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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS: Friday, July 23rd, 1976)
Friday, August, 27th, 1976) 8 p.m.

At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St., Sydney

ASSOCIATION OF 4TH INF. BNS. ANNIVERSARY CHURCH PARADE.

On Sunday, June 27th, a perfect sunny afternoon, a sizeable crowd gathered at St. Anne's Church of England, Strathfield, the Garrison Church of the 4th Infantry Battalion, to attend a service to commemorate the laying up of the Queen's and Regimental Colours of the Battalion there on March 14th, 1971.

A representative group from each of the 4th Battalions assembled a short distance away for a march to the church led by Sir Ivan Dougherty, Major-General Gordon Maitland and Lieut.Colonel Vin Hallinan behind the Band of the 4th R.N.S.W.R.

The Service - conducted as usual by the Rector of St. Anne's, the Rev. Angus Tipping, Chaplain for the Association - commenced with the receiving and placing on the altar of the Queen's and Regimental Colours of 4 R.N.S.W.R. from the Colour Party comprising Lieut. Rick Morris and Lieut. Peter Keating. As explained

by Rev. Tipping, at previous anniversary services the original Colours of the Battalion had been taken down from their hanging position on the west wall of the church and placed on the altar, but this practice has had to be discontinued because of possible damage through handling over the years.

We are deeply indebted to the Rev. Tipping who gave an inspiring address based on the them "To love one another"; taken from the two lessons for the day, which were read by Sir Ivan and Col. Hallinan, Patron and President of the Association respectively. We are also indebted to St. Anne's choir, which gave us an excellent rendition of the Anthem, "Te Deum Laudamus".

Those present were extremely grateful to Mrs. Tipping and the Ladies of St. Anne's who provided a most attractive and plentiful afternoon tea following the service, and our sincere thanks are extended to the ladies responsible for their efforts.

Attendance by 2/4th members was somewhat disappointing, but those who managed to be there would readily agree that it was indeed a rewarding experience. Apart from Sir Ivan, those in attendance comprised Bill & Gwen MacLennan, John Copland, Dick Morris, Bill Parry, Reg & Mrs. Cole and family, Dave Follington and family, Rex Everson and friend, Molly Irvine and our loyal supporters, Harold & Del Silver. Whilst our 2/4th banner was conspicuous by its absence once again, members may rest assured that this will not be the case in the future.

It was good to see the 1/4th so well represented, but unfortunately owing to a special C.M.F. training programme coinciding with the parade many of the younger members were regrettably absent. We were also pleased to see the old master of the camera Ron Thatcher with his wife Ros and small daughter.

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

It was very pleasing to see a few more members present at our last meeting, namely:-

Peter Cade,	Allen Lindsay
Pommy Cole	Alex Maxwell
Peter Cook	Bill MacLennan
John Copland	Slim Pollock
Peter Armstrong	Harold Silver
Ted Fox	Bill Parry
Harry Gjedsted	Dick Morris
Athol Heath	George Stack
Jack Heaney	Ken Webb
Ken Kesteven	Harry Wright

Let's hope this gratifying upward trend continues. It was reported that one of our four Hospital visiting teams has had to resign, placing a greater strain on the remaining three teams. Would anyone willing and able to fill this gap please contact our Welfare Officer, John Copland.

WELFARE REPORT

The following members have been visited since our last report:

NX 68706	<u>SWAIN, E.A.</u> Sick at home. Slipped disc. Satisfactory.
NX 9874	<u>LATIMER, R.W.</u> Was in Hornsby Hospital. Now home recuperating. Fair.
NX 5919	<u>ROWBOTHAM, B.E.</u> Discharged
NX 165865	<u>SMITH, L.G.</u> Satisfactory.
NX 5266	<u>WILLIAMS, Harold</u> ("D" Coy.) Fair.
NX 15504	<u>WILLIAMSON, Cecil A.</u> Discharged.
NX 9555	<u>HARRIS, Stan.</u> Discharged
NX 68764	<u>SMITH, John B.</u> Satisfactory.
NX 58	<u>CHRYSTAL, Cec.</u> Making steady improvement.
NX 3955	<u>MANN, John P.</u> ("D" Coy) Satisfactory

NX 176409 LAWRIE, R.H. (Mick). Sick at home. Mick has been a lift driver at R.G.H. for many years, and a great help in our visitations.

NX 5233 BENNETT, W.J. (Buzz). An orderly at R.G.H. since the war. Always a great help. Now not so well and on sick leave. Heart condition.

NX 5202 FORD, Noel. After two weeks in intensive care now making good progress.

NX 3952 HONEY, W.W.W. (Wal). Discharged

NX 13262 NICHOLLS, H.S. Fair.

NX 67800 BOURKE, J. Discharged.

NX 11949 DEACON, K.C. (Dasher). Just in for op. on neck.

4 BN.W.W.1

7051 SMITH, Edward W. Op on leg. Only fair.

6334 SWAIN, Richard S. Dick was seen several times and happy to see us. Sadly Dick died on June 21st. Our sympathy was sent to the family.

Mrs (Mick) WELLING. Died May 23rd. after a long illness. Our sympathy to the family. was passed on to her son Richard. A very brave and cheerful lady.

NEWCASTLE NEWS

Our last get-together was held at Stockton R.S.L. on May 28th. A good roll-up and an enjoyable evening. Sickness prevented Bill WHITE and Athele NOBLE from attending, also Marj CARPENTER in Hospital with mild stroke. Margaret RAE still on the recovery list and Bully HAYES touch of sugar confined to bed for a few days.

Jim & Audrey WRIGHT home from holidays in W.A. Jim not too well at present, but still showing plenty of grit. Cliff CURRAN, Harry PEARSE and John RAE reported having entertained Vic FRANCIS and wife, who were passing through by van and spent a few days at Stockton. George & Heather MITCHELL both well and report son Guy just returned from Surfers Paradise - perhaps carrying out a reconnaissance for the Reunion weekend.

The next get-together is being planned by Jim SHERRITT and son-in-law Bill BURGESS at Kahibah Bowling Club, the venue of the recent International Bowling Carnival, a very friendly club. (Our thanks are due to Jim SHERRITT for keeping us in touch with our very enthusiastic Newcastle contingent. Ed).

OUR OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Due to lack of space in last month's issue a request for Monty SIEMS' address had to be

omitted. Just as well too, as John Copland has just received his fifth change of address since his return to the U.K. We print it hereunder, (hoping it will have some degree of permanence), together with our other two U.K. dwellers' addresses, which may be of interest to our increasing number of "Overseas travellers". Frank MALLETT is particularly keen to hear of any 2/4th member approaching his territory - in fact you may be sure he will overwhelm you with warm hospitality if he is at home during your visit. Frank keeps a room specially prepared for 2/4th visitors.

Monty SIEMS - 26 Penfold Road,
CLACTON, ESSEX, ENGLAND

Frank MALLETT - 86 Wroxham Road,
SPROWSTON, NORWICH, NORFOLK, ENG.

Graham WOODWARD - 13 Pine Close,
DAWLISH, SOUTH DEVON, ENGLAND.

AN APOLOGY

In the issue of W.O.G. under the heading of "Country Reunion - 1976" the names "Des & Beryle CUNNINGHAM" appeared. This should have read "Des CUNNINGHAM & Friend" (Sorry, Des, this is how it was reported to me. Ed.)

ANOTHER 2/4 BN. LEGATEE

On Thursday 20th May, Bill MacLennan, our Snr. Vice President, was formally elected and initiated into Sydney Legacy, and it was my pleasure to be at the luncheon. As always, the ceremony was very simple but most impressive and I feel sure it is an occasion Bill will long remember.

Bill was supported by Sir Ivan DOUGHERTY, his proposer, also Ferdie PEGG and son Richard, and Doug COLLETT a R.A.A.F. friend of Bill's from way back. Doug planted the thought in Bill's mind some years ago about becoming a Legatee and he flew over from Adelaide for Bill's initiation.

Congratulations, Bill, and I know all Association Members will join me.

DICK LATIMER.

IN THE MAILBAG

Len SMITH of 24/5 The Park PARRAMATTA, writes:

"As I am at present in R.G.H. Concord I would like to thank the Welfare for the kindly visit and the present of cigarettes, also the words of good cheer. I will see you all in the near future., I hope - in the meantime thanks once again."

W.G. MARTIN writes from Goulburn:

"Best wishes to all in the Association, and congratulations on all the hard work you do "

Murray NAISMITH writes from Narrabri:

"Best wishes to the Association and my old mates. Thanks for W.O.G."

Jack WILSON of Randwick writes:

"Sorry to be late in paying my fees. My wife has been ill and the fractured bone in my back is painful. Best wishes to the Association and W.O.G."

Wal TAYLOR, of Cootamundra writes:

"Five members of 2/4th marched here on Anzac Day - Gordon VESPERMAN, Dudley MEECHAM, Geoff GALVIN, Lindsay HOPE and myself. Regards to all."

Chris GEELAN writes from Wingham:

"A short note to pay my fees. This I intended to do on Anzac Day but owing to having a great day it became overlooked! It was great to meet so many again - I came back to Wingham suffering from "Battle Fatigue". Had the usual beer with our friendly newsagent, Gordon CHRISP on Saturday night. Also saw Noel WOOLCOTT recently."

Vic & Eileen FRANCIS recently wrote from South West Rocks:

"A note to let you know we are slowly moving up north. Spent a very pleasant few days with Cliff & Eileen CURRAN, Yvonne & Harry PEARCE, John RAE and Bully HAYES, called on Gordon CHRISP at Wingham, spent a couple of days with Frank FRIZELLE at Taree, rang Ruth BAWDEN at Port Macquarie and so on to Kempsey to call on Esca RIORDAN, which is my reason for writing to you. Esca has been appointed President of Legacy at Kempsey - he does a great job of visiting hospital patients also, in fact he is being kept a very busy man in the district which is good for him. We will go back to his place for a weekend before moving on. I called at hospital to see Charlie HOOD. Bye for now. The Gypsies."

In a very interesting letter from Heather FOX wife of Committeeman Ted, to Gwen MacLennan recently, Heather told of the wonderful time she is having in the U.S.A. Heather flew over with Mrs. Fox Snr. in May to spend several weeks with Ted's brother and family in Colorado Springs. Heather writes:

"Colorado Springs is a very beautiful City and a great tourist area, as only a mile away

on all sides are numerous places of interest. By a great coincidence, the 4th Bn. Infantry of U.S. army is stationed at Ft. Carson military base just outside the city and its sign is painted White on Green! Haven't found out if it has a colour patch yet - usually their insignia is a bird or animal."

By the time this issue reaches the mail boxes Heather should be safely back home enjoying a good cup of tea and seeing her family again. A big welcome back Heather, we're sure your family will be pleased to have you home again.

It was both good and bad news from Phoebe ADAMS, who recently wrote from Woy Woy:

"A note to apologise, among other things, for Charlie not being at any meetings lately and especially the Anzac Day march. You may remember Anzac Day last year - he spent the night in Ryde Hospital, and he is not very well these days. Our daughter Helen passed her B.A. in economics last year and graduated from Macquarie University on May 5th this year. She spent four years with Price Waterhouse straight from school but this year was offered a position as a tutor at Macquarie and accepted as it gives her more time to study for her Honours degree. She and her husband Peter - son of 2/4er Jack KONG - have started building up this way. Peter graduated last year in Engineering from Meadowbank Tech. We are pretty proud of their achievements - they have both worked very hard. My regards to all the ladies - I seldom get down there now. We look forward to reading W.O.G. each month - I feel we are not so much out of touch."

Fred STAGGS recently wrote from Wahroonga:

"I regret I am unable to attend the meetings as I would like to, but owing to health reasons had to go to lighter work - now do shift work at Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga, as a boiler attendant - start work at 4 a.m. every Saturday which means I hit the deck at 3.a.m. so these hours sort of count me out of late Friday nights." (Just make it any time you are able Fred. We shall always be happy to see you. Ed.)

Graham JACKETT recently sent kind regards and wishes for good health to all, from Sandy Bay, Tasmania.

Bill & Aimee FACEY of Kyogle hope to retire to Evans Head next year - something for their ten grandsons to do on their holidays, not to mention the fishing for themselves. Their daughter Margaret is a Sister at Kyogle Hospital. They look forward to W.O.G. and send

all the best to all.

Bill SHEARWIN writes from Long Jetty:

"As you can see by my address we have shifted - selling our house and buying one down here was more nerve wracking than coming off Crete, but everything is settled now and I have a good twelve months' work ahead of me doing up a very old house. The Repat. has been very good to me - our pensions came through in a fortnight, so we can keep on eating! Saw Jim HODGES just before I left Mudgee - he has been very sick but is coming good again now, back at work in the shop. Saw Broughton COX but couldn't catch up to him but he looked well; Jack DELPH is at Milingimby Island - he and Bonnie hope to be down for holidays in September. He is Engineer for the Mission up there. My regards to the boys, and many thanks for W.O.G."

Ian FITCHETT writes from Curtin, A.C.T.

"Thanks for the tie, which is an attractive one - cheque for \$4.20 enclosed (postage included). Would like to make the Gold Coast in October, but am afraid I cannot. Regards to all 2/4 friends."

Monty SIEMS sends best wishes to all old comrades and trusts we all have many more years to read W.O.G.

CASH REGISTER

Since publishing Subscriptions and Donations received in the May issue, we are pleased to report a good response from unfinancial members. However, our hard-working treasurer, Allen Lindsay is at present on an Interstate business trip, so further acknowledgments will not be published until his return. Meanwhile if you have been a recipient of his letter of June 21st and still wish to remain in the Association (and continue to receive W.O.G.) please reply to it at your earliest opportunity so that a complete Cash Register can be reported in August.

LADIES NIGHT - 1976

As announced in June issue of W.O.G., this very important social function will be held this year on Friday night, August 27th, at the Gallipoli Memorial Club. Your Committee already has plans under way to make the occasion a happy and successful one. Have YOU noted the date on your calendar to make sure of attending and helping it to be so?
