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NEXT MEETING - Friday July 27th 1979 at 8 p.m. at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, Loftus St., Sydney



A very pensive General leads the 6th Division on Anzac Day, 1979

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE — Association of 4th Inf. Battalions.

An Annual Service to Commemorate the laying up of the Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 4th Infantry Battalion (Australian Rifles) was held in the beautiful old St. Anne's Church of England, Strathfield, on Sunday, July 1st. As is usual, the Band of 4 RNSWR was on parade to lead the short march to the Church from nearby Davey Reserve, and to lead the singing of the hymns during the service. After the march and just prior to entering the Church a brief ceremony took place during which your President presented the 2/4thInf. Bn. medal with clasps to the President of the Association of 4th Inf. Bns. (Lt./Col. Vin Hallinan) for keeping in their museum.

A stirring address was given by Rev. Angus Tipping, the Chaplain of the Assn. of 4th Inf. Bns., whom it was good to see again back from a year's exchange duty in the U.K. with Mrs. Tipping.

Following the service the usual magnificent afternoon tea provided always by the ladies of St. Anne's was enjoyed by all, making it possible for all present to meet and chat in most congenial surroundings. Your Association was represented by Sir Ivan (whom we are pleased to report is looking fit again and younger than ever), Ken & Fi Kesteven, Accommodation required -Laurie & Joy Waterhouse, John Copland, Bill Parry, Wal Honey, 'Pom' Cole, Jack Hine, Vera Walsh, Mollie Irvine, and Bill & Gwen MacLennan. Apologies, mostly due to petrol shortages, were received from quite a few members.

1979 RENUNION - NEWCASTLE, 29th & 30th Sept. & 1st Oct.

Everything is going along smoothly and the bookings are arriving daily —it looks as if the 1979 Reunion will be a really wonderful success.

Our Lord Mayor, Ald. Joy Cummings, had this to say in her acceptance letter to be present at the wreath laying and the reunion dinner'

'I appreciate the invitation to your Reunion to be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1979. I accept with pleasure, and if my husband is free to do so, he will accompany me.

With kind personal regards......Yours sincerely,

Joy Cummings,

Lord Mayor.....City of Newcastle.'

Keep your bookings rolling in, and be sure to let us know:

- 1. When you will be arriving.
- 2. How long you will be staying.
- 3. Whom you will have with you.
- Whether Motel or Hotel Accommodation required and be sure to send your booking fee, which will be credited to your account. Some more bookings '(up to and including June 25th, 1979) are acknowledged below, together with the NX 5351 appropriate deposits:

For Telford Motor Inn —		aliane me to Parth Haven
√ Sid & Florence Young	\$30	Fri., Sat.,Sun.
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- √Henry & Mrs. Elliott	\$20	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.,
		Mon., Tues.,
√Jack Dubber	\$20	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.,Mon.,Tues.
√Elsie Bradford	\$20	Fri, Sat., Sun., Mon.
√George & Mrs. Moore	\$20	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.,Mon
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√ Miss Edna Pegg	\$10	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.,Mon
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√ Charlie Ellway	\$10	Sat.
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o √Ted McCaffery	\$10	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.
Ken Webb	\$10	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.
Jack Heaney	\$10	Fri.,Sat.,Sun
√ Ewen & Gladys Wood	\$10	Sat., Sun.
√Bill & Gwen Newth	\$20	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.,Mon.
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No Accommodation required — Dick Morris.

In response to the 'Please Inform' from last W.O.G. we acknowledge the following:-

Sat., Sun. Cec Chrystal Sat., Sun. John Copland

Ted Fox (Additional deposit \$20) Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon.

So far some 85 have been booked in, and adding to that the Newcastle members and their Good Ladies, we have a total of over 110.

Please do not delay - numbers make any Reunion, and th more the merrier, so send in your booking NOW. Bookie an Margaret Rae, whose address is 46 Hunter Street, Stockton, 2295 (Telephone: 049 28 2142) are waiting to book YOU in

Remember, Newcastle will turn it on for the 1979 Reunion!

Alf CARPENTER and Jim SHERRITT

WELFARE REPORT — as at June 22nd, 1979.

NX 5266 WILLIAMS, H., R.G.H. 2 Hypertension and prostate trouble. Discharged temporarily. More ops pending.

NX 46601 BARBER, T.G. R.G.H. 34. From Port Macquari Neurosis. Discharged.

PARRY, W. R.G.H. 130. In for tests to legs and NX 9363 spine. Bill now at home but not at all well. Has to report back to R.G.H. on 3rd July.

RAYMONT, Ron. Was in R.G.H. but now at Lac NX 9868 Davidson Hospital. Have not been able to see Ron but have kept in touch with the Sister in Ward 'E' Ron is said to be doing well - has had his second leg amputated. I am told that Ron and his brother were both in the Mortar Platoon.

FAULDER, A.J. P.W. Hospital, Randwick. Jim has had a bad time with growths on pancreas and thyroid. I have rung Jim, and Shirley Faulder (Dick's widow) has kept me in touch. I rang Jim this morning — he sounds, as always, very cheerful and has begun to take soft foods orally. Still has to have radio-therapy. Jim told me he was delighted to have had a visit from Dasher Deacon.

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Phil and Glen SMITH have been everywhere in Europe — bought a Bedford Motor Home, which is very comfortable and warm, and have visited France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Luxomburg, Switzerland, etc., roll-call being at 6 a.m. every morning. However, they are pleased to be now back in the U.K. to be able to converse with people again, and where the trees are green again after the severe winter. 'Thank you for sending WOG over'.

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'This has been a rather bad winter at times. I have been unable to get out of the main doors, as we have had snow on and off for about three months. The only sunshine has been 'The Sullivans' on television — yes, we have that each week!.

'It's a few days only to Anzac Day — I shall go to the parade as a Commonwealth ex-soldier, but it would be great to be in Sydney with so many old mates. Please give my respects to any who remember me. There are so many people I would like to mention but the list is too long. May I say that have a really good day, a good march, a few 'cups' of tea' and I am sure a few yarns will be exchanged.'

Monty SIEMS wrote in April: 'As you know, we have an election to look forward to — cannot see that the result will make much impact in Aussie as we seem to be bound up in the Common Market whose effect to date has not been so good for consumers here. If they continue their policies its effect will only get worse. People do comment about the loss of Dominion foods, particularly cheese, butter, meat and tinned fruit, but that is our problem, and yours too in another sense.

'We have had a grim winter, and the coast hereabouts has taken a pounding from the stormy weather. About 250 week-end chalets were washed out to sea and the pier has had half a million pounds of damage. The only effect on me is that it has restricted my daily walk along the sea front and I have suffered wet feet when I did go out during the snow storms. Managed to slip over a few times but fortunately escaped injury.

'Was so sorry to read of the death of Teddy Gamble. We were in the same squad prior to the war and he was a most likeable and gentle man and a very good solider.

'Am enjoying my retirement and think that for the first time in my life I am free in most senses of the word and hope that my health holds out for a few years yet. Am hoping to stay the course long enough to come to Aussie on the 50th Anniversary of the forming of the Battalion. Will be knocking on then, but live in hope. Do appreciate getting W.O.G. It keeps me in touch with people and events. I wish all old comrades good luck and especially good health.'

AN EXPERT FROM 'MELBOURNE SUN' —26th April, 1979.

'Dressed in their best suits and keeping their hands warm inpockets, members of the 6th and 7th Divisions, who saw action from Greece to New Guinea, were getting ready for another Anzac Day March. 'Hey!' Gunga, Gunga Din. It's good to see you again!' said retired Lt. Col Claude Raymond. 'That's what we used to call him during World War 2, 'he explained. 'He was our water truck driver. By gee, we were glad to see him when we were out in the desert.'

'Mr Raymond, 70, of West Coburg, was shaking the hand of his mate Sidney Valentine,62 of Glenroy. Both served in 2/4th Battalion of Sixth Division and saw action in Greece, Syria, Lybia and Egypt. 'We originated in N.S.W.' Mr Raymond said. 'But a few of us came south after the war and about 14 of us march every year.'

EDITORIAL Dasher Deacon has still not been able to take over his position as Editor. Since returning from his

holiday in the West with Lily he has not been too well, and has had a couple of turns since going up to North Haven in June. He has seen the local doctor in Laurieton and has been twice to Port Macquarie for extensive tests and is hopeful that the Doctor there will be able to do something for him. So to avoid double postage, please send all copy for W.O.G. to 2 Amaroo Ave., Castle Cove., until further notification. We Wish Dasher all the best.

COCK'S COLUMN

Harry HAMBURGER, with whom we lost contact when he moved from Port Macquarie, has now been located by Dasher Deacon living at Laurieton. To ensure continuity of W.O.G. might we suggest to those contemplating movin house in the future that it is a good idea to notify your Editor of your new address? The necessity to do this should require very little explanation, yet we are continually having to remove plates from the addressograph file because of W.O.G.s being returned marked 'Left Address' or 'Not Known at this address'.

Glen ACKERMAN, a well known identity in A Coy. who left the Battalion in Darwin, wants to be remembered to all his old mates. He is now TPI living at No. 1, Flat, Adeline Street, NORTH HAVEN 2445.

Geoff INGS, having trouble with cataracts, having had one removed and one to go, but lined up on Anzac Day nevertheless. Cheers, Geoff.

Bill BUTCHER was also on parade. Informs us he is going into Adelene Retiring Village at Wyoming, via Gosford, at the end of the year. All the best Bill.

Jim FORMAN from Warragamba reports seeing Selby DEA Roy DEAN, and Ross SMITH in Inverell recently and all well. Ross is going back into the R.S.L. Memorial Club at Inverell and all are very pleased about the move.

Denny KARANGES is out of butchering and back on deck after a near breakdown in health. Denny has leased his shop and wonders why he stayed so long in the game.

Good to see the Canberra boy, Jack HUSTON, around. He assures us that shovels are on special up his way at present.

Bryan WARING down from Bourke for the first time for years has had four years in Royal North Shore. Good to see you Bryan, and all the best for the future.

Les (one punch) ADAMS still the same reports having seen Jos PARKER at Dora Creek and that he is going well. Jack HAWKINS reports that son-in-law is in Larrakea Barracks Darwin. Jack and Nell hope to visit during winter.

Two lucky ladies who have recently joined the fast growing ranks of 2/4th Jet-setters are Pat HEATH and Enid LATIM ER, both now safely back to their ever lovings. Unfortunately Enid missed the birth of her latest grandson in Canada by only one day, but we hope it wont be long before she can meet Forbes Garrett Latimer.

AN APOLOGY. To Vera PROVIANS on behalf of the Printer, for the omission of the word 'high' after 'heads held' in her rather beautiful little para. on our proudly marching men, (published last month). The heads may have needed holding on April 26th, but certainly not on Anzac Day!