a nursing sister at the Kyogle Memorial Hospital. Any 2/4th visiting (?) the hospital should make himself known to her. He also said that "Bookie" Rae spent a holiday in Urunga recently.

Once again we have a letter from our dear friend and good supporter Doris Napthali. Doris sent her usual donation of \$10 to the Welfare fund "In memory of Reg Napthali, died 8th July, 1964". Many thanks Doris.

Vince McDonnell has left the warm temperatures (Palm Beach, Qld) and returned to Sydney (Ingleburn). He said that now he is back he will make the effort to become a regular attender of our functions.

John Copland often sees Jack English, Tom McNamarra, Ted Wilson and Alec (Biscuits) Arnott at the Ryde R.S.L.

Also at the Association of Fourth Battalions Church Parade met Bill Parry who is now retired and intends to take an active interest in our Association from now on.

Also saw Joe Rognini at the Gallipoli Memorial Club for a meeting of his "other" Battalion, the 23rd (The Whale Oil Boys).

YARRAWONGA COUNTRY REUNION OCT 4-6, 1975

Motel accommodation is rapidly filling for the Reunion. Arrangements are well in hand (see Peter Denver's letter - Mail bag).

This definitely is the "Last Call for Yarrawonga". It looks like being a bumper attendance with many of the Victorian "mob" turning up. So if you haven't booked - do it NOW. Bookings to: 2/4 Battalion Reunion, C/- Mulwala Services Club, Box 19, P.O. Mulwala, N.S.W. 2647, Accompanied by \$10 deposit

Regretably we have not had sufficient applications for transport to arrange a bus between Albury and Yarrawonga. For those hardy Sydneyside train travellers we suggest you enquire from the Railways of the time tables for the train trip. It is possible to travel by rail to Yarrawonga. This necessitates the trip Sydney to Benalla and the branch line Benalla to Yarrawonga. See you all in Yarrawonga!

MAIL BAG

Dear Dick,

Rang Yarrawonga on the 23rd June and since received a letter from John Easdown. Frank Parish is off overseas but the Mulwala Club have installed Mr. T. Niewenhout as his replacement on the local committee.

All the banking is fixed up and John Copland & Co. will be able to relax.

I believe the receipts and accommodation details will be sent out later as long as bookings are acknowledged in W.O.G. Harry and Ada Whitman of Wakool but now Portland, Vic., called recently and assures me he will transport Ned Kenna and wife from Hamilton if he is able to attend.

Sir Ivan said he will go if it's at all possible. I'm hoping he will book soon so we could give this as a plug in the Victorian press.

Please convey Pat's and my own best wishes to all.

Anzac Day in Sydney with you of the Battalion made the 25th April '75 just about the happiest day I've ever known and everyone who fronted subscribed a measure towards this happiness. Well done Harry and committee and thank you Gallipoli Club, Best wishes from Peter Denver.