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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS: Friday, June 25th, 1976)
Friday, July 23rd, 1976) 8 p.m.

At the GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney

THE PRESIDENT'S "SITREP"

Our Patron is Honoured Again.

At Sydney University, at 11.30 a.m. 15th May, 1976, in an atmosphere of colour, dignity and history, our Patron, Major General Sir Ivan Dougherty C.B.E. D.S.O. and Bar, D. E.D. B.Ec. was conferred with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws. In the Great Hall of the University Sir Ivan was presented to an audience comprising 240 Graduates of the Faculty of Economics and distinguished guests together with the families and friends of Sir Ivan and the Graduates, by Professor B.R.Williams, Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Faculty of Law. Professor Williams outlined Sir Ivan's life in detail, following which - to prolonged acclamation - Sir Ivan received his Honorary Degree from the Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Hermann Black.

Sir Ivan, we are proud and delighted to see this further recognition of the service you

have given to our country and our people, and extend to you our sincere and warmest congratulations on the conferring of this Honour.

The Cretan Association of N.S.W.

On Sunday, 16th May, 1976, our Patron, Sir Ivan, in company with Lady Dougherty, myself and Marge, and Athol and Pat Heath, together with the Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of sister 6th Div.Units, were guests of the President, Committee and Members of the Cretan Association of N.S.W. at a function held in the Hellenic Club, Sydney. During the afternoon Hon. Life Memberships of the Association were awarded to Sir Ivan, Maj.Gen. Ian Campbell, and Presidents of Unit Associations. These Awards are in the name of "The President of.....Association" indicating that existing and succeeding Presidents will enjoy the Honour of this Award.

A copy of our War History, suitably inscribed, together with an Association plaque, was presented to the Consul-General for Greece

628-9130. King's Highway News.

Mr. G. Constantis by Sir Ivan, following which I made a similar presentation to the President of the Cretan Association, Mr. S. Kotsifakis. Cretan dancers in their traditional dress, ample refreshments and much "getting together", made this a wonderful and memorable occasion, which I am sure will be followed by many more.

I understand that Membership of the Cretan Association is open to members of the 6th Div. who served on Crete, and I shall get details of this for you. If you are interested, please contact Athol Heath or myself.

Harry Gjedsted.

LADIES NIGHT - 1976

A date for this very important function in our Social Calendar has been fixed for Friday night, August 27th, at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. Admission and supper will be free, ample liquid refreshments available at bar prices, and prizes given for various items during the evening. So come on men, mark the date on your calendars now, and be sure to be present with your good ladies, your families and friends, for a night of fun and fellowship. Just keep in mind that this occasion cannot be a success without YOUR presence, so show your appreciation of your Committee's efforts by coming along.

COUNTRY REUNION - 1976

Latest news from our '76 host, Tom Provians, includes a list of starters from whom deposits have been received for Southport. If your name does not appear, now is the time to send your booking to Tom's address:-

65 Foxton Street,
MORNINGSIDE, Q'ld, 4170

Ian & Edna WALWORK	Elsie. PARSONS
Harry & Hilda WRIGHT	Marjorie McCARTY
Elsie BRADFORD	Rex EVERSON
Frank & Enid CRUTCHETT	John COPLAND
Jack & Mrs.ORMISTON	Mollie IRVINE
George & Mrs.MOORE	Ted & Heather FOX
Frank & Norma GATTENHOFF	Slim POWERS
Doug, Kim & Bev GROVE	Ron BARBER
Jack & Eunice DUBBER	Ferdie & Gwen PEGG
Norm & Wilma JOHNSTONE	Joe & Mrs. WELLS
Cliff & Aileen CURRAN	Mick GRAY
Bill & Gwen MACLENNAN	Jim & Jean FORMAN
Allen & Gloria LINDSAY	Doug & Deidre MILNE
Harry & Marj GJEDSTED	John MEEHAN
Dick MORRIS & 2 friends	Russ McWILLIAM
Syd. & Kit McCARTNEY	Ken WEBB (Verbally)
Tom & Sheila GORMAN	Jack HEANEY (Verbally)

Des & Beryle CUNNINGHAM Esca RIORDAN (verbally)
Harold & Del SILVER Peter FOSTER
Leo LYNCH & Family (verbally)

Please note that this list does NOT include the Queensland Contingent, and was dated May 4th, so there may be a few bookings not included. Tom also writes:

"Must add that, thanks to all, Norm MacIntyre and myself had a wonderful Anzac Day and will repay everybody in full in October. Have news of Bonnie HUTTON who is now living on the Coast and will be a sure starter with his wife.

"Dick Latimer rang and asked me to check on Len GOODWIN who was in hospital and in Brisbane. Saw Len last Saturday and he is going fine and is due out this week and has promised to get in touch. Will be a certain starter at Southport, I feel sure.

"Will see Max NERNEY on 22nd, as we will be guests at his eldest daughter's wedding on that day. More news later, please remind all in the meantime that accommodation will be at a premium in October, so would appreciate all the early bookings and also notification from those who are coming but do not require accommodation."

(Sorry, Tom, your letter arrived just one day too late for inclusion in last month's WOG)

WELFARE REPORT

NX 5859	Jack HEANEY. In Lewisham Hospital for periodical blood test. Discharged.
VX 135008	John RINGROSE. In R.G.H. for a few days, now discharged.
NX 19616	Dick FENTON Discharged
NX 174655	James SCOTT. Joined us in New Guinea has lived in S.A. for years. Discharged.
NX 5302	A.E.(Angel) GABRIEL. Shirley Faulder rang to say he is ill at home (2 Paget St., Richmond, 2753) and awaiting a bed at R.G.H.
NX 8744	Monty SIEMS. Recovering from surgery. Sends regards to all his comrades in 2/4 Bn.
NX 58	Cecil CHRYSTAL. Suffered slight stroke while in Edinburgh. Now home and improving gradually.
NX 5208	Baden PAYNE. Discharged. Not well.
NX 15504	C. WILLIAMSON. Very well.
NX 9874	R.W.(Dick) LATIMER. Back in Hornsby Hospital for tests on a suspected ulcer.

Mrs. Margaret RAE. Has been discharged from Sutherland Hospital and returned home to Newcastle, where she is improving gradually.

Mrs. Marjorie CARPENTER. Recently suffered a slight stroke, but we hear is now up and about. Better luck to our Novocastrian ladies!

IN THE MAIL BAG.

"Pop" (also known as Dick) WILLIAMS writes:

"I recently had surgery in Auburn Hospital and wish to thank John Copland for his very real concern for myself and wife Jess' welfare. Saw our Battalion march - a creditable display indeed - viewed in colour from my bed. Have now several weeks of convalescence, so after many years waiting will now tidy up my stamp and world-war I cigarette card collections - am short in some series - any sellers? Son Rob had a grand week in Crete and the town of Konossos has a street which has a history of over 4,000 years, he writes. The village of Anogia is where during the war they hid the German commandant whom two British officers kidnapped from the centre of his camp and got him away to Egypt with the help of Greek partisans. The Germans found he had been hidden in this village and they shot every male in it and destroyed every house. Even to-day the villagers ask if you are German before they show you what they are selling.

"Glad to hear of John Smith - give me a ring John - 644 3273."

Bill MITCHELL writes from Bingara:

"As you will see, I have been moved from Woodenbong to the Western town of Bingara. There aren't as many 2/4 men out this way as there was at Woodenbong. Just prior to leaving over there I saw Max NERNEY, Ron ELLEM, Jack CHASELING and Ian WALLWORK at Kyogle, Eddie MILLER at Lismore. I did have a yarn to Nick ALLARDYCE a couple of weeks back while I was down Tamworth way. Believe Selby DEAN is at Inverell but haven't met up with him yet. Not being a drinking man I don't get around the right places to meet up with the drinking 4th. Best wishes to all "B" Coy. boys, especially Larry DOOLEY, Jack HUMPHREYS, Nugget GREEDY. Also to Liam WILSON, Punchy HOOD, Les ADAMS, Peter DENVER, Bunny BURROWS. All the best to all and if you're up Bingara way don't forget to call."

Ken WATT writes from Upwey, Victoria:

"Find monthly journal interesting and often pick up a name - one was "Sparrow" CLINTON at Goroka, N.G. Before our 2/4 days he was with us in 2/22 Bn. and was able to hand our address to that Association."

Mick GREEN writes from Grafton:

"I see Leo LYNCH often - you may not have

heard that he is Acting Manager of the Club. Wal Sinclair had a bad heart attack and had to retire - as yet they haven't appointed a new manager. Cheers to all members."

Norm MACINTYRE writes from Brisbane:

"Back home in Bananaland - sick, sore but not really sorry. Tom Provians and I had a wonderful time in Sydney - many thanks to all concerned who made it possible. Particular thanks go to Harry & Hilda WRIGHT, who not only put us up but put up with us. My previous trip to Toohey territory was 1954, but I can guarantee that in future the interval won't be so long. Once again, my thanks to all those people whose efforts make these shows possible. I'll catch up with many of you at Southport."

Paul BROOKE writes from Guyra:

"See Perc LANSLEY about. We are both well. Regards to all."

Jack ORMISTON writes from Cowra:

"We had a good attendance at our Anzac service here. Dawn service over sixty attended and a good crowd at the 11 a.m. service - many towns-people attended and like Sydney the weather was perfect. Saw Tim WEST there - he laid a wreath on behalf of the Services Club. Hope to see you at Southport."

Bernie O'MARA writes from Forbes:

"Not much news from my neck of the woods - occasionally someone passing through pops into my shop. It is always good to see and talk to them if only for a few moments. Next year my wife and I are contemplating a trip to England and Europe - would you put Frank Mallett's address in W.O.G. (also Monty Siems' if he is still in England) as we would both like to contact them again. My kindest regards to all, and one of these days I will surprise by attending a meeting." (Well, Bernie that would be just great. Rest assured all your old compatriots will be looking forward to it. Ed.)

Keith COSTELLO writes from Kiama Downs:

"It is not often that a person listed in your Last Post is able to come from the dead, more or less, and subscribe to your monthly editions! However, in this instance I am still able to do so and hope to do so for some time to come. In order that you can scrape the most from me before my next demise, I think I will make it easy and pay up for a life membership. Am enclosing \$30 for this honour and in addition \$5.00 to cover the issue of the new association tie referred to by Ken Moses."

Hugh BURGDORE writes from Pascoe Vale (Vic.)

"I saw all the girls (2/4 wives) during the march in Sydney and was very proud of your reception to the unit. Our stay in Sydney was very short, but we had a real tour of the City and surroundings on the Monday, thanks to Fred and Mary Taylor..The two Victorian chaps I mentioned had passed on - both from the Pioneer Platoon - were Tom Law and Alex Williams. Tom was a Corporal and Alex may be remembered by some as he did a bit of boxing at Wondecla. Wally Dell is another ex 2/22 who has had a spell in hospital, but is up and about again. What a great day Anzac Day was - sunny for the march and then lunch at the Club. Sorry Tommy TRACEY wasn't there, but to see the Mortars so well represented, and to see Noel SMITH, Jim MacLAUGHLIN, Barney TURLEY and Slim POLLOCK for the first time since the war, also John HAWKINS, makes the time fly as there is so much to talk about...not forgetting MacLENNAN, MILNER, TAYLOR, DOOLEY and others who can bash the ear a bit. Haven't got to see Alex HILL or Dave LAWSON yet, but will arrange a day to get to Leongatha..Won't be up at Southport as we are going to New Zealand in October for a few weeks, but will be there as usual next year, God willing. Regards to all."

Ken MOSES writes from East Bentleigh (Vic.)

"A month or so back I got home and Rosemary said 'Do you know a bloke named "Coffee" Royal?' I said "Yes, you met him at Yarrowonga". She replied "I thought I did, he has invited himself out for tea. He is catching a plane to New Zealand tomorrow at 2 a.m. and thought this would be the best place in Melbourne to fill in the time. "Coffee" duly arrived with a bottle of Scotch and got fed on corned beef in white sauce and the trimmings. I think he enjoyed himself. My family certainly enjoyed the visit anyhow, and when the taxi arrived to take him to the airport there was only about 5 minutes conversation left in the bottle of Black & White."

"Was up in the Western Districts a few weeks back and dropped into Hamilton. If anyone wants to meet Ted KENNA here is the drill. You walk though the front door of the Town Hall, go into the auditorium and yell 'Are you there Ted?' With that Ted emerges from his hide-out under the stage. We didn't have much time together. He apologised for not being at Yarrowonga - one of his daughters was getting married that weekend, but he has promised if possible to be at Southport. Sends regards to all - I might say he looks very fit."

"Had a ring from another 2/4 character who I will be having a yarn with at the right

places tomorrow. He has been in Tasmania for a month and spending a few days in Melbourne on the way back. Name of said character is Esca RIODAN. Could be a good day!

"Just keep repeating in W.O.G. I'm the only Ken Moses in the phone-book (57 2662). My home is anyone's home from 2/4 passing through."

"All the best to all the crew".

THE CHRYSTAL TRAVELLS

Those who do not already know will be sorry to hear that the Chrystal travels came to an abrupt end in Edinburgh, Scotland, on May 14th when Cec was admitted to hospital where a slight stroke was diagnosed. Phil reports that the people of Scotland were extremely kind and helpful, for which she was most grateful. They are both now thankfully back home safely in Sydney, where your Editor called to see them on May 31st. Phil says both she and the doctors are most happy with Cec's continued rapid recovery. Let's hope the pace of the recovery continues and we shall soon have the ever-popular Chrystals back on deck with us. Ed.

ASSOCIATION OF 4TH INF. BNS. ANNIVERSARY CHURCH SERVICE

All ex-members of 2/4 Inf.Bn., together with their wives, families and friends, are invited to attend the above Service on Sunday June 27th 1976 at 2.30 p.m. at:

St. Anne's Church of England, Cnr.

Beresford & Homebush Road, STRATHFIELD.

Members are requested to wear Assn. ties and badges, also medals & decorations, & to join in a short march by the Association commencing at 2.45 pm, followed by the Service commencing at 3 pm, which will be conducted as usual by the Rev. Angus Tipping, Rector of St. Anne's. Many will remember the historic occasion on March 14th, 1971, when the Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 4th Inf. Bn. were received with due ceremony by Rev.Tipping and laid up in this beautiful old church, and it is to be hoped that as many 2/4thers as possible will endeavour to attend this Annual service to commemorate that wonderful occasion

LAST POST

NX 46749	C.J. Byrnes	VX 135444	S.T.Avery
NX 6133	K.E.Mitchell	VX 23621	T.A.H.Lav
NX 15576	N.R. Stafford	VX 23931	A.William
NX 46843	A.Baker		

It is also with regret that we report the death in Ocean Beach Hospital on May 2st of Mrs. Emily Twomey of Booker Bay, beloved sister of our hard working Welfare Officer, John Copland, To John and the rest of his family go our sincere condolences. LEST WE FORGET.

RESPONSE TO THE "CROSS IN THE BOX" is slow but sure - don't be the last chain-dragger!