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Friday, September 24th, 1976 - 8 p.m.

At the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney

Ladies Night - 1976
Friday August 27th, at 8.00 p.m.

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12 Loftus Street, Sydney.

Your Committee hope that you have made definite plans to attend this important social function, and look forward to seeing a very good roll-up to ensure a jolly night. Once again the music and entertainment will be provided by Dick Pinson and his band and the Club's catering staff have promised a very attractive supper. Admission is free, including supper and ample liquid refreshments will be available at bar prices. So do come along, bring your families and friends and do your part in making this a happy occasion.

REMEMBER, THE SUCCESS OF THIS FUNCTION
CANNOT BE ENSURED WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE

PARRAMATTA CALEDONIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL BALL

Our Association was well represented at this most happy and successful function, held on Friday, July 23rd at Parramatta Town Hall. Our President, Harry Gjedsted, accompanied by his wife Marge, officially opened the Ball, Dave and Nan MacGillivray were also at the official table representing the Granville Caledonian Society of which Dave is the Chief, and the 2/4th table comprised Ted & Heather Fox, Peter & Betty Cook, Allen & Gloria Lindsay, Del & Harold Silver, and Bill & Gwen MacLennan. Our pipe band gave a stirring display during the evening, the debutantes were extremely well presented (accompanied by their handsomely kilted partners) to Lt. Col. D. Hill, and the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. First and third prizes in the raffle went to the 2/4th table, with the result that the Lindsay home now displays a beautiful large white-and-green gowned doll to delight their grand-daughters! We all hope for the health and strength to be "stripping the willow" again next year.

CASH REGISTER - TREASURER'S REPORT

Subscriptions and donations received since Anzac Day, 1976 are listed below. As can be seen, response to the "cross in the box" and the special letter from the Treasurer has been satisfactory. Unfinancial members who have not responded to the Treasurer's special letter will be removed from the mailing list on 31st August, 1976.

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WELFARE REPORT

Members visted since our last report:-

NX 7601 CHAMBERLAIN, R.H. First at R.G.H. now at Lady Davidson and much improved.
NX 13262 NICHOLLS, H.S. Discharged.
NX 5266 WILLIAMS, H. "Skinny". Discharged
NX 5202 FORD, N.R. Discharged.
NX 5151 KEOUGH, W.J. Discharged
NX 168151 DURHAM, J. Discharged
NX 2031 HOLDER, Eric A. Discharged
NX 31263 SANDISON, George. Doing well.
NX 33214 SAXBY, J. (Les). IN Marrickville District Hospital. Visited by Jack HEANEY. Making slow progress.
NX 58 CHRYSTAL, Cec. At home making slow progress. Entered R.G.H. July 27th for further tests.

4 BN W.W.1

2598 GUNNER, Arthur F. Discharged
7051 SMITH, Edward W. Discharged
520 MAWSON, Leonard J. Was just bac. from theatre after op. to head. Said to be satisfactory.

In response to our appeal in July W.O.G. for a volunteer to join the Welfare team, we are happy to report that Len Smith of Parramatta has offered his services. We thank him for doing so, and welcome him to his new post.

LAST POST

NX 5208 J.B.P. (Baden) PAYNE
NX 15367 C.T.(Curly) DAY.
NX 6028 A.E. "Jim" (Stumpy) WRIGHT

VALE Albert Ernest (Jim) WRIGHT

The funeral of our late friend "Jim" WRIGHT was held at the Beresfield Crematorium on Friday, July 9th. Those who attended from our Association and acted as Guard of Honour were Alf CARPENTER, Cliff CURRAN, Harry PEARSE, George MITCHELL, Joe BOHLE, John RAE, Bill HAYES, Bill WHITE and Jim SHERRITT. As part of the service in the North Chapel and on behalf of the 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Assoc Alf CARPENTER said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen - To those who were close to our late comrade Jim WRIGHT we extend to you all our deepest sympathy. I have the honour of saying a few words on behalf of the 2/4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Association. We first knew Jim back in 1939 when he enlisted.

into our 2nd A.I.F. from Coolamon - very close to my own home town of Wagga. Jim soon showed his qualities of leadership and was promoted to Section Commander and later to Platoon Sergeant. He was a good soldier who placed the safety and well being of those under his Command before his own.

"After that conflict we knew him as a husband, father and above all a man. He carried his burden in life on broad shoulders and did all in his power to promote the happiness of others. He lived respected and died regretted. I can not say more of any man."

THE ASSOCIATION OF 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS

In a recent letter to our Secretary Athol HEATH, Col. Vin HALLINAN, President of the above Association, sends an urgent call for all members thereof to attend their next meeting on Friday, 10th September, at the Gaipoli Memorial Club. Col. Hallinan says that the more senior members to whom the Association looks for experience and guidance have been noticeably absent at past meetings and hopes that the central location will ensure that more of these members attend on September 10th.

COUNTRY REUNION - 1976 THIRD CALL

Wink WALKER, Secretary of our Q'ld team, sends the latest report on the coming reunion.

"Bookings are continuing to flow in and we of the Q'ld Committee again impress on all intending starters NOT to leave things until the last minute as we may have difficulty in providing the necessary accommodation - however we do not intend to knock any starters back. The latest additions to our list are:-

George & Mrs. COLES	Frank FRIZELLE
Dasher & Lily DEACON & friend	Gladys TWIST
Mrs. EVERSON (Sorry Rex)	Ewen WOOD
Laurie & Evelyn McCOSKER	Vera WALSH
George & Heather MITCHELL	Newton HOWARD
Chas. & Marcia ROBINSON	Bill SUMPTER
John & Belle SHINGLES	Wink & Win WALKER
Bill & Wyn CAVANAGH	Max & Phyl COOKE

"Max NERNAY has been doing an excellent job around the district and V.P. Tom will be following up on these in a very short time. Esca RIORDAN also on the ball around his locality and Frank FRIZELLE is doing his share. We do appreciate the help these boys are giving us. Tom going down the Coast as soon as possible and will report again. Regards to all for this time."

NEWS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Our S.A. V.P. recently wrote as follows:

"Can't call you 'Cock Robin', Bill, as you are just too big for those feathers. However I feel you show the same big heart by doing both the column and editing of 'White over Green'. W.O.G. does keep us all close and part of a very large but respectable family, so please Bill & Gwen and helpmates, accept from South Australia many thanks indeed. To you both and all White over Greens of 2/4th greetings and best wishes.

"Our Anzac Day march was held on Monday 26th while Dawn Services and Anzac Sunday Services were all held on the right day. Our Brigade get-together was held on the prior Friday and the gap between was awkward for the likes of Tom MORT and Ron MACZKOWIACK ('Muscovy Duck' as 'Captain Blah' calls him), who are both country members and had local R.S.L. commitments. We had a very enjoyable reunion even though some of our best friends were missing.

"There was one gap at the reunion table filled by the image of one who will be long simply fading away. No one called the roll at Max RUNGIE's funeral. It wasn't necessary, all who knew were there full of mixed feelings, absolute respect and muted pleasure of his acquaintance, whether relation or friend. To me the funeral seemed different to others - what impressed me most was evidence that while rarely does man love fellow man, here it was. He will be remembered with love and fondness rather than missed with sadness.

"George WALTON was re-elected President by very popular vote. All the X fourtherboys seemed very well - Owen HARRISON seemed fine even after the loss of brother Roy and then wife Nancy. Bill LOY (how often these X mortars crop up) has given up pulling rickshaws and taken up book-making by the look of him. A big improvement. Old Sar-major ROBBIE fit as a fiddle and putting on weight too. Know how he looked like an army issue contraceptive full of rubber bands? Well, he's shiney and smooth - not a wrinkles or grey hair for all his age and experience. Did you know he gave pack drill to the survivors of the 'Charge of the Light Brigade'? Fred DIBDEN is always with us for the reunion and march. Hope he goes on forever as we need a capable person in the march with a syringe full of hashish to untangle the couple of 'Tango' CLARKS, (remember Tango? He had two left legs but he sure could throw heads!) who, via service in Field Ambulance or such, are square wheeling behind our banner. (I'm as bad as Robbie when anyone would lower the dignity of our Anzac March). 'Coffee'

ROYAL, who has become a great tour conductor and really "loves" his work, was in N.Z. for our reunion but being a good treasurer had made splendid arrangements for food and drink unlimited to come out of interest of the invested money. Best not to tell that this lasted most of Monday too, as economics may direct a huge interstate switch to S.A. for next Anzac! Three of us from Goolwa went by car to Adelaide and Pat blames me because we were over nine hours late getting home - the fact we had a real ball has not consoled her.

"Feel a bit like our old mate Leo LYNCH these days. My daughter Helen, Mike and son Tim are back from Malaya after ten months town planning for the M.Govt. They have an order in for a sister for Tim. Allen LINDSAY will hate to know Tim; tho' only two can out-debate all comers in English, Malay or Chinese, boy!

"Our son Brian is to marry on August 21st, just a fortnight before his 30th birthday, to a real smasher. Excuse the slang - she's a Phys. Ed. teacher now learning unarmed combat, but a real lady and indeed lovely. He had ten months away on his around the world trip and he and Lynne are planning restoration of the old Rankine homestead. Wouldn't Barbara McWILLIAM be pleased, even tho' she never saw this place but studied all the history.

"Kym has a steady girl friend who visits us a lot, so these things all add up to having a big family.

"Through you, Bill, I'd like to send a special cheerio to all of the Bn. cobbos - all too numerous to name but many I hope to see at Southport. Thanks are still due to Claude RAYMOND Hughie BURGDORF and Ken MOSES. Various references to last reunion at Yarrawonga makes their efforts all the more worthwhile and the pleasure we had from getting to know again those not seen for years I hope will encourage a great roll-up for Tom PROVANS and our Q'ld. Reunion.

"Regards to Harry G. and committee, and best wishes from.....Peter & Pat DENVER."

(Thanks, Peter, for a most entertaining report after "long time no hear". Incidentally, I have no wish to wear the mantle of "Cock Robin" nor usurp his position in the Association. I am just happy to bat along in my own old dull fashion and hope it passes muster.)

Ed.

COCK'S COLUMN

Treasurer Allen recently returned from a

business trip, visiting the Southern states, during which he called on Vince & Marie QUINN at Albury-Wodonga, Ken & Rosemary MOSES at East Bentleigh, Tom & Joan MORT at Keith, and Peter and Pat DENVER at Goolwa. Allen wishes to thank them all for their hospitality and reports that each of these 2/4thers are in fine fettle and send best wishes to all their old mates in the Battalion.

It was with regret that our Newcastle scribe Jim SHERRITT recently reported the passing of our Association's good friend Athlee NOBLE, on July 11th after an illness extending over about six months. Athlee will be remembered as the friend of our member Bill WHITE and was active and interested in all matters pertaining to our Association affairs. With Bill she visited most Country re-unions. Athlee was renowned for her cooking and catering ability and hosted many get-togethers of Association members at her home in Charlestown. She will be sadly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

We are happy to hear that Ruth BAWDEN wants to attend the Southport re-union, and is desirous of transport there and back. Would anyone who is in a position to assist kindly contact the lovely Ruth at -

56 Kennedy Drive, PORT MACQUARIE, 2444,

or your Editor for further details.

In a recent letter from Stan BLACKSLEY to Treasurer Allen, Stan writes:

"Don't know if I will make it to Southport - it is a long way to go on your own (900 miles) but if I can organise a party will be in it - present indications are not real good. Has anything been said about the '77 re-union? Remember I spoke to you and Athol at Yarrawonga and have since spoken to Harry on the phone. The Wagga R.S.L. Club would be very happy to have us, but they tell me they already have several bookings for early '77 so maybe the long week-ends will not be available if we do not book within the next few months. Six of us had a meeting in Wagga and all were keen to put on the show, but of course we realise it is only five years since we had it in Wagga and there may be some other centre that would like it that have not had it for a long time - maybe never."

President Harry has already replied to Stan on the above matter and more will be reported in W.O.G. in the very near future.