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ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Following the most successful 1975 Anzac reunion- for the first time held in the Association's new home, the Gallipoli Memorial Club, we look forward eagerly this year to another bumper roll-up of members. Decorations, Ribbons and Association ties should be worn. For those who do not have a tie they will be on sale both at Erskine and Elizabeth Streets prior to each march. For those who have them, do not forget also to wear your Association name plate. For those who do not have them, seek out John Meehan who will fix you one on the spot free of charge, so all you need do is ask.

Order of events for Sunday, April 25th, is as follows:

Wreath Laying Ceremony -

- F.U.P. - corner York and Erskine Sts.
time 0.730 hours.
- Battalion will move off promptly at 0800 hours, preceded by the Parramatta Pipe Band and 4th Battalion A.I.F. (1914-18).

Anzac Day March -

- F.U.P. - In the vicinity of the corner of King and Elizabeth Sts. (look for the 2/4 Bn. sign).
- It is expected that the Battalion will move off at approx. 0930 hours.

Anzac Reunion Luncheon.

This will be held as last year at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney, (near Circular Quay). Luncheon tickets will be available from any Committee-man - price \$4.00 and the lunch will commence at 12 noon on the 1st floor. The Entrance Fee is exclusive of liquid refreshments, the same as last year, when your Committee decided after much consideration that to include liquor would make the charge too high, particularly for non-drinkers, and it is up to the individual what he wishes to spend at the bar. Obviously these new arrangements met with the approval of our members last year, judging by the happy spirit that prevailed amongst our biggest group for many years.

There will be no "4th Friday" monthly meeting this month, but the April meeting will be our

normal "bikini" meeting (very brief) on Anzac Day. It will be opened and closed by the President - no minutes, no questions, no answers, no "nuthin'" - just as I said, very brief!

A very memorable Anzac Day to all.

WELFARE REPORT

Members visited in Hospital by the four teams since last month's report:

NX 5134 Bruce MEADS Discharged
NX 5208 Baden PAYNE (T.P.I.) Discharged but not well.
NX 9868 Ronald RAYMONT. Discharged
NX 18273 Walter ESCHBANK. Discharged
NX 46843 Arther BAKER. Satisfactory.
NX 5294 Henry ROBERTS (Kempsey) Very sick.
NX 120909 Geo. WEST. Satisfactory.

4 BN. (1914-1918)

6101 Arnold MILLER (Manly R.S.L. Club) Ear surgery, well and very cheerful.
7518 Harold PAYNE. Satisfactory.
2704 John GORMAN. Discharged
351 Wilson WHALAN. Discharged.
65991 Alfred GOOCH. Satisfactory

Lady M. MACKAY. After a major leg operation is very well and cheerful as always.

Matron Constance FALL. (2/1 A.G.H.) Is doing well after major spinal surgery. Delighted to have a call from what she called "our Battalion", also a visit from Gwen PEGG and Joan PAIGE the previous day.

NX5349 A.R. (DICK) FAULDER

Dick FAULDER was laid to rest on Tuesday, 9th March, 1976, in the presence of a large gathering of family, friends, 2/4 Bn. and Ryde R.S.L., the service being conducted by Rev. W. McLeod, Chaplain of Ryde R.S.L. John COPLAND and Ron TUTTLEBEE (Ryde R.S.L.) took appropriate parts in the ceremony.

Ever since the war Dick has had a long battle against illness and pain, but bore everything with tremendous courage. He and his brother Jim were original members of "B" Coy. and Dick was mentioned in Despatches for brave service in Greece and Crete. He took part in the first Libyan campaign, through Greece, Crete, Darwin and New Guinea with Distinction.

After the war Dick kept active in Welfare work, until recently being assistant welfare

officer of our Association and a Director of the Gallipoli Memorial Club, amongst other positions.

To Shirley, his wife, and other members of his family go our most sincere sympathy.

Farewell Dick, a brave and gallant friend, we were proud to know him.

John Copland.

NX5582, A.N.(Noel) HOWELL

Noel HOWELL's funeral took place on Tuesday 9th March, '76, following a service at St. John's Church of England, Mudgee, conducted by Canon Reeder.

Tributes were paid by 2/4 Bn. which was well represented, (Dick Latimer reading the first lesson), the Commissioner of Police, R. L., Masonic Lodge and Rotary. Noel's favourite Hymns - The Lord is my Shepherd and Amazing Grace - were sung at the service, and the funeral procession was given a Police escort consisting of 8 Senior Police Officers as Pal Bearers, a Police Brass Band, 100 Police Officers and 6 outriders.

A most moving and fitting tribute to a fine man.

Vale Noel

Dick & Enid Latimer.

The Late Sir Mellis NAPIER

Members of the Battalion, especially those of "C" Coy. who were billeted on Mount Lofty in the home of Sir Mellis and Lady Napier on our return to Australia will be saddened to know he died on March 22nd. He was 93, a former Lieutenant Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia and was accorded a State funeral. He served a record term of 43 years on the S.A. Supreme Court Bench, a length of service unequalled in the Commonwealth.

Cec Chrystal called and saw him during his tour in preparing the War History shortly after Lady Napier died, and sent him a copy of the History. He later received an extremely complimentary and gratifying reply from Sir Mellis.

The article in the Herald quoted the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, as saying "South Australia had lost a very distinguished citizen."

Cec Chrystal.

NEWCASTLE NEWS

The March get together of the Newcastle Association members was held at the Hamilton R.S.L. on the night of the 26th, with a good roll-up

The occasion was made much more pleasing by the fact that Estelle HAYES, wife of "Bully", had the day before shared a win in a major lottery prize, which naturally called for mild celebrations. (Congratulations Estelle, don't spend it all at once. Ed.)

Athele NOBLE is still attending Sydney for treatment and Jim WRIGHT is also not too well.

The Newcastle members were all very pleased to see Alf CARPENTER named as the Vice-President of Newcastle and Central Coast areas at the Association's Annual Meeting. All members felt that Alf's selection was wise, as he has the capacity energy and time to do justice to the position. We congratulate our good mate. Kindest regards to all from Newcastle.

Jim Sherritt.

NORTH COAST NEWS

News from Esca RIORDAN is that he is fit and well and left Sydney by ship during March for a caravan trip around Tasmania. Will be away approximately two months including a visit to Victoria on the way back, where he hopes to see Ken MOSES, Claude RAYMOND, and any others. Esca sends best wishes and regards to all, and mentions that Jack CHASELING attended Charlie BYRNE's funeral in Kyogle.

In a letter from Jim BROWN he mentions having spoken to Ruth Bawden at Port Macquarie airport recently whilst Ruth was waiting for her daughter to come off the plane. Jim states how very very sad it was that having lost Dick a little while back Ruth should now have lost her son-in-law. However, she is a wonderful woman, of strong character and will face the future in a brave manner, as she has always done.

Jim also reports that Arthur Baker, NX46843, a member of the Battalion who lived in Kempsey, died last week. He went away with the 6th and 7th reinforcements and served with the Battalion in the Middle East, although Jim thinks he may not have returned with them to Australia because of a medical condition.

Jim states he is interested to learn of the preparations being made for the re-union and will certainly be there if he can possibly make it.

(Thanks for the newsy letter, Jim. We shall look forward to seeing you and your good

wife at Surfers in October...Ed.)

NEWS FROM WEWAK

Wal TAYLOR of Cootamundra, who recently visited New Guinea, writes to President Harry as follows:-

"As promised I am writing this to tell you how things are in Wewak. Due to the change over to independence most of the Europeans who had anything to do with the R.S.L. have gone from N.G. It would appear that papers were handed over and were just left as they were on the table with the result nothing was done. It would seem that this is what has happened as far as the fund the Association was running is concerned. To my knowledge there is only one man who had anything to do with the R.S.L. left and he is in bad health and not likely to stay long in Wewak.

"I stayed in Goroka with my son, and whilst there I met up with an old 2/4 man by name "Sparrow" Clinton. He was, I think, from "C" Coy. He sends his regards to all his old mates. He is doing well- has spent most of his time in N.G., where he took his discharge. Also Joe Berger of Wewak, who is now the manager of Burns Philp store there, sends regards to members of the 2/4th and in particular to Dick Morris, who I believe stayed with Joe.

"Joe took us around to Wom Point where the park is. This park is well kept and all the palm trees with the plates of the men's names, numbers, etc., are all in good condition. This park is now kept by the Parks & Wildlife of New Guinea, as there is no longer any R.S.L. Joe also took us up to Mission Hill which is now the area used for Boys Town where youths who have run into trouble are taken care of by the Catholic Mission. The Japanese War Memorial is kept in good order by the Mission as well as visiting crews off Jap ships.

"I hope this will be of some interest and hope I can see you all some time in the future. Regards to all the Association members."

Another item of New Guinea interest is that in a letter to Bill MacLennan from Father Ivo RUITER recently, he mentioned that Ern Smith is now in Lae and sends regards.

AN APOLOGY

Due to an error in reporting, we regret the inclusion in March "LAST POST" of NX51617

Keith Costello. Thanks to the alertness of Phil SMITH, your Editor was able to phone Keith's home in Kiama Downs and is pleased to report that he is very much alive and well and enjoying his retirement. Fortunately Keith has not lost his sense of humor thought the report was hilarious and insisted on receiving the March issue of W.O.G., which had been withheld for obvious reasons.

CASH REGISTER

Our Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following:

\$6.00 subscriptions from Wally CAPPER, A.K.McCAFFREY, George MITCHELL, R.A.PERRAM, Roy ANDREWS, H.W. RUSSELL, F.POHLMAN.

\$10.00 subs. and donation from Jack HUSTON Alex. MILLER and Ron MILLER.

COCK'S COLUMN

Joining the ranks of the "Overseas Travellers" are Phil and Cec CHRYSTAL, who fly out on May 1 for a month's visit to the U.K. mainly to see son Rolfe (an architect) who has been working (and holidaying) in London and on to the Continent just on four years. Both looking forward to the break and to see all that can be seen in a short stay. Rolfe will be on holidays for part of their stay.

On May 6th it will be Jack and Mrs. HUSTON's turn to leave for the U.K. Jack writes that he will unfortunately miss attending Anzac Day in Sydney this year due to last minute jobs prior to leaving.

By a strange coincidence, we find that two of our younger generation - Max & Pat SYDENHAM's daughter Mary, and Bill & Bonny PANTER's daughter Vicki both sailed recently on "Australis" for overseas. We hope by now they have discovered each other and are enjoying their trip.

Snippets of news from Mudgee per favour of Dick LATIMER. BILL SHEARWIN has retired and is to move to Woy Woy in the very near future. Jack DELPH is now Resident Engineer at the Mission Station at Millingimbee, N.T.

We hear that Matron Joan PAIGE is also on a trip to Greece.

We regret to hear of the death on March 11th of Cyril STILLWELL's wife in Wollongong. Our sincere condolences to Cyril and family.

Leo CARTER is still not well. Has had an infection after prostate operation and the operation for cataracts on his eyes was not a success. We look forward to better news soon, Leo.

Frank POHLMANN writes: I have received a communication from a friend in Melbourne who was taken prisoner in Greece. He enclosed a newspaper cutting of a book review (Hitler's elite Libstandart SS. by Mathew Cooper), an extract I quote:

"In the invasion of Greece in 1941, the Libstandart captured some men of the 2/4 Battalion A.I.F. These Australians were the first the SS had seen - the comment "They do not behave like the cold English except in their arrogance and this is moi external. They do not seem to be as well disciplined as the English, nor do they wear their uniform as a soldier should."

From which I gather that good judgement was not one of the essential qualifications for admittance to the select ranks of Hitler's SS troops. My friend Cliff Smith was associated with many 2/4 Bn. men and wondered if any would remember this incident."

Congratulations to Allen and Gloria LINDSAY on the arrival of their fourth grand-child - a boy at last! Must be the year for boys as Bill and Gwen MacLENNAN were blessed with a third grandson in January.

LAST POST

NX5871	NX 5871	L. E. BARKER
	NX 11190	A. G. FERGUSON
	NX 5865	G. J. MURRAY
	NX 5108	J. O'DEA.

NON FINANCIAL MEMBERS

You are now well and truly overdue - SEND in your Subscriptions now or see Allen Lindsay on Anzac Day.
