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NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 25th September at the Gallipoli Memorial Club at 8 p.m.

THE SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY BIOGRAPHY WILL BE ON SALE IN KEMPSEY

THE KEMPSEY RE-UNION.

From Esca: "On Tuesday night we had a meeting at our home of the local Committee and Bill and Gwen MacLennan were also in attendance. The re-union was discussed fully and it was decided to forward to you the present confirmed booking lists for accommodation as at 13-8-81 to be published in the August W.O.G." (Unfortunately it arrived too late.

Ed.) "Please mention that we request that decorations and medals be worn on the march, also Battalion ties for those who have them. The march will be from the local Memorial Hall to the Cenotaph and commence at 5.p.m. sharp." Confirmed bookings as at 13-8-81:

PARK DRIVE MOTEL: Bruce and Nina Flude, Laurie and Evelyn McCosker, Jack and Joyce Lister, Ken and Fi Kesteven, Vera Provians, Irene Stanton, Ian and Edna Wallwork, Artie and Muriel Kleem, Ray and Una Summerfield, John and Belle Shingles, Jack and Unice Dubber, George and Heather Mitchell, Marj McCarthy and Elsie Parsons.

COLONIAL COURT MOTEL: Harry and Hilda Wright, Jack and Phil Ormiston, Ted and Heather Fox, Tom and Sheila Gorman, Harold and Delma Silver, Enid and Hilda Latimer and friend. Sir Ivan and

Lady Dougherty, Dave and Nan MacGillivray, Nance MacGillivray, Dot Faulkner, Ferdy and Gwen Pegg, Edna Pegg, Norm and Wilma Johnstone, Jim and Jean Foreman, Rita Fox, Gordon and Olga Chrisp, Wink and Mrs. Walker, Doug and Con Grove and family, Lyn and Edna Bloomfield, Leo and Eileen Lynch, Kel and Margaret Lavis, Bob and Nina Ferguson, and Bill and Hilda Fogden.

SKYLINE MOTEL: Garry Hart and wife, Vic Pike, (and probably a lot more to come. Ed.)

CITY CENTRE MOTEL: Bruce and Angela Cork, Alan and Gloria Lindsay, Bill and Gwen MacLennan, Peter and Pat Denver, Phil and Glyn Smith, John Copland, John Meehan, Athol Heath, Bill and Una Sheaffe, Bill and Gwen Newth, Perc and Betty Dalla, George and Edna Sugden, Dave and Phil Peters, Ron Stennett, David Martin, Cec and Phil Chrystal, George Moore and son, Harold and Noni Bowman, Ada Hopper, and the Chaselings, Joan and family, Bill, John and daughter.

HOTEL KEMPSEY: Alf and Marj Carpenter, Molly Irvine, Vera Walsh, Bub and Margaret Graham, Noel Ford, Ted Hopkins, Herb Hoather, Pom Wallace and Bill and Beryl Poplin.

CARAVAN PARK ACCOMMODATION: (all at Park Drive Caravan Park) Jack and Joan Hughes, Alan and Carma Kirk and Harry and Ada Whitman.

MOON RIVER MOTEL: Sid and Florence Young, Bill Reid, Doug Stebbing, Fred and Lauren Varley and Brian Waring.

THOSE ARRANGING THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION: Norm and Jean Everson, Wally and Betty MacKenzie, Wal and Nona Taylor, George Coles, Lyn Coles, Steve Coles, Marie Taylor, Rodger and Barbara Miller, Elsie Bradford, Cyril (Horse) Barwick, Mel and Lila MacInnes, Hughie and Eileen Whittleton and Bob and Lela Kingdon.

WELFARE REPORT as at 28th August, 1981.

- NX11373 Bloomfield H.L. (Lin), R.G.H. 410. Has had a leg vascular by-pass. Hopes for early discharge to get fit for Kempsey.
- NX5847 Poplin, W.R.G.H. 330. Bill was in for a few days for heart tests. He rang from home on 5th August to say he is doing well.
- NX5862 Moores, A.C. (Roy) R.G.H. 410. Stan Blacksley rang from Humula on 8th August to say that Roy was being transferred from Adelong Hospital to Concord. It is the old spinal trouble again. Was discharged and returned to Adelong on 25th August.
- NX4002 Baxter, Donald, R.G.H. 120. Bronchial pneumonia and foot infection. Was in T.P.T. Section under Harry Sundstrom and Jack Carroll. A very sick boy.
- NX1455 Crocker, W., R.G.H. 230. Gastric ulcer. Now discharged.
- NX5309 McGillivray, D. David is having minor ops on both eyelids to correct a defect in the tear ducts.
- MACKAY, LADY M. at L.D.H. Is doing fine and due for discharge 31st. August or 1st Sept
- NX4013 Low, J. R.G.H. 120. His son in Sydney rang to say John was sent from Port Macquarie with vascular trouble in his legs. Bill and I called on 24th August, but he was at home three weeks with a strained back. He is to see the doctor to-day and may resume duty on Monday, 31st August
- NX171051 Linday, A.F. Prince Henry. Had a heart by-pass op on 18th August. Doing famously and due for discharge to-day. (28th) to go home and follow the regimen strictly.
- 1746 (W.W.1), Day Arthur. R.G.H. A case of very painful shingles also a cataract to come off his one remaining eye. Very sick and frail.

LAST POST

- NX 5363 J.D. Jackson of Manly. Passed away early August or late July. Originally from Blaney. R.I.P. (From Phil Smith.)
- NX6124 Wemyss Cardin Keast. Died at Junee, 25th July; 1981 and cremated privately, 28th July, aged 72 years. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Kathleen, also to his son Patrick and his grandchildren.

LATE BOOKINGS FOR KEMPSEY.

If you booked in late and don't know where you are staying when you arrive, a table will be manned in the foyer of the Kempsey R.S.L. from mid-day onwards on the Friday before the Re-union. Whoever is on duty will put you right. O.K?

A WELL DESERVED AWARD

On Friday, August 14th, there was a capacity audience in the auditorium of Miranda R.S.L. to enjoy a dinner and some good entertainment. Amongst them was your Association secretary and good wife Joy. They were there mainly for one purpose, to watch a very special presentation to a woman who has spent over ten years giving service to the community. I write of Mrs. Vera Walsh, one of our honorary members of the Association. Vera Walsh was presented with the R.S.L.'s Certificate of Appreciation for her work in connection with the Ladies Auxillary at Miranda. Her work was mainly in welfare and raising funds and visiting hospitals, both locally and going to Concord every week. Also for her most recent activity as a voluntary helper for the R.S.L. Day Care Centre - Captain Cook Club. The presentation was the big bit with the audience as Vera is a very popular identity in the Miranda R.S.L. community.

I am sure the members of the Association will join with me in conveying "Congrats" to Vera on her presentation of this worthy award.

Laurie Waterhouse

NORTHERN RIVERS CHRISTMAS RE-UNION

This bunch of scallywags, centered on Lismore but speaking for supporters within a 200 mile radius north, south, west and a bit east, are holding their usual Christmas Re-union in Lismore this year and welcome all, particularly southerners going north to get away from it all. Time it right and pass through Lismore on the week-end of 5th/6th December, but particularly Saturday 5th. However you harass the locals on the Sunday, if you are not leaving, is your own business, but you will find some good company, whatever the time or day.

Be in it! Contact Freddie Varley at 12 Treven Street, Goonellabah, Lismore, 2480. There will be plenty of the Northern Rivers boys at Kempsey including young Fred. Make your booking then and there.

THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG.

Quite a variety of correspondence received during the July-August period. First of all was a letter from our old friend "Robbie" who thanked the Committee for attending to his complaint about the wearing of the unit medal and for his clarification of the problem. He wishes to be remembered to one and all. Thank you Robbie, good health to you and yours.

A short note from Lang Stronach of Killarney Heights along with a sub and a message to our Treas-

'GALLIPOLI'

A FILM WORTHY OF THE ANZACS PORTRAYED

AT THE VILLAGE CINEMA CITY, 545 George Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000

on Friday 16th October

SESSION STARTS at 8.15 p.m.

TICKETS: \$5.50 Each

Bookings with Ken Kesteven 412.4892, Laurie Waterhouse 524.2114

BOOKINGS CLOSE 9th October, 1981

Postal Bookings to Ken or Laurie with stamped addressed envelope

Ken's Address: Unit 1, 12/22 Helen Street, Lane Cove, 2066

Laurie's Address is on the Front of YOUR W.O.G.

The Village Cinema is on the same side but further down from the Regent. Easy walking from Town Hall

PARKING; Kings Parking Station, 521 Kent Street (Kent Street now one-way North, Access from Liverpool Street)

Access to George Street through Hoyts Theatre rear entrance.

Parking Cost \$0.60 per hour — Maximum \$6.50

EVENING MEAL:

1. Bistro at Village Cinema
 2. City of Sydney R.S.L. 569 George Street, General Dining Room
- No booking required.

Allen, Allen wishing him and his good wife Gloria best of luck for Allen's operation. Thank you Lang.

Arthur Dalloway wrote in saying he was giving city life away and going down to live in Eden on the South Coast with his family. Arthur's daughter and son-in-law and family have a farm out from Eden. Best of luck and hope you get plenty of fishing and an occasional game of bowls in Arthur.

Doug Grove of Ballina took time to drop me a line along with a donation. Thanks Doug and our regards to you all at Ballina.

Ron Small of Rockdale wrote in requesting a pocket for his blazer which was despatched accordingly. Hope you like and if so, talk some of our members living in your area to get one also.

A short note from Wink Walker of Caloundra. He had a problem with the delivery of W.O.G. Sends his regards to one and all. Thanks Wink for notifying us.

Joe (Snowy) Wells, late of Junee and now residing in Wagga sent down a report on the death and funeral of

the late Wem Keast of Junee also news of the various members who reside in the area. Thank you Joe for the letter and the report.

It was good indeed to get a letter from Fred Varley of Lismore giving details of Doug Stebbing's change of abode and a request for some publicity in W.O.G. of the forthcoming Christmas Get-together at Lismore. Good wishes to you both.

Must add that we have received "Thank you" cards from Mona Sherritt of Charlestown and from the late Ted Harris's sister at Cowra with whom he resided before his death.

Laurie Waterhouse
Hon. Sec.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given of an Extraordinary General Meeting of 2/4 Infantry Battalion Association to be convened on Friday, 23rd October at 8pm. at the Gallipoli Memorial Club, Loftus Street, Sydney for the purpose of voting on amendments to the Constitution as follows:

SUBSCRIPTION

- "6. (a) That the Annual Subscription be \$6.00 payable in advance on the first day of January each year, to be altered from time to time at the discretion of the Committee.
It shall be competent for any member on payment of \$50.00 to become a Life Member, this amount to be altered from time to time at the discretion of the Committee
(b) The Financial year shall end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICE BEARERS

- "7. (a) The management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee consisting of the President, one Senior Vice President and Interstate and Country Vice Presidents (to be appointed as deemed necessary and advantageous to the Association), Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and eight (8) other members of the Association, two of whom shall be Welfare Officers; all of whom shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Any five (5) members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

MEETINGS

- "8. (g) Nine (9) financial members personally present shall be a quorum at a Monthly Meeting."

SITREPS FROM ALL OVER.

Dasher Deacon went to the trouble of making a phone call from West Australia to express his disappointment on being away from home when Selby Dean called recently. Selby! If you are back home in time, how about the Kempsey Re-union? Dasher and Lily will be there.

A supporter of the Association, though an unacknowledged toiler in the production of W.O.G. is Enid Lattimer. She is one of those unmentioned workers that do the sorting and wrapping that is involved in getting W.O.G. to the members. Thank you Enid and you other slaves too, who do the behind the scenes toiling.

In his travels, Hughey Wittleton has visited Stan Bowen in company with Norm Auberson and spent quite a few hours with him and Stan was very cheered by their visit. In his further progress he called on Dave and Sally Follington and Lofty and Ruby Gibson. That Hughey gets around.

From Gordon Bladen (NX5872) to Cec Chrystal we have a letter acknowledging having received Sir Ivan's Biography and a request for the Battalion History. Alas! Had we the wisdom of Solomon we would have ordered five thousand instead of half that number. Sorry Gordon, we don't have any left!

From John Robertson in Broken Hill comes a cheque to make him up from a \$30 Life Member to a \$50 Life Member. Thanks John, he wishes Allen Lindsay a speedy recovery. He also informs that he has a week-ender on the York Peninsular in South Australia plus a half-cabin boat and needs a deck hand. (John, your worries are over if you can stock the boat with an ample supply of

tinnies and a few cans of "Luv" or "Whiskers" to balance the diet. Oh, yes, and see if you can dig up a new editor for W.O.G. otherwise your new deckhand will be dragged back to Sydney in chains in the boot of a big red Jaguar. John sends regards to all the boys.

Of his recent travels in around Western and South Australia, Dick Morris has given us an informative and very readable report. It is four pages of double spaced foolscap and space will have to be made in W.O.G. to do it justice and not just feed it in dribblets. Thanks Dick.

Last month's W.O.G. stated that this year's Country Reunion in Kempsey is our 22nd. Esca quickly got off the pot and wrote that it is our 24th. and he is right too! Enumerated from 1958 to 1981 the venues were: Cootamundra, Cootamundra, Wagga Wagga, Kempsey, Kempsey, Griffith, Lismore, Cowra, Kempsey, Tamworth, Cowra, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Wagga Wagga, Canberra, Grafton, Young, Yarrawonga (Vic.), Southport (Q'), Wagga Wagga, Lismore, Newcastle, Canberra and this year, Kempsey. (Can't stand chubby happy people who are always right! Ed.)

COCK'S COLUMN

Had a ring from Dick Pinson. Dick has been to Wagga and says fit at present but down at Wagga was not the best as he picked up a wog (No!, the other kin. There he met up with Jock Cummings. Jock has to have a hip operation and said he hoped to come to Sydney to have it done as it might give him a chance to meet many old mates. Dick also met Bruce Stewart and Max Sydenham. Back home in Marrickville Dick has seen Syd Buckley and Les Saxby. Both are well and send best wishes to all.

I need news for the column! How about you Bob Griffith (Mildura), no hear or see for a long time. Phil Cross, hope you received my letter O.K. Please send any news of George Willoughby, Sam (Hombre) Ridley and anyone else in that district. How about you Fred Apthorp of Griffith? Many thanks for news in the past. Any news of Ted (Swado) Swadling, Tom (Nedda) Erskine and any other Griffith boys. To Stan Blak of Humula and Perc Dalla of Wagga, please send me some news. Also Frank Sadler of Dubbo who Slim Powers and I met on our way back from Lightning Ridge. Incidentally, at Lightning Ridge we met Jack Hudson and Ron Ewbank. Hope you both received the letters I sent you. Also you Bob (Iascar) Roach, the last time I saw you, you said you missed the column when it was not published in W.O.G. so please send me any news which may keep the column going.

To all, please send any contributions to Jim (Cock) Robin, 20 Adderstone Avenue, North Sydney, 2060. Phone (02) 922-5303.

THIS MONTH'S BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT.....

'Some minds are like blotting paper — soak it all up and get it backwards'

.... The Buckshee Philosopher
