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MONTHLY MEETINGS: THERE WILL BE THE NORMAL MONTHLY MEETING IN JUNE.

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, 24TH AT 8.00 P.M. AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB, 12 LOFTUS STREET SYDNEY.

ANZAC DAY 1977

With every indication that this National Day of Remembrance was going to be a beautiful Autumn day, 35 members of the Battalion, including our Patron Sir Ivan, formed up on the corner of York and Erskine Sts. at 8.05 to march to the Cenotaph with the men of 4 Bn. A.I.F. 1914-1918.

Headed by the Parramatta Pipe Band both Battalions paid respects to our Fallen and Departed Comrades at the Cenotaph and then moved off to our respective F.U.P's for the March.

With approximately 160 on Parade, the Battalion, as always, presented itself proudly and impressively to the large crowd who responded to the Battalion's appearance and bearing with acclamation throughout the entire route.

There were many familiar faces missing from the ranks this year including Senior Vice-President Bill MacLennan (overseas with Gwen), Harry Wright (also overseas with Hilda), Allen Lindsay (who has not been well)

and "Angel" Gabriel (not in good health).

At the Re-union Luncheon held at the GALLIPOLI Memorial Club, our guests included "our Band", (who performed enthusiastically throughout the afternoon) Major General Gordon Maitland, Col. Ray Sharpe and Lieut. Col. Phil Carey, C.O. 4 Bn. R.N.S.W.R.

Due to commitments, Sir Ivan was unable to stay for lunch but found time to talk with most of us and enjoy a few drinks.

Messages and apologies received included a cable from New York with Best Wishes to Sir Ivan, your President and all Members from Bill and Gwen MacLennan, a letter of best wishes to all especially "B" Coy from "Angel Gabriel", a telegram of best wishes from South Australian Vice-President Peter Denver, and verbal messages of best wishes to all from "Sailor" Harvey and Harold and Del Silver.

There were quite a number of "long time - no see members at the Re-union plus those from the Country who make the trip to Sydney every Anzac Day. They included:

FRED DRISCOLL - Griffith, JACK HUDSON - Lightning

BRUCE CORK - Queensland, JIM GRAHAM, JACK HUSTON
Canberra, TED SWADLING - Griffith, CHARLIE
GROVE - Ballina.

I cannot remember our Battalion ever having
a bad Re-union, they have always been good,
well organised, well conducted and everybody
enjoying the company of old comrades. This year
was no exception and again we were indebted to
those who gave their time on this day to the
handling of the various matters that have to be
attended to. With Allen Lindsay, Bill MacLennan
and Harry Wright away, we had to call on a few
willing helpers and on your behalf I extend our
sincere thanks and appreciation to all the
Committee who acted as ticket sellers, plus the
"on the door" Team of Athol Heath, John Meehan,
Peter Cade, Bruce Cork and Ken Kesteven. Thanks
for helping to make this day the great success
that it was. Also a special thanks to Dick
Latimer who is doing the unenviable job of
Editor during Bill's absence.

I take this opportunity to remind all members
that our Association Meetings are held at the
Gallipoli Memorial Club, 12 Loftus St.,
Circular Quay, on the FOURTH FRIDAY of each
Month (except April) so keep in touch by
attending when you can.

To you all and to your Families, Good Luck
and Good Health.

HARRY GJEDSTED
President.

HONOUR TO LEGATEE ROBERT JACKSON

On Friday 29th April, 1977 our esteemed
friend BOB became Chairman of Wagga Wagga
Legacy. This is a fitting reward for the many
years of selfless service BOB has given to
Legacy and the community in general.

CONGRATULATIONS L/CHAIRMAN JACKSON.

2/4 BN JET SETTERS

It's getting a bit of a habit for our members
to "up, up and away".

LATEST SCORE: Away now -
BILL & GWEN MACLENNAN
HARRY & HILDA WRIGHT.

Soon to Depart: LEN & MARY GOODWIN, Tour of
Europe, JACK & JOAN HUSTON, Tour of Europe;
CEC & PHYL CRYSTAL, To attend Son Rolfe's
marriage in England; MICK GRAY, U.K., Belgium
and all points N.S.W. and W.

2/4 BN. LADIES AUXILIARY

No doubt you all read in a recent W.O.G. that
it was felt we need a Ladies Auxillary and we
called for volunteers. To my utter amazement
the response was almost Nil. My amazement
disappeared after having a yarn with Gwen &
Bill MacLennan and they told me certain people
thought of the Auxillary as a fund raising body.
This shocked and rather disappointed me.

In the early post-war years, when we were
struggling to establish our Association, we had
a very active and dedicated Ladies Auxiliary
without whose help we would have been hard
pressed to pay for the publication of WOG or
establish a Welfare Fund.

Now thirty years later, our Association, is
in a strong financial position and if we men
can't keep it solvent we should hang our heads
in shame.

In my estimation WE NEED A LADIES AUXILIARY
VERY BADLY, not a fund raising body, but we
need our Ladies expertise in organising our
Social events such as Annual Re-Unions, Ladies
Nights, Anzac Day Ladies get-together, and I
feel with girls' assistance we could add greatly
to our Social Calendar.

Please Ladies and Gentlemen let me have
your feelings on this matter.

Dick Latimer, 298 Bobbin Head Road,
North Turramurra, 2074.

LAST POST

Herewith a few pars for WOG on STAN ANDREWS.

STAN as you probably know, died of Leukemia
in Repat. Hospital, Concord.

The Association was represented by 7 members
at the Funeral in Lismore on Monday March, 28th
Present were DOUG STEBBING, BOB GARDNER, JACK
LISTER, PHIL NUGENT, FRED VARLEY.

VALE STAN.

WELFARE REPORT Members visited since last Meeting:

NX 2055 HONNERY Athol R.G.H. 28 - discharged
NX 5900 HAZELL G. R.G.H. 630 - discharged.
NX 14111 SHAYLOR, N. R.G.H. 630 still a very
sick boy, but improving.
NX 5190 FINCH, Noel, R.G.H. - 230 - discharged
NX 5294 ROBERTS, H. R.G.H. 14 "D" & "A" Coys
ex PW in for tests again - now
discharged.

In all a quiet month - which is good. Mrs.
VERA WALSH (John's widow) who visits R.G.H.
with the Miranda Women's Auxiliary, rang and
offered to call on any 2/4 Bn. patients at RGH
This has been appreciated very much. Thanks
Vera
JOHN COPLAND, Welfare Officer.

ASSOCIATION OF 4 INF. BATTALIONS

The next regular meeting will be at "A" Coy
Signals Depot Vacluse on Friday 8th July at
2000 hours.

Signal Depot is next door to the South Head
Lighthouse on Old South Head Road. A most
interesting night is promised by MAJOR JEOFFREY
COPELAND and the Company.

SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY BIOGRAPHY

Subsequent to the initial meeting in connection with this important project, two successful Meetings have been held and it is reported that the project has been very well received. A more detailed account will be reported in the next Edition of WOG.

CASH REGISTER: The Treasurer reports having received subscriptions and donations from the following members (N.B. This list includes amounts received on Anzac Day.)

Subs: \$6.		
Eric Jones,	Bill Poplin	Doug Milne
Geo. Coles	Les Jones	Biscuits Arnott
Ted Harris	Bob Roach	H.Beggs
F.Gattenhoff	Lionel Clark	H.L.McLaughlin
John Miller	Charlie Newell	Alex Miller
Tom Watson	Noel Smith	Gordon Cox
L. Bloomfield	Kevin King	Slim Pollock
V. Bowman	Ted Swadling	Gordon Chrisp
Jim Foreman	C.Geelan	Gary Hart
D.Croschwaite	P. Armstrong	Geo. Moore
Bert Milner	R.Groat	Bob Lane
W.Walker	Wally Shaw	D.McGillivray
Bruce Cork	K.Richardson	Peter Foster
Jack Morgan	Dasher Deacon	S.McCartney
Arthur Kleem	Ewan Wood.	

Subs. \$12.		
W.J.Stephens	L.McCosker	David Munro

Donations: \$1		
Bob Lever	Tom Provians	Doug. Groves

Donations: \$4		
Doug Milne	Les Jones	Ron Miller
Alex Miller	Geof Ings	S.McCartney
Bill Poplin	Bob Road	F. Gattenhoff
Arthur Galloway	Harry Nicholls	Meryl Howell

Donation: \$6.	
Phil Smith	

Donation: \$8.	Donation \$10
Gordon Chrisp	Vera I. Walsh
	Ron Stennett
Donation: \$20	Butch Warren
Ellen Fryer (Sister of Cheeky Charlie Keating)	

COCKS COLUMN Seen on Anzac Day - continued from May Edition:

DOUG GROVES down from Ballina, sends regards to all and says don't just pass Ballina if you're in that neck of the woods.
FRED STAGGS: It was terrific to see FRED after a long absence and as you can well imagine he received a Great welcome.
TED SWADLING - Anzac Day wouldn't be Anzac Day without SWADDO.

JACK HUDSON and brother FREDDIE together at our re-union for the first time in many years. JACK is down? or up? from Lightening Ridge and is now a member of the Association. JIM SADLER ex A Coy now of Merylands is another very welcome recruit to the Association. ALEX MILLER from Gloucester on long service leave. Reports that brother RON is fine and thinking of retiring.
MONICA SCHOFIELD met DICK MORRIS in Hyde Park. Unfortunately the Unit has dispersed, but she sent her kindest regards to all with a special mention to the "Old Gang" who were on the Committee when ELLIOTT was active in the Association.

NOTES FROM TOM PROVIAN'S ON HIS AND VERA'S TRIP

Called on BRUCE CORK, Palm Beach - absent.
DOUG GROVE, Ballina, same story - caught both on Anzac Day. Saw HEATHER BUTLER, RAY (RAGSY) at work, but going well. MERV MCINNESS - AWL in Sydney. Found HERB HOATHER, South Ballina, settling in well in his new abode which we christened. Stayed a couple of nights with IAN & EDNA WALWORK at Iluka and showed them how to catch flathead. POM WALLACE Away, so left a note. Next port of call was with LEO & EILEEN LYNCH where we had lunch and a cuppla - LEO is enjoying retirement and like HERB & IAN wondering how they ever found time to work.
Dug up MASSA BROOKS at Coffs Harbour, doing fine except for nearly writing his car off on a horse - always thought MASSA liked animals too. Through him I heard about JACK MALONEY'S funeral at Bowerville and was able to attend. 2/4 Bn. was to the fore with 10 representatives thanks to ESCA RIORDAN and BUB GRAHAM, who will report fully to WOG. On to Kempsey where I called on FRED HUGHES who is O.K. However was unable to keep an appointment with him at the Club. Sorry FRED time beat me. Next came to EXCA where we spent a night and jawed somewhat. FRANK FRIZELL, Taree was next and caught just in time as he was on his way out. However, we had a can each just for the hell of it. Then to Gorokan and SNOW MOORES and a pleasant lunch etc. at Tourkley R.S.L. He must have had a good bowls game on Sunday as he was noticeably absent from Anzac Day in Sydney. Also met TED RYAN and son TED. Last port of call was VIC and DOT PIKE, 129 Walmsley Road, Lower Macdonald, via Wisemans Ferry. Phone 91. They have a spare self contained flat and any 2/4 ex. is welcome to visit spend a day or two or three or use as a recuperation centre if they haven't been Al and need a quiet rest for a while. We can vouch for their wonderful hospitality and even

having VIC for a guide on the drives around the area. Fishing is at the back fence - Howabout that! On to Sydney and Anzac Day and you will read all about that.

OF STATISTICS AND STUFF - FROM PETER CADE

Dear Dick,

Herewith the burst I said I would do for WOG yesterday. Hope that its not so longthat you have to split it. It will probably lose its continuity. However, you have to do the shuffling. Hope you had a good day yesterday and feel O.K. See you - cheers, PETER CASE. Our regards to Enid also.

During the social chat that followed a meeting several weeks ago, JOHN MEEHAN made the optimistic observation that Easts was going to take out the Premiership this year. PETER CADE reckoned Hawthorn would! This brought the discussion to a sudden halt and while JOHN was thinking of a smart answer, FRED STAGGS, whose memory is on a par with MEEHAN's football predictions, changed the subject to the various venues of our Anzac Day re-unions. For the benefit of FRED's memory, and it is hoped, the interest of all, your correspondent looked up all the back issues of WOG and came up with the following data:

Year	Meetings	Anzac Re-Unions	W.O.G. Editors
1946	250 George St. & Buffalo Hall	Not Stated	Harry Watts, "Dagwood" Jackson, Dick Latimer (filling in)
1947	Combined Services Club	Actor's equity	Harry Watts
1948	" " "	Sue's cafe Wynyard	Harry Watts
1949	" " "	Vere Mathews	Elliot Schoefield, Harold Sargent
1950	" " "	" "	" " " "
1951	" " "	Coronet	Harold Sargent
1952	" " "	"	" "
1953	" " "	"	" " then the "Executive" but actually John Morrison.
	(This was the year when Fred Staggs had his finger chopped off under a beer keg. The only man to be wounded in action in the service of the 2/4 Bn. Association)		
1954	Combined Services Club	No recorded	As above
1955	" " "	Coronet	As above then Peter Cade
1956	" " "	"	Peter Cade
	Gallipoli Legion Club then MUIOOF Building.		
1957	MUIOOF then R.S.L. Elizabeth St	"	Peter Cade
1958	R.S.L. Eliz. St.	"	Trevor Richardson
1959	R.S.L. Eliz. St. then Royal Naval House	"	Fred Staggs
1960	Royal Naval House	"	As above
1961	" " "	"	As above
1962	" " "	Manresa	As above
1963	" " "	"	Peter Cade & Peter Armstrong
1964	" " "	"	Peter Armstrong, Dick Morris & Johnny Morrison
1965	" " "	"	Dick Morris

WAGGA COUNTRY RE-UNION

Advice from STAN BLACKSLEY To HARRY GJEDSTED.

Thought I had better drop you a few lines to let you know how things are going concerning the re-union. Saw BILL COZIER last week and we are both satisfied with how things are going quite a lot to be done yet but have plenty of time up our sleeves. A band was a bit of a problem, but have verbal promise, should have written confirmation any time now from R.A.A.F. Base at Forest Hill that their Drum Band will be available. I am sure that 6 or 8 Drummers will be adequate for the short march we will be having.

As I mentioned in my last to Athol, it will be difficult to hold tentative bookings after end of July. Am writing to all our V.P.s asking them to stir up all the chaps in their area and suggesting they might be able to collect deposits.

Do you know of any ex 2/8 Bn chaps who would like to come. We have a 2/11 chap in Wagga so thought it would be nice to have a rep. from the two sister (or are they brother?) Bns.

Had a visit from TOM and VERA PROVANS on 6th inst. a very pleasant surprise. They were on their way to S.A. TOM will be coming to Wagga Got word that OWEN HARRISON was (cont'd over)

Year	Meetings	Anzac Re-unions	W.O.G. Editors
1966	Royal Naval House	Manresa	Dick Morris then Russ McWilliam
1967	" " "	"	Russ McWilliam
1968	" " "	"	Russ McWilliam
1969	" " "	17 BN RNSWR Nth Syd.	Russ McWilliam & Dick Morris
1970	" " "	Manresa	As above
1971	" " "	"	Bill MacLennan & Russ McWilliam
	then Gallipoli Memorial		
1972	Club	"	As above
1973	" " "	"	As above
1974	" " "	"	Russ McWilliam & Dick Morris
1975	" " "	Gallipoli Mem. Club	Dick Morris
1976	" " "	" " "	Dick Morris & Bill MacLennan
1977	" " "	" " "	Bill MacLennan.

In compiling the above, it became evident that the meagre statistics presented merely scratched the surface of the progression of the 2/4 Bn. Association since the end of the War. Starting from the time when a lot of us were young fathers of babies and young children (or hoped to be) and a time when Alan Lindsay, Peter Cade, and John Reynolds, etc. still had their hair, the pages of WOG progress through the years. And in doing so they speak of a progression from earnest endeavour to the fulfilment of stability and strength, A progression that could have only been made by a series of dedicated people backed by the continued support of the ex-members of the 2/4 Australian Infantry Battalion. "NX 28964"

WAGGA COUNTRY RE-UNION (Cont'd)

in Wagga last week, he left the Bn. at Darwin. Had not seen him since, so went in and had a session with him. He is one of our S.A. mob and has promised to come back for October.

Was shocked to hear of Jack Maloney's death. I knew him quite well in the Bn and always looked forward to meeting him at the North Coast Re-unions.

This is about all for now Harry, will be at one of the winter meetings, July or August, till then all the best to everybody, Regards.

DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

LADIES NIGHT - Friday 26th August, 1977.
BAR TO INGLEBURN BAR-B-Q Saturday 27th Aug.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Omitted from last Edition. Final Para from letter from BUB GRAHAM.

I rang ALLAN KIRK to tell him the news and to spread the news. He told me he was 60 on Good Friday, but retired the day before, that is about all the news. Hope you and Enid are both O.K. as are Margaret and myself - Kind regards.

In a note from R.GROAT. Please find enclosed a cheque for \$11.50 being for my sub of \$6 for 1977 and \$5 for the 2/4 Bn. History Book and 50¢ for postage. You will note I changed my

name from my step-name back to my real name which is GROAT, formally was WAKE. You will see by your records of this.

DAVID S. (CHUB) CROSTHWAITE writes. Whilst watching the early part of the March yesterday the thought came to me that it was a while since 'our' sub had been paid, and it is. So herewith is cheque to rectify the omission. From V.H. BOWMAN. Dear Athol: How are you getting along. Hope your health is good mine not too bad at the moment. I did not get along to the last Re-union. ELLEN and self had to baby sit, our daughter had another son - grandfather again. We hope to go down to Wagga if all goes well. I am sending my membership down, I don't know if it is still \$6 or not anyway if it is let me know. We have had plenty of rain here lately in last month and half about 12 inches. Well Athol I close down for now and say cheerio, Regards to all BUDDA. P.S. Hope you can read this spelling and writing, have job to write at times since I had a slight stroke (as you can see we had no problems - A/Ed).

We hear from RONALD E. SMALL. Dear Allan: Please find enclosed the sum of \$1 plus stamp for return mail to me for the (4) Bn. car stickers, which I spoke to you about over the phone, also make enquiries for me if any of our boys have (one) 1 of our Bn. colour patches as I cannot find mine which I have had all these years.

From RON BIRLEY we hear: Dear Allen: Just a few lines to bring myself in touch with the Bn Association again after being out for many years. I recently saw ALBERT HERNLOW of Koorawatha, whom I found very well, also on to Temora and saw ROY DENYER also looking very well. ROY gave me a copy of WOG from where I have your address to contact you. I would like to rejoin the Association and receive a copy of WOG each month, so if you could let me know the yearly and life membership fee I would be very pleased. In the meantime would like to be remembered to any of the boys, also any who may be travelling this way. Yours sincerely, RON BURLEY, "Allumbie" Garra, via Molong.

From ATHOL HEATH: Herewith the information regarding MONTY SIEMS. He arrived in Sydney this morning and is sailing again tonight for New Zealand, continuing his sea trip around the world. His comments were: "Passing through Sydney and was so glad to meet some of the mob, SCOTCHY MCCARTNEY AND WIFE KIT, NORRIE MCGREGOR, AND HIS WIFE NORMA, ATHOL HEATH & HARRY GJEDSTED. All the best to everybody MONTY SIEMS.

And from SCOTCHY MCCARTNEY 18/5/77. After Anzac Day, BUTCH WARREN and I plus our wives went to Lithgow to see SNOWY HARRISON, who will be coming to Wagga Re-Union. He also indicated that he would join the Association. We chased ERNIE DAWES all over Bathurst without success. ARTY KLEEM reported much sickness after Anzac Day (self inflicted).

From NORRIE MCGREGOR, I am now leading a quiet life. I missed Anzac Day owing to local Club duties. I see quite a lot of TEX DALLOWAY and GEOFF INGS. These reports are verbatim Dick. If they need editing, I am sure the blokes won't mind. Please excuse the scribble. I've been doing this at rather a busy time so that I could get it in the mail today. Regards to you both - Athol.

A note from ELLEN FRYER - CHEEKY CHARLIE KEATING's sister - Dear Dick: I read in WOG recently that you and Enid are holding the Fort at the moment so thought it a good opportunity to send you a donation towards the printing costs. A cheque for \$20 is enclosed. We do appreciate receiving WOG and keeping in touch with the 2/4 Bn. in this way. Kindest regards.

A note to the boys from E.J. (TED) HARRIS: Dear Dick: Please find enclosed \$6 as 1977 sub. having failed to make Anzac Day parade. Regards to all the boys, yours in haste.

From Cessnock we hear - Dear Athol, Bill, Allen Dick (made it): We'll need another mob of re-inforcements to keep up with the postings to Secretary/Editor. Have finally moved into our new residence at Cessnock and established a tenuous contact per phone with ALF CARPENTER. DEIDRE and I are still telling people about the Southport three day "Do" that we spent over a week at, and enjoyed every minute. We'd like to know who got into the Guinness Book of Records for the longest stay at a re-union. Our President HARRY, seemed to be "bucking" for that one when we left. I have been much better (must be the beautiful Pokolbin wines up here - no more coronaries, you don't feel them - it's better than Carmel Hock that I shared in a truck with BILL SHERWIN and JUMBO HODGES. Won't be down this year for Anzac Day, have to do a job for Legacy up here. Cheque for \$10 enclosed for subs. etc. Regards Doug ("Blue") Milne. P.S. Dick - Just heard in Maitland that you haven't been the brightest again, hope you're O.K. again.

ERIC JONES writes from Narrabundah A.C.T. Dear Dick. Sorry to hear Allen is on the sick list. Trust the rest is doing him good and that he will soon be back to health. Please extend to him my wishes for a speedy recovery when you next see him. It would be appreciated in Allen's absence, if you could arrange for a copy of the Unit History and Unit Plaque to be forwarded to me at the above address. The enclosed cheque is to cover cost and postage and Association subscription for 1977 - sorry for being so late. With best wishes.

From BILL & GWEN MacLENNAN. Dear Dick & Enid: Have just received news from Jilly that Dick wasn't well again over Easter - sorry to hear this - we do hope the problem is rectified now. Arrived on the "Old Dart" again on Sat. night its good to be here, we feel quite at home. Spent this evening with FRANK MALLETT who arranged his visit to London to coincide with ours. He retires from P.& O. cargo this week and we've ALMOST talked him into a visit to Sydney either for the October re-union or next Anzac Day. Have thought of you all a lot to-day and hoped you were enjoying yourselves. Hope Dick was well enough. We go to Scotland on Wed. Great joy there - the Chief and Margaret had a SON on Friday, Much love.

From FRANK MALLETT - Dear Richard; You will be surprised to get these few lines I expect, however I felt that I really should drop a line to say how much I enjoyed ANZAC DAY this year. Made a trip up to London as I had an appointment at my Head Office, and joining my Hotel had a

letter waiting from GWEN and BILL MacLENNAN asking me to ring them. In fact I joined them at their Hotel. Over a few drinks and a really nice dinner, we had a really good chat about old times and our many old friends. BILL was trying to get me to make a trip to Aust. next year - well I didn't say "no", however shall give it thought. I retire on the 1st of May so shall have time on my hands.

BILL and GWEN move up north on the 27th but should be in London again on the 1st of June so I must try to make it again. I have the March issue of WOG as I write this and I must say how much I approved your nomination of Life Membership to BILL. He, like so many of you, gives so much of your time to keep this Association alive it really is a grand effort, my best respects to you and your family, and old friends. Will write again, I am sincerely, FRANK MALLETT, 86 Wroxham Road, Sprowston, Norwich, NR708EX Norfolk, U.K.

In a note from LES JONES. The list of members' subscriptions in April issue of WOG reminded me that I had not yet paid mine. So herewith my cheque for \$10 which will cover my Subs and leave \$4 as a donation. Regards. P.S. Will be tied up for a while yet with young son and sick wife, so cannot come to Anzac Day.

DASHER DEACON writes: Many thanks for your concern over DENNY. Do hope that you are feeling better and don't overdo your activities. Please excuse the scribble, Now to get back to Anzac Day. I was evacuated from Greece on Anzac Day and also evacuated from the Gallipoli Club on Anzac Day, much later and many years older. GORDON CRISP was the O.I.C. of the evacuation party but at that time there was no Navy. There were no Germans, just a flight of stairs but after falling down I had more injuries, especially to my head and arms. Then the Navy - sorry the taxi, took me to the wrong flats and were the neighbours surprised! I played golf the next day and I played my best round for years. So all you budding golfers if you want to play well all you have to do is to fall down a flight of stairs - because when you hit the ball you keep your head down -- only because you can't lift your head up. Am going to challenge PETER COOK to a game so I will have to fall down Australia Square steps. Next Anzac Day I will challenge the stairs to a return bout, but this time I will fall up the stairs. However the flight is off, the Doctor told me I must not drink anymore, so will throw the towel in. Many thanks to GORDON CRISP and the rest of the boys, Regards. Lily would like to tell all of her lady friends of the Bn. that her son, after ten years working overseas in

Cyprus The Jordan, England and the Continent, has taken a position as Resident Engineer for Cockburn Cement in Perth. I am so pleased because she has her son and grand-children in Australia besides me, and believe that sometimes I am a liability. Many thanks for a job well done, Dick and Enid, all the best. Apologies to the stairs, I will use the lift - DASHER.

A letter to our President from W.S. ROBBINS. Dear Harry: When serving in India with the British Army 1924 I was promoted to Sgt. and was issued with a book of Standing Orders as you will see when you read same. It's the most practical set of Regimental Orders ever laid down and I may add by a most famous Regiment of the British Army. I thought it would be a good idea to give this book to the R.N.S.W.R. 4 Bn. since I won't need it anymore. Harry would you pass this book to the Commanding Officer of the 4 Bn. he might be interested in same. By the way, I follow your life through WOG and you do well. The very best ROBBIE. N.B. Presentation made at the Association of 4 BNs Dinner 22/4/77 - Harry G.

From GWEN MACLENNAN to HARRY and MARGE GJEDSTED from Stow-on-the-Wold. Dear Harry and Marge: Am on my way back to London, having spent a few days with friends in Wales whilst Bill has been in Belgium. We meet again in London tomorrow night (thank goodness) and then return to Inverness for a few more days with the Scottish folk. The trip has been most enjoyable but we shall be glad to get home to friends and family. BILL was asked to take the Sunset Salute at Edinburgh Castle last week, having been made Chieftain of the Clan, but unfortunately we were short of time. Do hope all goes well with you both, much love.

GWEN.

"FOR VALOUR" - THE STORY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS

(Continued from April issue)

LT. ALBERT JACKA (Cont'd)

"War seemed to obsess Jacka. For instance, when his men were resting he would slide into no-man's land to pick off a few unwary Germans. He did this "just to keep in practice"

"Once when on one of these walkabouts, he captured an enemy field gun and a machine gun and saw to it that they stayed immobilised while Allied troops set up a line of outposts to cover the area.

"On April 8, 1917, Jack, then intelligence officer for the 14th, was given the dangerous job of making a night reconnaissance of the

wire entanglements along the Hindenburg Line.

"He penetrated the line in two places and returned with his report. Then he set out again to lay tapes to guide the soldiers through the wire.

"While laying the tapes, A German officer and his batman approached where Jacka was silently at work. Jacka challenged the two - but they came on. He took aim with his pistol and squeezed the trigger.

"Nothing happened.

"He then rushed the German pair and, grabbing the officer and pushing the useless pistol into his neck, ordered the pair back to the Allied lines.

"Sensing that Jacka's pistol was not working, the two refused.

"At this, Jacka laid his pistol in the mud, and proceeded to give the pair a hiding with his fists.

"On reaching the Allied lines, the German officer complained bitterly about his treatment.

"Jacka's men surged around the pair saying: 'You've been in the hands of Captain Jacka, VC, so you're damned lucky to be alive'.

"A few minutes later, two brigades of troops assembled at the jumping off point for their assault.

"Jacka's action in bringing in the two Germans who had seen what was going on undoubtedly saved the Allies from certain discovery, bombardment and machine gunning.

"Captain Jacka was rewarded - with his second Military Cross, actually a Bar.

"Jacka's men worshipped him not only because of his personal courage but because of his qualities of leadership. He became the guiding spirit of the storm of battle' - and the 14th Battalion became known as Jacka's mob. Almost every action in which he took part brought him fresh honour.

"At Messines, he led his company to take one kilometre ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile) of enemy territory and to capture a field gun.

"At Polygon Wood, when just back from recovering from a wound, he found himself virtually responsible for controlling the battalion.

"Once when he was exposing himself to possible enemy sniper fire, a powerfully built private picked him up, deposited him back in the trench and said: 'We can't afford to lose you'

"When Captain Albert Jacka, V.C., M.C. and Bar returned to Melbourne at the war's end, 10,000 people lined the streets to welcome him home. He was wine and dined for weeks on end.

"There were opportunities in the business world and he took them with the result that in 1921 he was elected to St. Kilda Council.

"Nine years later he became mayor and during the year he spent in office involved himself deeply in the problems facing the army of men thrown out of work by the Great Depression.

"Just before his term of office expired, Albert Jacka's war wounds caught up with him. Then the electrical firm he partly owned went into liquidation.

"Now Jacka was just like so many others in St. Kilda - broke and jobless. Memories were short and the hero of a decade or so before could not find a job.

"His wife found work in a cafe while the prematurely aged, grey-haired Victoria Cross winner drove about Melbourne trying to sell wholesale soap.

"It was just a living. Shops seemed to have adequate supplies chiefly because in those hard times many people were making their own at home.

"His worries about soap selling ended the day he collapsed and was rushed to Caulfield Military Hospital. Lying on his death bed, he said to his old father: 'Don't worry Dad, I'm still fighting'.

"He died on January 17th, 1932, aged 39, and was carried to his grave by eight holders of the Victoria Cross.

"Now the annual vigil to his grave commemorates all that is behind the words "FOR VALOUR"

CITATION - LANCE CORPORAL ALBERT JACKA

14TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.
May 19-20, 1915 at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli Peninsula.

"For most conspicuous bravery, Lance Corporal Jacka, while holding a portion of our trench with four men, was heavily attacked. When all except himself were killed or wounded, the trench was rushed and occupied by seven Turks. Lance Corporal Jacka at once most gallantly attacked them single handed and killed the whole party, five by rifle fire and two with the bayonet."