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MONTHLY MEETINGS: Please note there will be no August meeting as the Fourth Friday (August 26th) will be the occasion of Ladies' Night.

LADIES NIGHT AUG. 26

AT 8 P.M. AT THE GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB

12-14 Loftus Street, Sydney.

THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR - COME ALONG, BRING YOUR LADIES AND
YOUR FAMILIES AND SWING ALONG TO DICKIE PINSON AND HIS PINSONETTES.
STEAM ALONG AND GET STEAMED FOR THE RETURN TO INGLEBURN NEXT DAY!!!

Admission \$6.00 per head.

Drinks available at the Bar.

Excellent Supper.

BACK TO INGLEBURN BAR-B-Q

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 1977

HOW TO GET THERE

Take the Hume Highway through Liverpool to the cross-roads, then onto the Campbelltown Road, left fork at the Cross Roads.

Watch carefully for the Ingleburn turn-off to the right - about 1 mile from the Cross-Roads. This is fairly important, as the Campbelltown Road from this point becomes an Expressway.

Go almost through the Military Camp area (along the Campbelltown Road) to the BARDIA BARRACKS GATE on the right-hand side. Go through the gates and turn LEFT into Allen Road, along Allen Road and turn RIGHT into Kelly Road, go down Kelly Road and watch for the "White over Green" sign pointing to the Barbecue and Parking Area, which is adjacent to the Parade Ground.

If in doubt, ask the guard on duty at the Gate, but to make doubly sure of arriving without mis-hap, come along to the Gallipoli Club on Friday night, August 26th at 8 p.m. for Ladies Night and collect your map of the Ingleburn area, which will be available there for you.

Bring your own Portable Barbecue, food and liquid refreshments (there are no barbecue or mess facilities available on that day) and come along with your families and friends to ensure a happy, successful day.

WAGGA COUNTRY RE-UNION.

October 1st to 3rd, 1977.

Our "Man in Wagga", Stan BLACKSLEY, was in Sydney for the July monthly meeting, and reported that all was going very well for a bumper roll-up at the Re-union in Wagga for the 6-hour week-end. Bookings received were already in excess of those in hand at the same time in 1971.

The reporting in centre will be at the R.S.L. Club, and Bruce STEWART will be there to welcome any who go down on Friday evening. Official reporting in is from 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Stan sends you the following message:
"Will all members who intend to come please let us know, even if only the day before. A telegram or phone-call to me at Humula - to (069) 289224 - will secure you accommodation

and get you on ration strength. At the 1971 re-union we had 28 arrive without any notification. The sooner you book the better for everybody. We can get most into four or five central locations, but late-comers will probably have to be put in ones and twos all over the town."

So come on fellers, get your "fingers out" and send your booking to Stan C/- Post Office Humula, 2654. to ensure that you are in with the crowd this year at Wagga. The dead-line for guaranteed booking for accommodation and catering is September 18th, so do it now!!!

WELFARE REPORT - 22nd July, 1977

Bill PARRY visited

NX 2055 Athol HONNERY and

NX 7601 Dick CHAMBERLAIN at the War Veterans Home, Narrabeen. Both are well and send greetings to all.

NX 5190 Noel FINCH, R.G.H. Expects discharge before the end of July.

NX 14089 Percy WEBB of Parkes. Doing well after sinus operation and expects early discharge. He has rejoined the Association - welcome back, Percy.

NX 72688 Ron GREEN. Bladder op. Discharged.

5069 Percy CHRISTIE. Recovering from pneumonia.

News came just the day after Bill and I called that Matron Fall is back in R.G.H. We wish her well and shall visit her next week.

For the teams. John COPLAND.

NX 46527 Jack CHASELING. I am sorry to have to report that my old friend, Jack Chaseling, is "back in the slow lane" again. He has had a most serious stroke but according to his son Bill, to whom I have spoken a couple of times, the old fellow is "fighting like an old bull". I have just spoken to his sister-in-law, who reports two more minor upsets since the original big one, and that Jack is still a very ill man. Jack's lovely wife Joan is spending most of her days and nights alongside her husband's bed in Casino Hospital, so let us all pray that "big Jack" is returned safe and well to the bosom of his family, and out of the "slow lane" once and for all.

"The Batman".

CASH REGISTER.

Treasurer Allen reports the following receipts since last issue:

Subs. \$6.00 -
 Ian Fitchett George Parry Roy Denyer
 Keith McCaffrey Bill Shearwin Bob Jackson
 Bill Mitchell Bob Davies P.J. Webb
 Bruce Martin Gordon Williams

Life Membership - \$30.00

Aub. Priest

O.C. (Chic) Sleeman (\$25.00 - \$5.00 short,
 "Chic")

Donations -

W.S. ("Robbie" Robbins - \$12.00

Mrs. Laura Wallace - \$4.00

Bob Jackson - \$4.00

Gordon Williams - \$4.00

Frank Mallett - \$7.65

COCK'S COLUMN

All will be happy to know that Phil and Cec CRYSTAL returned home safe and well this week from their trip to the U.S. for the wedding of their Son Rolfe and new daughter-in-law Maggie with whom they are very thrilled. Cec sounds particularly well and reports not having missed a beat throughout the whole of their busy four weeks away. Good on you, Cec! You can't keep a good man down.

News of our other jet-setters Harry & Hilda WRIGHT came recently from Frank MALLETT (our man in Norwich), who wrote:

"I do hope you had a good trip home - I came up to London again for two days, a friend of mine was in port and had asked me to invite you down to the ship, but you had moved on. I did have a letter from Bernie O'MARA - he had been ill so had put off his U.K. trip. I had two calls from Harry WRIGHT and his wife - we arranged to meet in London on July 12th. We had a good old yarn over a pint or two. Have asked them home for a few days in August - will write after they have been this way."

Len and Mary GOODWIN are also back home safely after a very interesting trip, having spent a month in the Iron Curtain countries. Like most of us they particularly enjoyed their time in the U.K., and both are looking extremely fit and well.

Congratulations are due to Committeeman Mick GRAY for two reasons - firstly for having recently become a grandfather for the first time, when daughter Ros produced a beautiful baby girl - and secondly for having just received the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal. Mick has also sent us the following report of his visit in May to the President of the Legion of Frontiersmen:-

"AUSTRALIAN COMMANDANT VISITS THE PRESIDENT.

On Friday 6th May, Brig. W.M. Gray M.B.E., L.C.M., AMM, Commandant Australian Command

and his ADC Lieut. Fredk. Kirkland, AMM, drove out to Hampton Court Palace and were met at the Trophy Gates by Major G.W.H. Woods, L.F., ADC to the President. Their visit had been cleared with Palace security beforehand and they were accorded VIP treatment to the Grace and Favour Apartments within the Palace.

"They were kindly received by General Sir Rodney Moore, GCVO, KCB, CBE, DSO, and Lady Moore in their charming apartments overlooking the Great Fountain Gardens, with its grand view of the famous Long Water stretching away through Hampton Court Park.

"General Moore and Brig. Gray found that they had served in the same sector in Malaya, where General Moore had been Director of Border Operations. Before they left, Brig. Gray presented General Moore with the Australian Medal of Merit.

"Major Woods, who until February had been PRO at the Palace, took them on a conducted tour of the State Apartments and Tudor kitchens. This was followed by a pleasant drink in the historic Mitre Hotel nearby while another car was called up to take them out to Stoneleigh to lunch with the Commandant General." (Report published in June issue of LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN Magazine).

AUSTRALIAN FRONTIERSMEN VISIT TO BELGIUM -

May 7th to 10th, 1977.

A Group of Frontiersmen, consisting of Brig. GRAY, Major MacLENNAN, Major MORGAN and Lieut. KIRKLAND, visited Belgium in May as part of a group known as the Legion of Ancient Combatants of Belgium and Great Britain. We left Belgrave Square on Saturday morning, proceeding to Dover where we boarded the Cross-channel Ferry to Ostend, and were met by various Belgian Generals and ex-members of the Belgian war-time resistance movements before proceeding to Blankenberge - the headquarters for the week-end.

On Sunday we paraded and marched to the War Memorial, where Brig. Gray laid a wreath on behalf of the Commandant-General and the Legion throughout the Commonwealth. The salute was taken by the Burgomeister of Blankenberge, Brig. Gray, and Colonels Thurston and Strudwick of the U.K. contingent. Following an address of welcome by the Burgomeister, the four members of the Australian contingent were presented with plaques bearing the Arms of Blankenberge. At a gala dinner in the evening at the Blankenberge Casino, Brig. Gray invested Mr. John Caes, Col. Thurston, Col. Strudwick and Major Woods with the Australian Medal of Merit. Mr. John Caes, who is the annual

organiser of the trip to Belgium is the son of Mama Caes, a great war-time resistance leader and fighter, who operated her resistance work from her restaurant in Blankenberge, right next door to the local "cop-shop" which was the Gestapo headquarters. Mama Caes was eventually "sprung" and as a result suffered torture by the lovable Gestapo. We of the Australian Command had the great honour and pleasure of meeting this outstanding old lady of 84 years, shaking her hand and kissing her on both cheeks in true Continental fashion. Mama Caes wears no less than sixteen medals and awards for bravery conferred on her by various Governments - a truly remarkable person - a great honour to meet, and certainly the highlight of our Belgian trip.

On the Monday the party paid an official visit to the city of Antwerp and were entertained to a Civic Reception at the Town Hall. Tuesday was spent touring the historic city of Bruges, and in the evening, during a dance at Mama Caes's restaurant, two officers of the Royal Belgian Lancers arrived from West Germany where the Regiment is part of the NATO forces - to present their Regiment's compliments to the Legion of Frontiersmen.

Whilst the above report on the visit to Belgium might not interest everybody, I hope it will be of interest to a number of members and would like to make an official call and an invitation to ex-members of the 2/4 Bn. who wish to join the Legion of Frontiersmen Gallipoli Squadron. I need various Officers and N.C.O.s but first and foremost I need 100 troops, because, as we are all aware, nothing functions without the troops - so whatever your rank was during the war do not let it concern you. If you refer to your March W.O.G. you will find good and solid reasons why you should join. Country and Interstate members are included in this call. Please contact me by phone or letter at an early date.

Bill MacLennan.



GRANVILLE EX-P.O.W. DINNER

The Annual Re-union of Ex-prisoners of war will be held at the Granville R.S.L. Club on Tuesday, October 25th, 1977 at 6.30 p.m. The Deputy Commissioner Repatriation, Mr. Jim Greenwood, O.B.E. will be Guest Speaker. The cost will be \$5.00 and all ex- P.O.W. Navy Army and Air Force personnel of any country are invited.

There will be plenty of parking if you drive, adjacent to Granville Station if you drink. This is the night of the year for the ex-P.O.W. - bring along an ex-P.O.W. mate. Your wives are welcome in the Club to await your delivery - she will be in pleasant surroundings but sorry, NOT at the dinner.

Bookings can be made by ringing Granville R.S.L. - 637 7888 - John Copland suggests that should anyone be interested it might be possible to arrange a Battalion table or group. Let me know on 80 3771 - he considers it will be well worth attending.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Christopher Morley in "John Mistletoe" -

"A mature dog is excellent for conversation, as anyone understands who has ever sent the family away for a holiday and lived alone with the dog and the icebox. No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does. If you chat with him a while, gradually building up the argument and the intonation, he relishes it so that he will roll all around the floor, lie on his back kicking and groan with joyous worship. Very few wives are so affected."

To Prepare a husband -

"Be careful in your selection; do not choose too young and take only such as have been reared in a good moral climate. Some insist on keeping them in a pickle, while others keep them in hot water; however, this tends to make them sour, hard, and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good when garnished with patience, sweetened with smiles, and flavoured with kisses. Then wrap them in a mantle of love, keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream. When thus prepared, they will keep for years."

...by courtesy of Commemorative Cook Books.

Brigadier Mick Gray & Major Bill MacLennan in the uniform of the Legion of Frontiersmen Blankenberge, Belgium.