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MONTHLY MEETINGS: There will be the normal monthly meeting in May. This will take place on Friday, 27th at 8.00 p.m. at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus Street, Sydney.

SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

For a number of years it has been felt that it was high time SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY's Biography was produced, so with this objective in view a meeting was convened at the Gallipoli Memorial Club at 1900 hours. 18th April.

Those present were:

SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY

SIR FREDRICK CHILTON who served in the Sydney University Regt. and 2/2 Bn with Sir Ivan.

COL DUNCAN GOSLETT 2/2 Bn and GI to Sir Ivan when he became G.O.C. 2 Div.

2/4 Bn represented by KEN KESTEVEN, HARRY GJEDSTED, CEC. CHRYSTAL, GEORGE STACK, PETER CADE, TED FOX & DICK LATIMER.

DICK LENEHEN 2/27 Bn who was also A.D.C. to Sir Ivan in 2 Div.

TIM FEARNside 2/13 Bn. who is a Journalist Author and Publisher. Tim gave us some very

helpful and technical advice and is prepared to give us further assistance.

MRS. D.G. COX, who was Sir Ivan's Secretary when he was Director of Civil Defence. Mrs Cox is a very charming person and has wealth of information to contribute.

The meeting was overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the project and some very helpful suggestions and ideas were forthcoming.

It was decided to form a steering Committee and then at a later date a series of sub committees to deal with various facets of SIR IVAN's career. The steering Committee is:

CEC CHRYSTAL Chairman

GEORGE STACK Minute Secretary

PETER CADE

MRS. COX

RAPHY THOMPSON (2/14 Bn. who wasn't able to be present)

DICK LATIMER

As well as the abovementioned, we have had

offers from JOHN COPLAND, DICK MORRIS, JACK HOUSTON, BOB JACKSON, STAN WICK 2/2 Bn. - ex Education Dept. and author of the History of 2/2 Bn. "PURPLE OVER GREEN", FRANK ALEXANDER 2/16 Bn and Staff Captain to Sir Ivan, MR. JOHN ROBERTSON, Past President of Sydney Legacy and Sir Ivan's 2IC in Civil Defence.

A meeting of the Steering Committee is being held on Monday 2nd May to formulate plans for sub-Committees, finance etc. and you will be kept informed of our progress per WOG. In the meantime, get your thinking caps on because we will need the assistance of every member to bring this project to fruition.

It is hoped that ROD HUMPHRIES, son of our late esteemed friend JACK, will act as Editor. ROD has been Sports Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald for some years and is an author in his own right and has expressed his willingness to undertake this task in his Father's memory. More on the project next month.

A/EDITOR

WAGGA WAGGA RE-UNION 1977

P.O. HUMULA 2654

Dear Athol,

Just a few lines to let you know we had a meeting last Saturday concerning our Re-union Bill Cosier accepted the job of Chairman and I am Secretary. The meeting endorsed the action I had already taken -

1. Booking in Centre R.S.L. Club.
2. Dinner at Police Citizens Boys Club.
3. Evening Meal at Police Citizens Club on Sunday.
4. Bookings for accommodation.

We had been promised the R.S.L. Club for both Saturday and Sunday meals, but I had doubts about their extension plans so made a tentative booking at the P.C.B.C. which I confirmed very smartly when I found out the score at the R.S.L. The booking fee of \$50 has been paid. The Sunday programme looks like being pretty much the same as last time - bus tour and Bar-B-Q. Bill is making enquiries re that. We will have to drum it into the chaps to book early as Motels and Hotels will not hold tentative bookings AFTER THE END OF JULY. We suggest a booking fee of \$10 per head. I had hoped to be down for Anzac Day but cannot make it, so thought had better let you know what is going on, but will certainly get down to a meeting later, July or August, by then we will have a more detailed programme. That's about the lot I think Athol, if you chaps have any queries or suggestions let me know. Best wishes for a very successful Anzac Day, will see you at one of the Winter Meetings - All the Best, STAN BLACKSLEY.

LAST POST

With the sudden death at Bowraville on the 14th April, of JACK MALONEY sees the passing of one who had by his gallant deed at the Dan Map River area on the 19th December, 1944, wrote himself into the History of both the Battalion and Australia, when he was awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry. All the members will remember JACK as a very quiet but solid member JACK was held in very high esteem in the District by everyone. He was a very active member of the R.S.L. and had been a delegate to the R.S.L. District for more than 15 years.

His funeral which was one of the largest seen in the District was preceded by a Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church of which he was a devout member. Over 80 Returned men and many more of his workmates formed a guard of honour both at Church and the Graveside. The Funeral Service was conducted by Father Naylor, and the R.S. service was arranged by the Bowraville Sub-Branch and conducted by the President, Digger JACK CORELY. Among the many returned men present the Battalion was represented by the following: TOM PROVANS, Qld., V/P, ESCA RIORDAN N.C. V/P, BUSH BENNETT, TOM CLOUGH, JOHN SMITH, RIC CARTER, SAM HUGHES, PUNCHY HOOD, HARRY DOWLING AND BUB GRAHAM.

VALE JACK

LEST WE FORGET.

AWARD OF M.M. TO NX46947 PRIVATE JOHN MALONEY

"Private Maloney, John of 2/4 Australian Infantry Battalion is recommended for distinguished gallantry in the field in that he on the nineteenth day of December, 1944, in the Dan Map River area, as a stretcher bearer, with complete disregard for his own life unhesitatingly moved into the fire of three enemy automatic weapons to rescue a wounded man, and later having been severely wounded in the thigh, brought out a second a distance of thirty yards before collapsing from the loss of blood. His action undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men rescued by him."

HONOUR ROLL

1976 - 1977

MAX RUNGIE	C.BYRNE	B. DEMERY
H.STAFFORD	S. AVERY	A.BAKER
CURLEY DAY	STUMPY WRIGHT	C.W.STIFF
BADEN PAYNE	MATT MYERS	J.J.MacGREGOR
CURLY CALLAGHAN	JOHN KEATING	C.J.DAVIS
B.F. ROWBOTHAM	(Cheeky Charlie)	P.RILEY
E.S.MORRELL (B)B	J.T.BROWNLEE	C.R.CLARKE
GEORGE PADDON	JACK HUMPHRIES	R.EWINGS
C.A. HEBBLEWHITE	KEITH COSTELLO	P.A.(Bull)
JACK MALONEY	J.O. WAITE	DUNCOMBE
H.J. JONES	GUY WILLCHAMS	

WELFARE REPORT 25/4/77

NX5900 HAZEL, G.A. R.G.H. 630 major operation
Appeared well and cheerful. George from
Griffith was in the Carrier Platoon.

NX2055 HONNERY, Athol, R.G.H. 28. Tests for
heart and chest, condition fair. Athol
from Inverell joined B.Coy. then to
"Sundstrom Horse" with BILL FRATER, RON
STENNEI and others, finally to A.Coy.

NX9874 LATIMER, R.W. Dick took ill whilst
in Newcastle. To Mater Hospital Newcastle
then home. Awaiting further tests.

NX171051 LINDSAY Allen. Coronary condition.
Allen now on sick leave at Sussex Inlet.

NX5190 FINCH, Noel R.G.H. 530. Abdominal
operation. Discharged. Due to return to
Hospital about now for final surgery.

NX27746 HUGHES DAN, R.G.H. 210 - Discharged.

NX14111 SHAYLER, Norman R.G.H. 630 Suspected
ulcer. Fair - from Griffith, A.Coy.

NX3982 HONEY, W.F. Gloucester House R.P.A.
Operation on leg for osteo-arthritis
expects discharge end of April

W.W.1 Bn
7518 PAYNE, Harold. R.G.H. 28 stomach tests,
expects early discharge.

CASH REGISTER

Treasurer ALLEN LINDSAY wishes to acknowledge
and thank the following

SUBSCRIPTIONS \$6.00

Harry Nicholls	Teddie Hopkins	Bub Graham
Jim Sadler	Slim Venn	Geoff Ings
Lang Stronach	C.L.G. Barwick	Jack Hudson

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$30

V. Eason

DONATIONS \$10

Mol Irvine

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

On 19th April, 1977 Chaplain General JOHN
ALLOYSUIS MORGAN was invested by the Governor
General with the Order of Australia (Officer in
the Military Division). As Padre Morgan he
served in the Aitape-Wewak Campaign and was well
known to many soldiers for his stirring field
service. All his army friends will be delighted
that he has been given this high award.

JACK HOUSTON.

FAMILY (From John Copland)

As this crazy old world spins faster and
faster and nothing seems more permanent than
last week's Top 40, it's nice to know that the
Family still endures. And the reason it does
endure, the reason it remains as warm and
wonderful today as it was when Grandma was learn-
ing the Charleston, is because the Family is
that one safe refuge in life we can all look to

time of need.

When you're sad. When you're happy. When
you're in trouble. When those guys you thought
were your friends just suddenly aren't to be
found there's your family ready to pick you
up, to take you back into those strong,
comforting arms and say "Okay, so you've gone
out into the big wide world, but that doesn't
mean we'll ever forget you."

If you've got a Family, you're a rich man
indeed, rich in the things that count, rich in
people who care, not only in the good times,
but when the going gets rough.

Families are there at funerals. But they're
also there at christenings. And when you
graduate. And when you get married. And when
you wind up in hospital with gallstones. And
at Christmas time too.

That's the thing about families. You know
they'll always be there in the middle of the
night, or the middle of the day, whenever it
matters most, whenever you call.

IN THE MAIL BAG - TOM PROVIANs - Our Queensland
Vice President writes:

Dear Harry:

As my last communication was just a note, I
thought I had better pass on whatever info I
have for the Annual G.M. and also WOG. Unfor-
tunately, I will not be able to be present
this year, however, I wish all present a good
Meeting and a happy evening from the Queensland
WOGs, our thanks to the outgoing Committee
and every success to the boys who take on the
job in 1977.

After all the Southport dust had settled I
had a very busy time with a Meat Trades Con-
vention and Golf Carnival in Melbourne, a
Tournament to organise for Butchers' Picnic
Day, the 6 Div. Xmas Tree, and our daughter
Janet's wedding in early December, and that is
when T.P. crashed and had a spell in Greenslo-
pes until Christmas Eve - never mind we are
back on deck again and going strong.

All functions went off very well, my son Jim
took over the wedding for me and with Vera's
help, everybody had a real whale of a time,
still copped the "bills" though Harry, but
got over the shock.

I must report to those interested that the
6 Div. Xmas Tree, due mainly to the arrival
of grandchildren, although we still have a
few junior 6 Divvers, was an outstanding
success and one of the best we have had for
years - our 6 Div. Committee did their usual
first rate job and all had a very enjoyable
afternoon and evening - despite "Provians"
steaks.

Since my Southport report Harry, I have not been as active as I would have liked to have been and must apologise to a lot of the boys, particularly Queenslanders, who never heard from me at Xmas as usual, I hope this apology can make WOG as I am a few miles behind in my correspondence - but I will catch up.

Had an ale yesterday with NORM MCINTYRE who has been off work but is back again and not going too badly. LAURIE MCCOSKER and WINK WALKER are in the pink and have had word from MAX NEARNEY that the Kyogle gang are all going well and giving the absentees from Southport a real going over. Saw BRUCE CORK on a recent visit to the Coast and Vera and I had dinner with JACK and JOAN HUGHES at the Club; reports from the boys down there were good; LEN GOODWIN seems to have gotten over his troubles and also had a quick word with CHARLIE ELLWAY. Must chase NORM EVERSON up as he seems to have gone into smoke since the "do".

I guess Esca has covered the Lismore Xmas get-together - I do believe they had one of the best for a long time - Congrats to ALLEN KIRK, FRED VARLEY, DOUG STEBBINGS and the gang.

Had ring from WALLY MACKENZIE apologising for not being able to make the 6 Div. Xmas Tree and good old reliable MAX NEARNEY who is getting ready for more weddings in the family. Have not heard, and do not expect at the moment, any news from CHRIS WHITE, JACK REYNOLDS and JIM WHITTAKER as they are flood-bound, waterlogged, and probably have moss growing out of their ears. DUNCAN RUSSELL is still carrying on and I guest we are due to have a couple of "XXXX"s very soon. BILL SUMPTER dropped in as is usual, a couple of times each year, and is in the pink, must also run a check on STAN SUTHERLAND who wasnt going so well when last heard of.

My personal news is that I have sold my business and BALDY WALLWORK had better get his boat ready at Iluka as we will be down and he had better show me some fish, we will be down your way Harry, so warn the gang to look out. In the meantime, the best to all, Sincerely,

TOM PROVIANS & THE QUEENSLAND WOGS

VIC EASON writes from Broadford, Victoria.

On receiving April issue of W.O.G. noticed Allen had to divest himself of some duties. Hope you are on the mend, Allen.

Also in the mailbag, a letter from CHIC SLEEMAN that he had contacted KANGA HILL - Cheerio to you both. Maybe CHIC could contact ARTHUR POWER as I would like to hear of him. I'm sorry to have missed Gold Coast Re-union, but expect to be at Wagga. Regards to all the boys.

BUB GRAHAM reports from Bowerville.

Dear Dick: Just a few lines to tell you of the sudden death of JACK MALONEY. I have written a piece but not being a literary man I will not be offended if you alter it in any way. You may like to include his Citation and an account of the action. I leave it with you, Dick.

TOM PROVIANS was at Coffs Harbour on holiday and MASSA BROOKS, who could not attend, told him so he came over. After the Funeral 6 of us gathered at the local Club, PUNCH, ESCA, HARRY, 2 TOMS and MYSELF, and did the right thing by JACK. As he was a Bachelor the Club provided food for all, and this was appreciated by a large crowd.

Jack left 4 brothers and 1 sister. LEN (Nav), JIM (R.A.A.F.), PAT (Army), MICK and MARY. This is the first time since 1865 that a member of the family has not lived in Bowerville.

COCKS COLUMN - Seen on Anzac Day.

GENTLEMAN JIM GRAHAM after far too many years Jim looks his old self and still has a fund of good stories.

PETER WILLAN sailed on the Strathnaver and left us the night before we went to Haifa. Peter spent the rest of the war as a cipher Officer. Has resided in W.A. for thirty years and this was his first every Sydney Anzac Day.

HARRY WHITMAN. Long time no see at Sydney Anzac Day. Harry looks younger than ever and smelt like new mown hay.

FRED DRISCOLL. You have heard the saying "straight as a ram rod", well that is FRED. At 86 years young he puts most of us to shame. JACK HOUSTON. Down from Canberra, Horse D. has retired and now doesn't know how he found time for work.

JOHNNIE HAWKINS looking very well and debonair as usual. Gave me a good account of his cousin RALEIGH HAWKINS who was with an Ack Ack Regt. on the Costa Rica.

JACK MORGAN who was recently in Papua N.G. Gave me a photo for our Battallion collection. It is a photo of the graves of

NX23861 C.H. CUMMINS, K.I.A. 19.12.44

NX15363 C.E.BYE K.I.A. 19.12.44

TOM PROVIANS with Vera are on a leisurely trip before retiring to Bribie Island.

PETER CORK. Irrepressible as ever, just down for the hell of it - minus spouse.

TOM WATSON retired from the Army comparatively recently and is spending his time living on his boat fishing along the North Coast.

(To be continued)