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1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANZAC DAY

Our Annual General Meeting and Anzac Day Ceremony, two major occasions, in our Association's life, are now behind us and we now look forward to the next major event, which is our Country Reunion at SOUTHPORT in October with plans well laid by Tom Provians and his team. Our Annual General Meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, and I again stress the need for better attendances at our Monthly Meetings and the A.G.M.

At our A.G.M. the proposed amendment to our Constitution, reducing the quorum from 15 to 9 members was passed. This indicates the fall off in attendance by our Members, and this action had to be taken to ensure that our Association's business, problems and plans can be dealt with.

In the Election of Office Bearers for 1976, Larry Dooley did not stand again because of business pressures, and on behalf of you all I extend to Larry our sincere thanks and gratitude for the work he has done, and continues to do, for the Association. I'm delighted to welcome Mick Gray to the Committee. Mick has had a distinguished

extensive and colourful career in the Army since 1932, and I know that his experience and many business and Service contacts and associates will be an asset to the Association.

To our newly elected Committee, congratulations and thanks for standing for election, and to you all my sincere thanks for re-electing me to be your President again. The appointment of Alf Carpenter to Vice-President (Newcastle & Central Coast) was unanimous and carried with acclamation. Our congratulations Alf - we know the strength that this appointment, coupled with the co-operation and work of the Newcastle and Central Coast team will bring to our Association.

Allen Lindsay's nomination for Life Membership was ratified with acclamation, and it was my pleasure to invest him with his badge on Anzac Day. Allen's work contribution to the Association in all its spheres of activity has been tremendous, and has been recognised and acknowledged by this Award.

ANZAC DAY was a magnificent day in every way. The weather was perfect and once again our Battalion and our Band presented themselves magnificently on Parade, followed by another



successful reunion at the GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB. As always, it was good to see so many men of the Battalion that we have not seen for some time - Russ McWilliam from Brunette Downs, Tom Provians, Chris Geelan (A.W.L. for 29 years), Len Waterworth (A.W.L. for 9 years) Harold Cox (first Anzac Day attended ever) and Norm McIntyre, to mention a few. Apologies received included "Angel" Gabriel (ill health) Jack Houston (en route to the U.K. via Greece with Joan), Frank Frizelle (visiting family in Victoria), Alf Carpenter (visiting in Wagga) Charlie Adams and Dick Latimer, all of whom sending their best wishes and kind regards to all.

The sad part of our reunion is the reading of the HONOUR ROLL. This year Athol Heath called the roll of 43 of our men deceased since last Anzac Day. That we are in this cycle of our life and our ultimate destiny is inevitable is fact, but we miss our comrades and will always remember them.

Our Guests included our Band, Major General Gordon Maitland, Colonel Ray Sharpe, Lieut. Col. Phil Carey (C.O. 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R.), and later in the afternoon we were joined by Sir Ivan. Cec Chrystal - due to leave for the U.K. with Phyl and be reunited with son Rolfe on Saturday 1st May - was given a rousing send-off which added to the pleasure of us all being together on this day.

By the time you receive this copy of "White Over Green", Sir Ivan will have been invested with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law, at a Ceremony conducted at the Great Hall of the University of Sydney on Saturday, May 15th. This again reflects the service that Sir Ivan has given to the Community and the field of Education, and the recognition of that service by the Community. From all of us, Sir Ivan, warmest congratulations on the award of this Honour.

Best wishes for Good Health and Good Luck to you all.

HARRY GJEDSTED.

#### WELFARE REPORT

NX 13262 Harry S. NICHOLLS - Discharged after heart trouble.  
 NX 9538 Roger J. McFARLAND. Now transferred to Ward 21 (Rehab. Ward at R.G.H.) Improving.  
 NX 41503 H.C. ("Pop") WILLIAMS. Discharged after Gall bladder op.  
 7518 Harold A. PAYNE. Extensive tests -  
 4 Bn very frail but very cheerful on  
 A.I.F. all visits.

NX 27977

Len F. GOODWIN Dick Latimer reports the sudden illness at his home in Surfers Paradise. After a short stay in Hospital following major surgery, Len is now being nursed at home under the T.L.C. of wife Mary in preparation for a further op. Good luck, Len, for a speedy recovery.

#### LAST POST

NX 9924 Charles Christopher BATHO. Died after a long illness on 5.4.76. To his son Bob and the family goes our deep sympathy. Chris was well liked and respected by his many friends in the Battalion and the R.S.L. movement. He was life member of the Bexley R.S.L. Sub-branch.

#### NEWCASTLE NEWS

Jim SHERRITT reports that Cliff CURRAN and John RAE made the Sydney March and had an enjoyable day meeting old mates, etc., etc., but regrets to advise that Margaret RAE had had a coronary whilst in Sydney over the Easter week and with John visiting their daughter and son-in-law. Margaret is at present in Sutherland Hospital, where she has been visited by several 2/4thers, including Sir Ivan Dougherty, Allen & Gloria Lindsay and Bill & Gwen MacLennan. We are pleased to report she is now on the improve and send her our best wishes.

Joe BOHLE and Jim SHERRITT attended the dawn service in Newcastle, whilst other Newcastle members attended their own particular local Services. Alf & Marj CARPENTER returned to Wagga for the Anzac week-end to visit Alf's mother and for Alf to march with his brother who are ex-Navy.

Jim & Audrey WRIGHT are at present holidaying in Western Australia. Bill & Estelle HAYES saw them prior to their departure.

Bill WHITE advised that Athle NOBLE is still visiting Sydney each week for treatment, and is still unable to attend the Newcastle monthly get-togethers.

Jim sends regards from all in Newcastle.

#### IN THE MAIL-BAG

Rick CARTER writes from Urunga:-  
 "As promised, I enclose cheque for Life Membership for J.H.(Bill) SMITH of Macksville. Had to call into Bowraville, so took the opportunity of calling to see Bill - he was out, so spent a few quiet minutes there in the R.S.L. Club - the amber fluid was great. Had intend-



ed going along to the last meeting, but as my daughter Alison was in Prince Henry Hospital at that period I was unable to be present. Haven't been seeing anyone lately but Alison met Ian WALLWORK at Kyogle Hospital - he was seeing all Ex-servicemen who were inmates there. As I have said before, Alison will see anyone of our association who happens to be a patient, so Ian will be able to let her know. She is still the Theatre Sister there and is in the position of perhaps brightening the lives of anyone who is there. Last November at the A.G.M. of the Coffs Harbour & District T.P.I. Social & Welfare Club I was made President. This gives me something else to do, and am glad to say everything is running smoothly. We have outings and such like: will be going to Port Macquarie in April for a couple of days - our H.Q. will be the R.S.L. Club."

Jack LISTER writes from Wiangarie, via Kyogle: "We were saddened to hear of the passing of Noel OWELL, as we indeed are of the deaths of all our old mates. Noel, as you will recall, played a major part in the organisation of our re-union at Grafton and nobody that week-end could have thought that in the space of such a short time he would have been lost to us. All our locals seem to be enjoying good health just now. Rumour has it that Ian WALLWORK is leaving Kyogle to reside at Iluka, a fishing resort on the Clarence River. See Doug STEBBING, Jack CHASELING, Tim LAMOND and Bob GARDINER regularly."

Cyril STILLWELL writes from Kiama:- "Have had a bad spin, but coming good and feeling well now; I read the paper, which is tip-top. Cheerio to all."

R.A.Cole (Padstow) writes:- "Sorry I have been so late in paying my fees; have been in Victoria for a while. My son is living down there - he broke a leg and has whip-lash - we were down there looking after him. Please make an apology for the A.G.M. as I will be on a travelling holiday."

Max COY writes from Wingham:- "Am enclosing a cheque to put me back on the right side. If you know Gordon CHRISP and Chris GEELAN you will be pleased to know they are both still taking nourishment. Gordon suffers a lot with Asthma, but still remains very cheerful."

Dennis JACKSON writes from Griffith:- "I never seem to make the re-union on Anzac Day, but one day will again catch up with the boys." (Keep trying Dennis, we promise you it will be well worth the effort. Ed.)

CONGRATULATIONS! to Nancy, daughter of Dave & Nan MacGillivray, who recently received her Diploma in Hospital Administration after completing a twelve months' course at the Royal College of Nursing. Proud parents attended the ceremony in the Great Hall of Sydney University. Also to Steven CORK, son of Bruce & Angela, who recently came to Sydney to attend his Graduation as Bachelor of Science from the University of N.S.W.

#### THE ASSOCIATION TIE, by Ken MOSES

"May I have a few words to say about the Association tie.

"At the outset may I make it perfectly clear I am not looking for commission from the manufacturer of such ties. In the last few months I read in W.O.G. that the tie should be worn on all official occasions such as funerals and country reunions, etc. I don't agree. I think it should be worn on all occasions. It is a tie to be proud of. I bought one of the new versions at Yarrawonga and have been wearing it constantly.

"The girls at the office were the first to notice it. They unanimously agreed that "Old Man Moses" was really getting with it. They wanted to know where I got the tie. I explained it was an exclusive tie and hard to get and took pleasure in telling them the tie's history.

"Whenever I have had an occasion to wear a tie I have worn the Association tie and on each occasion somebody has commented on it favourably. Two weeks ago I gave my eldest daughter away in marriage at St. Christopher's C.of E. East Bentleigh. The bride looked lovely, but Dad looked gorgeous wearing a grey suit and the battalion tie. It is a tie not to be worn only at funerals and reunions. It is a tie to be worn on all occasions. What is more important it is a tie to be proud of, as I explained to a Rotary meeting at Wangaratta last Monday night, where I was guest speaker. The President in introducing me commented on the excellent tie I was wearing.

"During my address I explained the tie, what it represented, and from then on I had an easy task in standing on my feet for half an hour, talking to 95 bods of all trades and professions. Somewhere along the line all had heard of the 2/4th Battalion or the Sixth Division. It took me three days to get away from Wangaratta. At that meeting there were blokes from 2/5th, 2/7th and 2/8th, and other Victorian units that had been associated with us in various actions.



"So don't knock the tie. Just wear it and be proud of it. Whenever you wear it, you will win friends."

A REQUEST Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of a treasured gold cigarette lighter, last seen on the table at the Anzac Day dinner at the Gallipoli Club, please return it to its rightful owner, your hard working Editor, who is completely non-plussed at its disappearance at a gathering of his old Army comrades.

#### CASH REGISTER - TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a list of all Subs, Donations, etc., received from members since January 1st, 1976 - up to and including Anzac Day. Included in this issue is the annual notification of overdue subscriptions. If there is a cross in the box in your copy of W.O.G. then you are unfinancial. At time of publication, out of a total membership of 514 there were 183 unfinancial members, some of whom have been unfinancial for a number of years; in view of the high cost of publication and postage, your Committee's policy of continuing to forward W.O.G. to unfinancial members may have to be reviewed.

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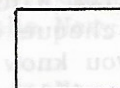
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