

# PIONEER NEWS

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## £1,000 Building Fund Appeal

As has been publicised in a recent circular to all members, your active committee is attempting to raise funds for the building of a Pioneer Club with flats, etc., included for the benefit of country members coming to Sydney.

This circular pointed out that an initial bank of £1,000 was required before work or plans could be commenced.

It also pointed out that each and every member could help by LENDING a small sum at 5 per cent interest, repayable in two years. The purchase of bonds, all legally drawn up by the Legal Service Bureau will not only ensure that your loan is fully covered but will help those of your committee who want to help you.

There are several other avenues open for the raising of the balance of the money and these avenues will be publicised very shortly.

Each bond will cost £2, — not a very big risk after all, and we point out that within 3 days of sending out the last of the circulars, £100 was promised from some of our enterprising members.

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so as we can assess the value of the response.

How about it, chaps? This could be the biggest thing that we have asked of you to date. We are hopeful that you will help.

## ENGAGEMENT

I have often had the pleasure of recording engagements, weddings, births, etc., always dealing with other boys of the Association. Well in fairness to them, I have now to record another one. How does one write his own engagement?

Editor, Max Law has announced his engagement to Miss Joyce Oldfield of Kingsgrove, Sydney. The wedding is planned sometime in July, after Max's return from a further trip to Indonesia, Singapore and Malaya in May, and June.

(That is all. Hope it reads right.)

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

As a reward for the reasonably large number of subscriptions that arrived in the period following our last issue, we are not going to pound you with reminders about YOUR sub. now being due. (It probably is you know. — We can't help just a LITTLE free plug.) We won't even remind you that

it costs money to print this paper, and that although we may finish up just a little in front THIS time, we will still need that small amount from those who have not paid anything. In other words, we will not get on your back this time. (Well, not really, but if your conscience is not stirred this trip, we will try again next time.)

## POPEYE EDWARDS

As the cars were lining up for the start of the recent car trial at Strathfield, "Popeye" Edwards arrived in his car looking as bright as ever. Although he could not attend the day out, Popeye did not miss the opportunity of calling in at the start to say "Hello" to those who could attend. It seems that you can't keep this good old soldier down despite his various bouts of bad health. Everyone wishes "Popeye" the best of health for the New Year now with us.

## MARRIAGE

Although we do not know just how long ago it happened, our little bird did drop down a hint that former Sig., Jim Robinson now at Wentworth (Way out Back) with the P.M.G. was down in Sydney recently doing a P.M.G. course. We also heard that Jim is now a married man. Our very best wishes, Jim, and although you kept it all very quiet, we still pass on our congratulations from your many old friends. How about a letter with a few details.

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## CAR TRIAL AND PICNIC

Sunday, the 4th of December, was the day selected for the first attempt at an open air fixture for all members of the Association.

A car trial involving the starting of cars at 2 minute intervals from Strathfield and proceeding on various legs of a journey under sealed directions, was the highlight of the day. Each car was able to proceed along the route without very much trouble but further interest was maintained by various questions attached to each "Leg Sheet" pertaining to interesting items and places seen along the route. For example, one question was, "Who is the Rector of the Presbyterian Church in this town (Campbelltown)? This meant that one had to FIND the Church then obtain the Rector's name. Also, "What time on Thursdays does Dr. Wanjabs surgery open?" (When the Dr's. residence was finally found, it was seen that the surgery was CLOSED on that day.)

Finally after negotiating these various "Legs", the car driver found himself at the Cataract Dam. Here a picnic atmosphere was kept up by the hard working committee who distributed Ice Creams, Soft Drinks, etc., to the kiddies, as well as keeping the adults amused by running free Housie games with cash prizes.

Although as has been mentioned, the day was mainly a CAR TRIAL, those who could not go by car were adequately catered for by a large hired bus. The questions sheets were

also available to these passengers.

The weather was very good and the highlight of the picnic was a tour of the Dam and surroundings during the afternoon.

It was easily the most popular effort of the committee to date, and those who attended were not backward in coming forward with their enthusiastic comments of appreciation.

There is no doubt whatsoever that when the next similar type of entertainment is arranged, it will be even better patronised. The committee was very pleased to see such a big attendance and were more than grateful for the donations from car drivers to cover expenses such as the hiring of the bus, etc. Receipts covered expenditure and gave a small surplus of about £3. It was not intended that a profit be made on this day but the small surplus will be used in future plans for further outings.

The committee wishes to place on record, its appreciation of the help given by the wives of committee members. To mention some of these good ladies — Mrs. Herron, McGregor, Crossman, Calloway, Whitely, Holmes, Lake and Westwood. These ladies not only worked for many nights in printing and folding the many envelopes and question sheets, but supplied the following items — Toffies, Xmas cake, housie prizes, scarves soft drinks, 1 doz. beer and chocolates.

The sincere thanks of all who attended the picnic was conveyed to the committee and their wives.

## ANZAC DAY SMOKO

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held prior to the Anzac Day Smoko in the Railway Institute Hall (Right at the Chalmers Street entrance of Central Railway Station), on Friday, the 26th of April, at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Following the short summary of the year's proceedings, the President will ask the Secretary to read the minutes of the last general meeting, after which will be held the election of the committee for the following twelve months.

All members are invited to this evening and a good attendance would help the committee in many ways.

Help to make this another night to remember. Attend the meeting and the Smoko. Full details of the evening will be sent to you in a circular in a short time.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to add to our ever growing list of names the following:—

H. Sippel, A. Dobson, Bob Fogarty, J. McFarlane, T. Hodges, P. Gray, Joek McCaddem, J. Peace, and S. Kent.

REMEMBER, if you meet up with any old members of the 2/1st or 2/2nd Pioneer Bns., ask them if they are in receipt of the Pioneer News. If they are not getting it, get the right address and please forward it to our office.

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## IN PASSING . . .

We bow our heads very modestly this time and just say "Thanks very sincerely" for the best mail that we had in a long time. For some reason or other, most of our correspondents stated that the last edition of Pioneer News was a really good one although we don't really know why. But enough of giving bouquets. Let's get down to this issue.

Remember Colonel Arnold Brown? You should do if only for the reason that we have mentioned him in almost every issue in the present series. What we really should say is "Do you recall that we stated if all Pioneer News readers were as half as regular in corresponding with us as is the Colonel, we would have a bumper paper". Well, once again we give pride of place in the mailbag column because Colonel Brown was the first with a letter again after our last issue, and as usual, he has interesting news of former members of the unit.

And this time the news, I am sure will be a pleasant surprise for many of the original Pioneers 2/1st). We have made contact with a very well known member of the original Battalion.

In his letter, the Colonel says that on a recent trip down the South Coast, he met once more Jock McCaddam who was taken prisoner in Tobruk. Jock

is now down at Bateman's Bay (N.S.W.) and is apparently looking very fit. Jock has heard of our little paper and we now welcome him home to the fold and, as long as he does not change his address without notifying us, he will receive all future correspondence. We are happy to hear of Jock McCaddam and hope that he will drop us a few lines and tell us something of what he has been doing since the war.

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Next on the list is our old but often silent friend Les (Denny) Denham. We quoted his job twice in the last issue due to too much co-operation from the printer. However, it did the trick and Les wrote a very welcome letter with some interesting news. He mentioned that Pat Parkhill was then on holidays at Port Macquarie and although Pat has been in hospital, he was able to manage to lift the arm just high enough for comfort. (Cheerio to you too, Pat.)

Thanks for your donation, Les, including the Malayan Dollar. (Where did you get that from? You are right. It is worth 3/-.)

Consider your kind regards as forwarded to Max Herron and his wife. (And I did NOT sell the Harbour Bridge to the Malaysians.)

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We welcome another old member back to the fold, this time it is Donald Davis, who wrote that he has only recent-

ly found out that we have an Association. Well, now that we have your address, you can consider yourself as welcome as ever.

Our last Smoko was held in the Railway Institute as you all know, but it was coincidental that Don was playing in the same building that night as a member of the Railway Band and he did not know that we were so close. But all is well now. Thanks for the donation, Don, and write in whenever you get a few spare minutes.

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We still get that regular letter from "Desert Head" Walter William Page and again with his donation for which we are as ever grateful. Wal mainly wrote in to say that he would be at the recent Picnic and Car Trial complete with a family of six and his "Bomb". We saw you there as you know Wal, and although like most of us, you did not win a very valuable prize, I know for one, that like all of us, you certainly enjoyed it.

Thanks for the letter Wal and kindest regards to your good wife and family.

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Hello, Jim McGuirk. Glad to hear from you particularly as you enclosed a new address for our files, that of Pat Gray at Byron Bay. Jim met Pat on holidays and mentions that Pat is very well and has two kiddies now. (Hope to hear from you too, Pat.) Thanks for the good wishes and welcome

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donation to the "News", Jim. Hope that back of yours doesn't play up with you.

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Although he did not say how he got on to us, another "oldie" now back in the camp is Wally Coe, from Cook's Hill, New-castle. Wal has had a bit of a tussle with Repat. to have a claim recognised, but after a lot of Battling, he finally managed to get a pension. Wal gets a regular summer bout of the old "Dermo". It isn't very pleasant I know Wal, but hope that it does not get you down too much. Thanks for the donation. (Although you only signed as "W. J. Coe", and you are straining my memory a little after all this time, I feel sure that the W is for Wal, is it not? (From Max Law.)

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A short but none the less welcome note from Les Sad-dington complete with a nice Postal Note. You mention to split the donation between the News and the Christmas Tree, Les. I hope that you do not mind us putting it all to the costs towards printing our paper as we do not have the Tree now. Thanks again.

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From the local suburbs of the Sydney town, we have a note from E. J. Reynolds, complete with donation.

Your mention of Bob Sullivan is right on the ball. We do have Bob's address as you gave it and as far as we know he receives his copy of the News regularly.

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No need to apologise Keith Frost. Better late than never and just as welcome. Still on the lines section P.M.G. and still travelling around the country I see. You certainly get a variety, from Maitland, Parkes and out to Wilcannia. But it is good to get home again.

We can certainly use your donation. Thanks.

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Another who claims to be late with letter and donation (as well as some very nice comments) is Archie MacTavish from Loomberah Via Tamworth. As we said to Keith above, it is still welcome, especially as it contains some very good information of the whereabouts of some of the boys "in the bush." (Tamworth people will be after my hide for that Arch, but I am not serious.)

Arch mentions that Harry Sepple has now become a grandfather and lives in Tamworth, — Alby Dobson is still growing wheat at Winton, out of Tamworth, although he has had a bad trot over the last season — Bob Fogarty works a sheep property out of Nundle and also had some bad luck when his son was taken to hospital after being kicked by a horse.

Then Arch goes on to tell us that Colonel Adrian Buckley still has an interest in the doings of the Battalion Association. Colonel Buckley has a property at Gowrie, via Tamworth. We are surprised that you intimate that Colonel Buckley does not get the News, Arch, as we have his address as you gave it. Will check how-

ever. I know that he USED to get it.

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Re your inquiry for Eddie Paine, we only have two of a similar name on our books and they are — N. Paine, 142 Victoria Street, Kings Cross; W. Payne, 1 Hugh Street, Kings Cross.

Can anybody else help?

Sincere thanks for your very newsy letter, Arch. I know that it will be appreciated by all of our readers.

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John Clarke of Rose Bay, Sydney added to our growing list of subscribers this period when he enclosed a postal note with a short note. No news of himself but the letter obviously means that he is still well and truly on deck.

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A very nice cheque that will ensure his receipt of future News for some time to come was received from Claude Knight from up near Woy Woy. A very grateful thanks to you Claude. Your new address has been noted, and hope that you will continue to get pleasure from our Pioneer News.

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Yes, Jack Collis, you are out of the "Red" with your donation. Nice to know that you are still as bright as ever. Jack bumped into an old Pioneer in Martin Place recently but can only remember the surname as Nicholls. That could be one of several of that clan, Jack but would it be George? Although I don't think that George was a Sig. He was also a Lieut.

Give our regards to Harry Olde when you see him at the Auburn R.S.L. and ask to drop a line or three.

When you go up to Grafton I guess you will see the old Jopson. Sid is still at the "Wales" bank there I believe. Thanks

## IN PASSING — Contd.

for the note and enclosure, Jack.

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In a recent issue, we mentioned that Colonel Brown had sent in the address of Fred Bell down at Goulburn. Now, after sending Fred a copy of the last "News", we have had a very nice and long letter in return. Here again a donation for which we thank you, Fred. And of course we are more than pleased that you feel that the paper fills a gap for you, with news of some of the boys. As long as they write, we will stay in print (If they send the necessary donations too, of course). We get a kick out of writing the paper and feel more than repaid for the effort when we receive an occasional letter as you sent.

You mention that Colonel Brown was partly right when he said that you were a "squatter" having 1,000 acres of grazing land and a dairy herd of 25 cows. Well as a city slicker born and still being bred, I feel that you could fit a lot of trams and parking meters into a space like that.

And we do hope that you can get to a Smoko in the not too distant future. There will be one in April by the way.

Fred mentions Bill Nesbitt "Barbering on" and Jimmy Vince working in Goulburn. Also Jimmy Ireland at present at Woodburn Post Office.

We take pleasure in passing on special regards to the following:— VX131415, Pte.

Berry, Jack Humphries, Jim McDonald, Peter Craig, Bombo Reynolds, Killer South and "Young" Souter, all of 16 Platoon "Don" company. Thank you for your trouble in writing such a newsy letter Fred, and we wish you well.

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It was mentioned that this column was all about correspondents. Well I am not sure whether this comes under the right heading or not, but will take a risk. Thank you for the cheque duly signed Ossie McCurtayne, but what happened to the letter? Fortunate that it was not a postal note as then we would not know from whence, or whom it came. Better put the note in for the next issue, Ossie, but thanks anyway for the thought.

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A lot of newspaper columnists and henpecked husbands make doubtful remarks re their "In-Laws", but not so Bill Mace from Erina. Bill apologised for not being able to attend the Car Trial as he is busy building a home for his In-Laws and goes on to say that they deserve it as they are the best. That is a very nice thought in any man's language. Hope you achieved your goal and finished it by Christmas, Bill.

Would certainly be interested to know who "Lofty" is and who runs the garage up your way. (Only clue is that he is from "C" company.)

Will pass on your good wishes to Mrs. O'Malley Wood.

(It's good to hear from you again, Bill, and I hope that all

is as good as you want it.

Kindest regards to your good wife and kiddies. — Max.)

Many thanks for the donation to the picnic.

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Back to Grafton and an apology for a thick head on my part for confusing Harold Leese of Grafton with Joe Lees. Yes, I remember now, Harold, Joe was a Sgt. and you a Sig. (to quote you.) We are glad that Peter Craig DID give us the information (as reported in the last issue) and that following our sending you a copy of it, we made contact with you once more. Quite a newsy letter from you too. It's good to hear that you still see some of the boys reasonably regularly. To mention those in your letter, Bill Nicholson, Fred Brooks, Sid Jopson, Charles Willoughby, (Moree), Jack Tatham (Delungra), and Fred Wheaton at Dorrigo.

It's looking a fair way ahead but if you can make it for the 1958 Anzac show let us know in advance and we will try and arrange something for yourself and "The couple of car loads" who accompany you.

Sorry to hear that Jack Armistage of Sawtell is not so well.

Thanks for your excellent effort, Harold, and write when you can.

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Mick Egan could not make the Car Trial but he wrote in and apologised (together with a welcome donation). Apology accepted, Mick, and hope that you can make it next time.

Says that he has not met up

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with any of the boys lately but is glad to read that most of them seem to be managing to make a living.

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It's down to Wollongong on the South Coast to acknowledge receipt of quite a newsy letter from Leo Morris. Of course we are glad that you were reminded to post that subscription, Leo, otherwise the little subtle (???) hints that we give out in each issue would be wasted.

Leo has had several visits from George Sheehan in recent months also a look in from Monty Batson who wishes to be remembered to old mates. Goes on to say that Bob Stephens and Strawb Dale are still around in the Port Kembla district.

We certainly hope that you are now out of hospital after a bout of the old stomach trouble and picking up in health. Thanks for the regards to Tom Crossman and myself and we hope to see you up for the reunion in April.

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We now take time off from the mail bag to acknowledge with grateful thanks a donation from our wonderful patron and friend, Mrs. O'Malley Woods. While it is nice to know that Mrs. O'Malley Woods has not forgotten "Her Boys" (and they always will be just that), it is just as nice to know that in very many of the letters arriving in this office, "The Boys" have not forgotten our Patron. Many of them always conclude with "Regards to Mrs. O'Malley Wood", and it is with great pride that we pass on those greetings.

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We would also like to acknowledge donations from Joe

Oliffe, "Tiny" Fields and J. M. Williams. Thanks to you also fellas.

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A few paragraphs ago, we mentioned George Nicholls. Talk of the devil — George wrote to us. What some people will do to get a bit of publicity. Joking of course, George, it is really nice to hear from you once more. (I did not pay for that trip nor did I win a Miss Australia contest, certainly not with the figure I have now.) George is another whose position (Wool Classer) takes him away from the home state and his address is now in Victoria. He is also one who is quick to admit that subtle hints arouse that little something that caused him to forward his subscription. Never mind George, we are happy to know that you are still glad to get the Pioneer News.

Thank you for the good wishes for our Patron, Mrs. O'Malley Woods, and your thought in writing, and the best of luck George.

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One of the boys who really gets around is Phil Cramsie. Notice that he wrote on a certain travellers' clubs' paper and his address is now Brisbane. We are also pleased to say that Phil maintained our average this time and also enclosed a very nice donation.

The following is Phil's news. Tom Welsh is an organiser for the A.W.U. at Mt. Isa in Queensland, Sid Jopson is still watching the bank at Grafton (Cheers, Sid.). Alby Brown has now left the Fire Brigade at Cairns (where is he now, Phil?), and the Kyogle boys, (Ray Smith, Peter Bell, etc.) welcome Phil about twice a year when he is in that area.

By all means, if you hear of any of the boys, at any time,

we would welcome the news, Phil.

And last but by no means least is very old friend Billy Hoffman from Kyogle. Thanks very sincerely for the Christmas cards to both the Association and to myself, Bill. Your request for copies of the photos of the graves of the Pioneers now buried in Labuan War Cemetery will be forwarded very soon with pleasure. There will be no charge Bill.

Our kindest regards from all down here to all up there, especially to yourself.

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That just about cleans up the mail for this time. Hope you enjoyed reading about the other fellows. How about YOUR letter to make the next issue as big in the Mail Bag section. We do not mind how many letters we get as we get great pleasure in selecting news from them to pass on to everybody else.

When writing, we only have one request. — PLEASE sign your Christian name as well as your surname. It seems too formal to refer to "J. Doe" when John Doe is better remembered. It also helps to sort out one "Smith" from the other. Besides, the memory sometimes is not as quick as it should be. Your help will be very much appreciated.

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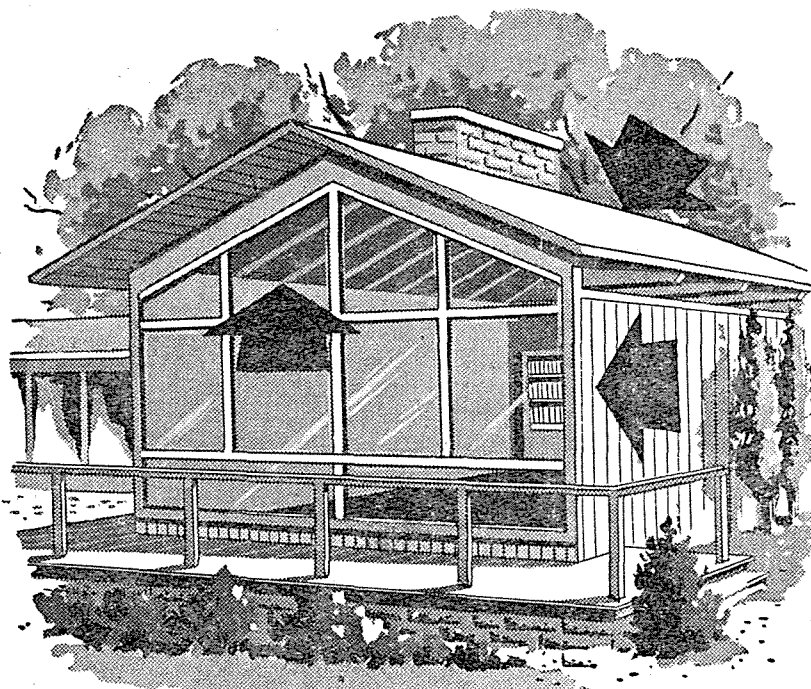
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## ANZAC DAY MARCH

The roll up to the Anzac Day March, although not as large as in some years was nevertheless quite good. The 2/1st formed up with the 6th div. and followed the route as in previous years paying the usual silent homage as they passed the cenotaph:

Most of the faces were of regulars from former years but it was pleasing to see quite a few who are only occasional visitors, particularly from the country.

The new forming up place at the Queen Victoria Square end of Macquarie Street certainly confused quite a large number, but after sorting out the various divisions most of those who were lost managed to be at the starting line by zero hour. As in past years several who apparently were going to watch the march from a vantage point were persuaded to join in as the march progressed.

It goes almost without saying that as the battalion approached the Domain a large majority seemed to find an opening in the crowd and head for "Dyvon's Place".

Although no official count was taken approximately 250 members of the unit took part in this year's march.

The routine was changed somewhat in as much as Colonel "Nuggett" Neal expressed the wish that as our former C.O.'s were now getting on in years they preferred to see the command of the unit handed on to someone younger. In this instance it was Major Gordon Osborn who lead the battalion

Some of those who we noticed having quite a chin-wag prior to the march were Jack Lloyd, resplendent in his green beret (Jack, by the way, has just acquired a new baby daughter, making two boys and one girl), Blue Moxey and Blue Walsh, Wal Smith, Trevor Beckett, Bill Tasker (who has been appointed permanent sec-

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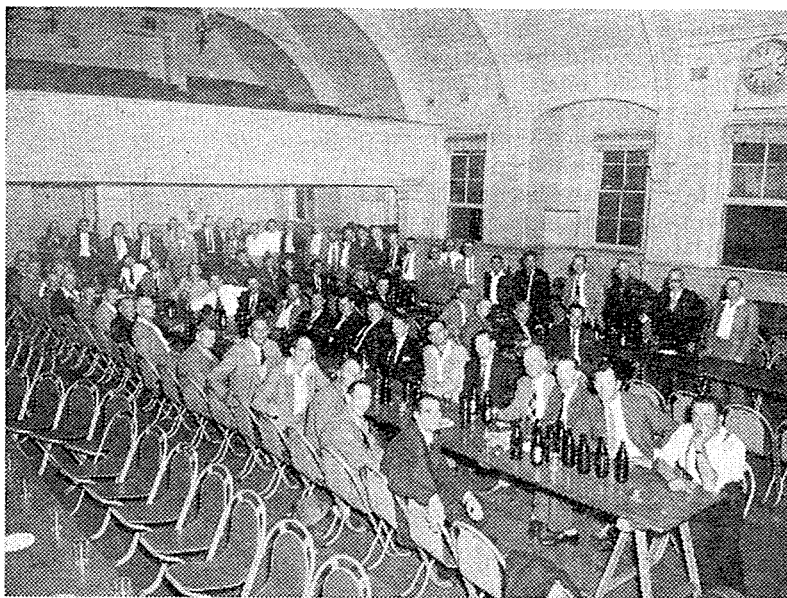
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Above as a photograph taken at the Anzac Smoko on 26th April and shows the very poor attendance of members. Could you make a special effort to fill one of the vacant chairs at our next function?

# What is Happening to our Association?

In another section of this issue, you will find a report of the Anzac Day March and the following reunion. If you take a clear look at it and study the figures relating to attendances, you will find that these figures are not very encouraging, (and that, unfortunately, is putting it mildly).

Although there was a fairly good roll up at the March, and it was by no means a record number, we are very sorry to have to report that the roll up to the Smoko was the poorest on record.

We have taken the trouble to have a copy of a photo taken at the Smoko reprinted on the front page of this edition and it will be seen without any trouble that there were many empty seats. WHY ???

We earnestly request that you ask yourself the following question. "If I was not at the Smoko, WHY did I stay away?"

We are not suggesting that everyone could attend, but it seems rather more than coincidental that we have not at any previous evening had such a poor response.

It was intended that this small article would be a very strongly worded one. At our recent committee meeting, a resolution was passed that such an article be published, as it is not a "fair go" to ask really hard working committeemen to sit back and not worry about it. However, as Editor of our magazine, I feel that harsh words do not accomplish very much. There have been times when various subjects have been "aired" (shall we say?) in this publication and I have endeavoured to appeal to the

intelligence of the readers. I am happy to say that in EVERY case, the sudden response has been always most gratifying. Admittedly it was nearly always in connection with money, but this also involves money on the one hand and something even more on the other. It is the gratitude of the members to their committee — in other words, "comradeship".

Let's have no preaching as it is too late now to make amends for this time. When we put the question asked as an introduction to this article, we were not putting it to you mildly or without full thought.

Never at any time since our Association was formed have we had so many addresses on our books. Why is it that as we are growing (at least on paper) we are slipping in attendances to our functions?

We welcome any ideas you may have for making this Association an even more successful one.

That is all. One last appeal, though before we go.

In September and November we will be holding two further functions. One will be an open air day out, and the other, an attempt to run a half year smoko as we used to.

You will have plenty of notice as to dates, time, place, etc., and we earnestly ask you for your support.

If these two functions fail, IT COULD MEAN THE END OF OUR ASSOCIATION, as we cannot run at a loss and keep going. It is not your money that we are asking now, just YOUR active support to attend

at least ONE of the functions in the near future.

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## Anzac Day March

retary of the Bexley R.S.L., having resigned from the Railways after something like 19 years), the Furness Brothers, the Morahan twins and Kevin, "Pasha" Jackson (still sporting that large black moustache), John Flood looking very well, Fergus Brown down from Picton, Tom Culkin from Dubbo, Colonel Geoff Grahame attending his first march for three years (having been in Brisbane on previous occasions). "The voice of the Northern Rivers", John Harnetty who is the regular announcer on 2RE Taree, George Sheehan, John Gilchrist, Brian Kybert (also announcing the birth of his first son and heir, the two Staffords, George and Arthur (no relation), Ossie McCurtain, Ken Stuart, Harry O'Brien, Kev Curtin (Stumpy to you), Allan Stutchbury, Colonel Brown still looking very fit, and, of course, the other 200 odd too numerous to mention.

We would like to print all of the names of those who attended but time did not permit us to record them all, the memory is not good enough to remember them all, and thirdly, we haven't enough space anyway. But to all those who attended we say "thank you for coming, it was nice seeing you," and to those who could not make it, "hope to see you next year."

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Railway Institute on Friday, 26th April, 1957, at 8 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Max Herron (Vice-President), in the absence of the President, and for the information of members who were unable to attend, the minutes are as follows:—

**Attendance:** There was an attendance of approximately 75 members.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous General Meeting were read and adopted on a motion by Mr. J. Westwood, seconded Mr. R. Jardine.

**Financial Statement:** The Treasurer, Mr. R. McGregor, read the financial statement showing a credit balance of £109/6/2. Moved on a motion by Mr. McGregor, seconded by Mr. J. Westwood.

**President's Address:** The Chairman apologised for the absence of the President, Mr. T. Crossman, who was sorry to have been called away on urgent business, and then gave a brief outline of the past year's work of the Committee.

### Election of Officers

**Patron:** Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood was elected unopposed on a motion by Mr. J. Henderson and seconded by Mr. A. Carter.

**President:** Mr. T. Crossman declined to stand for President owing to pressure of business.

Nominations were called and Mr. F. Callaway was elected unopposed on a motion by Mr. R. McGregor, seconded by Mr. J. Westwood. On accepting this position, Mr. Callaway thanked Mr. Crossman, in his absence, for the wonderful work he had carried out during his terms as President. This was carried by acclamation.

**Committee:** It was moved that the existing committee be elected for the ensuing year, plus six new members.

**General Business:** The President gave a brief outline of the programme of events for

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The beginning of a year is usually depicted by New Year's Day or the financial year by 1st July, but for members of the Association and your Committee it begins immediately after Anzac Day when you elect your new President and Committee members.

As your new President, and on behalf of the old Committee, I extend to our retiring President, Tom Crossman, many thanks for the splendid work and co-operation he has given the Association during his terms of office.

Secondly, I would like to commend to you, your new Committee which, apart from four new members, is the same untiring members, who have given up many hours of their spare time for many years in the past to keep this Association of ours together.

This is not an easy task chaps, but their efforts deserve your co-operation to make your Association happy and worthwhile. The Committee will do the work if you will

(1) Support your newspaper by sending a letter to us.

(2) Keep your subscriptions up to date.

(3) Support our Smokos and social functions.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to extend to you all very best wishes and good luck.

F. C. CALLAWAY,

the forthcoming year and requested the full support of members at future functions.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed by the President at 8.45 p.m.

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### OFFICERS FOR 1957-58

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year 1957-58:

President: FRED CALLAWAY; Vice-Presidents: TOM CROSSMAN, JACK WESTWOOD; Secretary: MAX HERRON; Treasurer: BOB MCGREGOR; Social Secretary: BERT HOLMES; Publicity Officer: H. MONTAGUE; Editor "Pioneer News": MAX LAW.

A full list of the Committee will be published in the next issue.

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## SOCIAL OUTING PLANNED

Last year we held a very successful car trial and picnic. It was not successful as far as finances went (although we broke even on the day) nor was it outstandingly successful as far as large numbers are concerned. (There were some 30 cars and about 100 people in attendance) BUT it WAS very successful inasmuch as everyone who attended had a really enjoyable day and they did not fail to say so. Even the kiddies were genuine in their praises for a wonderful day.

Now we are planning another such outing in September. It may not be a car trial but it will be a day out where the whole family will be more than welcome. Arrangements will be made for "Fun for everyone" and many novelties are being planned already.

We cannot tell you the exact date yet but it will probably be a Sunday in September, so keep every Sunday open in that month. We know that you will find it well worth while. You won't need to own a car either. Transport will be provided at probably no cost to you.

Watch letters for our future notices and when you are advised, mark the day on your calendar in RED as it will be such a day.

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## AT THE "SMOKO"

Talking to Wal. Page and he is looking really fit. He mentions going to Tarana and meeting Noel (Tubby) Smith who informed him that there are quite a few Pioneers at Tarana not receiving the "News". Would you oblige and send us those addresses, Noel. Glad to hear your son is doing well after his accident, Wal — we heard he is even a

better shot with the gun than you.

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Very pleased to see Jock Copland on his return from holidaying in Scotland. If anyone wants further details just contact Roy Jardine, for he appeared to be getting a terrific car pounding from Jock. Anyway, good luck to you Jock and glad to have you back in Aussie.

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Bob McGregor was in fine fettle, as usual, and it was noticed that Jack Maxwell made a very good listener. Pleased to see your name among the new Committee, Jack.

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Peter Craig reports three car loads of Pioneers are coming down from Grafton for the 1958 Anzac week-end. Hoping to see you at future Committee meetings, Peter.

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At the end of the night it was nice to see C. Peak, P. Seddon, J. Griffiths and T. Hannon helping to clear the tables of sandwiches, etc., until we noticed their pockets bulging — oh well, they did have a long train trip ahead.

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Ray Harrison was one of the representatives from the 2nds. Seemed to be enjoying himself too. By the way Ray, the only other two officers who were

present that evening were George Sheehan and Jack Westwood. Nice to see you there, Ray.

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## LAST POST

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of two former members of the 2/1 Pioneer Btn.

Arthur Scorey, 42 Graham Street, Lidcombe, passed away suddenly early in March.

Harold Albert (Bert) Fletcher, late of the Bondi Junction-Waverley district in Sydney, passed away at his home on Monday, 27th May, and was cremated on the following day at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium.

The sincere sympathy of this Association has been passed on to both families.

It was on Anzac Day that we were informed of the death of Major Norman Frederick Garrard who was at one period a company commander and former Adjutant of the 2/2 Pioneer Btn., and in post-war years, late of B.O.D. Moorebank Major Garrard passed away early in April, but unfortunately we do not have further particulars. It is understood that the sympathy of the 2/2 Pioneers was forwarded to the late Major Garrard's family.

## . . . NOVEMBER SMOKO . . .

It is planned to hold another Smoko in November. The exact location and the time and date, have not yet been finalised but we do know what it will be some time after the second week in the month.

You will no doubt have read in this edition where our last Smoko was almost disastrous. If that happens again, we are afraid that our Association will go down hill far too quickly.

We cannot afford to buy refreshments for more than twice the number who do turn up.

So when this date is announced, mark it on your calendar also, and get in early for a leave pass from Mum. Help to put the Association on a firm SOCIAL footing.

We do not make many demands on your time in any one year. See what you can do about — BEING THERE.

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT TO OUR PATRON

Our usual gift of a bottle of Scotch Whisky was made to our beloved Patron, Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood on the recent Mother's Day. The gift was suitably inscribed as being from the members of the Association and was presented by Max Law.

Mrs. O'Malley Wood asked that we convey her fondest love and sincere good wishes to every member of the Association.

(May we add that our Patron looks particularly well but has lost a little weight. We do hope that she continues to enjoy good health for a long time yet).

## CORRESPONDENCE

Although the Association's Office is still at 19 Hunter St., Sydney, the Secretary's work would be minimised if all correspondence could be addressed to—

The Hon. Secretary,  
2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battns. As-  
sociation,  
BEVERLY HILLS.

When forwarding a new address, include the old address so as this can be eliminated from the list. Please **print** your name (Christian and surname) and address in **BLOCK** letters and make all cheques and postal notes payable to the Association.

## IN PASSING . . .

Our mail bag was almost as heavy as after the last issue, which is very encouraging. Here are some of the extracts from the mail—

An enquiry from a Victorian member of the 2/1st, Ken Collier asks if he can join our Association and if so how he goes about it. You are in it as from today, Ken. As long as we have your name and address which we now have of course, we will forward you all future correspondence as well as each issue of this little paper.

Your request for a copy of the Battalion history however

cannot be attended to as, unfortunately, it was never compiled. It is regrettable that this history has not been published but it seems that our brother unit the "Seconds" certainly left us at the post on that score. They did publish a very excellent History a couple of years ago.

Please excuse us not writing direct but what with Anzac day and the Smoko we are a little behind in our correspondence. Please do not hesitate to write at any time as we have found that as time goes on, other members of the Association become quite eager to hear about their former mates, and we would like to know just what you have been doing over the past few years.

Thanks for your enquiry and we welcome you to our Association.

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We wish to acknowledge receipt of a letter from H. A. McTavish from Loomberah near Tamworth. He asks for information re the grave of our mate Mick Duncan (as published in a recent issue of the "News"). We are happy to be able to say that the request has been attended to, and we thank H. A. MacTavish for his letter.

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A short note and a donation from Noel Schomberg. Thanks Noel and hope that all goes well with you. (Good to see you at the March).

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Calling Bill Hoffman from Kyogle. As always, your telegram of good wishes (this time

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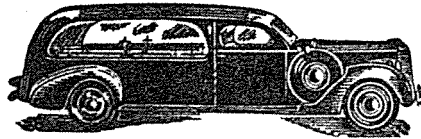
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## IN PASSING — Contd.

for the Smoko) was very welcome. I am sorry that your letter for the photos of those war graves on Labuan were a little slow in arriving Bill, but I had to get more printed. However, I trust that you have them by now.

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Another faithful supporter is Mick Bye from Walgett, who sent along his donation, and quite a nice one too, Mick if we may say so. However, we do not wish to take it under false pretences. Your letter was, in the main, connected with the building fund as announced recently and your donation does seem connected with this appeal. As you may know now, that appeal has had to be abandoned due to lack of support and all money sent in is to be returned. Although you mentioned that your enclosed cheque was to be a donation "Without the Bonds", we would like to offer to return all or part of your generous amount without obligation. I know you will not misunderstand our motives in this Mick, but would like your clarification. We are very glad to see by your letter that all is well with you and we trust that it continues that way.

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Victoria is in the "NEWS" this time, without doubt. Bernie Beiners forwarded a very nice donation to our Pioneer News and as always we are very grateful for the help, but above all, the thought. Nice to know that the "News" is welcome everywhere. Thanks a lot for the cheque.

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We are still in that State. This time it is to say a big thanks to A. S. Hanson from Timboon. Another very welcome cheque, but as this is also connected with the building

fund, we would like your clarification also. Your good wishes for the boys in the Association are herewith passed on and your kind remarks to the committee are also very welcome. Best of luck to you and all of the Pioneers way down there in that cold old State. (What am I saying? It's freezing in Sydney). Hope to hear from you again soon.

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Frank Cheal got around to a few lines with a cheque for the building fund. As you know Frank, that is not open now but your thought was very much appreciated, as was the letter. Hope the family are all well and you are settled down in the new address quite comfortably.

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Jack Harvey from Kokarah was another to answer with a donation to the building fund. Jack mentions that he sees Ray Lawrence at the Kogarah Rex now and again, and has Bob Madden, Albert Bell and Con Singleton working in at the Electricity Commission with him. Thanks to you too Jack, for your interest.

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Have you noticed the new front page heading, by the way? We have purchased blocks to enable an outline of our colour patches to be shown, plus one or two other small items. Then the photo on the front page is something new, although it really is NOT a pretty picture when all is said and done. But enough of that in this column.

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We request that, in future, you address your correspondence to the private address of the Secretary, Max Herron. The reason for this change is that most of us are now being "decentralised" in our various callings and being moved to the outer suburbs. Conse-

quently, it is very hard to get into town just when we would like to, and that means that if mail is addressed to Hunter Street, it has to stay there till someone CAN get in to collect it. It would help a lot if you note the address of Max Herron and use it for your future correspondence.

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Also, would you please print your **full** name and address. Your **full** name would be helpful because, as we always seem to be saying, it is hard to remember all Christian names and it seems too formal to say "W. J. Smith" instead of Bill Smith.

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Wally Coe took notice of that request in the last issue and did send his name in full this time. (And proved my memory correct). Thanks for the donation Wal, and as you know, it is very welcome.

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Now let's get up to Farnham, near Orange. T. R. Eddy wrote in with his donation and mentions that if there are any Pioneers in Orange, he would like to meet them. His address is P.O., Farnham, Western Line.

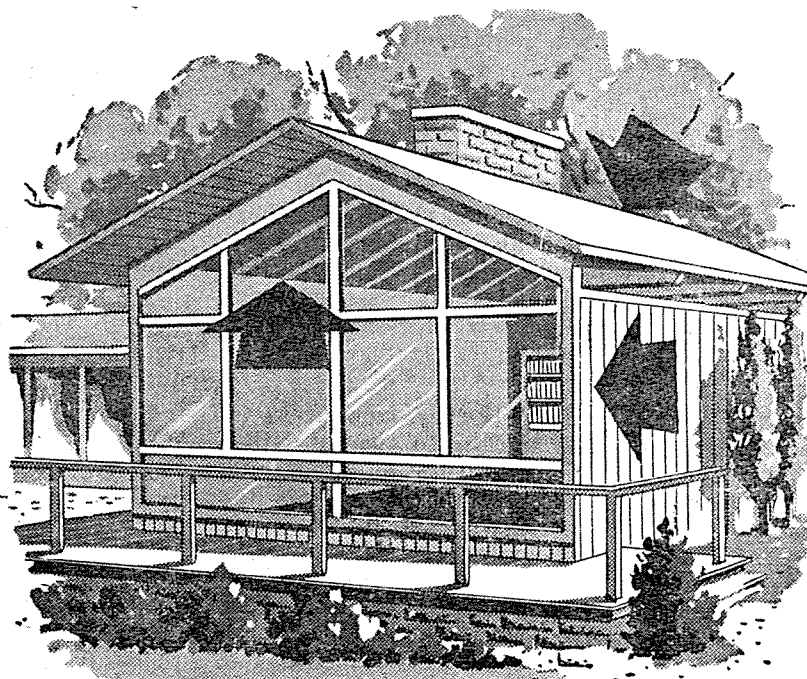
"T.R." mentions that the country is very dry up there and if things do not improve soon then the stock will be suffering. Some sheep are already being fed by hand. We hope that the weather does improve in the areas where rain is needed. (That sound a bit back to front saying that we hope it IMPROVES where rain is needed, but in this case, rain would certainly be an improvement). Thank you for welcome letter.

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## BUS AND CAR TRIAL PICNIC

On Sunday, 22nd September, the Association will hold a Bus and Car Trial Picnic to which all members and their friends are invited.

It is not a reliability trial, but really 21 miles of pleasant driving through delightful scenery to a secret picnic ground known only to the Social Secretary and his four committee members.

Bus transport has been arranged to pick up passengers at Beverly Hills, Wiley Park and Strathfield and, whether travelling by car or bus, members will be issued with a sealed envelope containing instructions on the proposed route to the picnic ground. Also contained in these envelopes will be a series of interesting questions relating to the objects along the route, on which points will be allotted for the correct answers and these will provide fun and laughs as well as prizes.

### AMPLE TIME GIVEN

Car travellers will be given ample time to answer the questions and cover the distance in a leisurely manner for, after the route was surveyed by the committee, two members from another organisation covered the route in a 1930 "A" model Ford with the loss of only a few points.

All the roads are asphalt and there are check points to prevent speeding. A separate envelope is issued giving information as to picnic ground in case of members becoming lost.

### EXCELLENT FACILITIES

On arrival at the picnic grounds, members are assured of the following facilities:—

1. Ample free parking space right in the grounds.
2. A shop at which all goods such as cakes, hot scones, sandwiches, fruit and drinks may be purchased.

3. Excellent toilet facilities.

4. Shelter shed, in case of rain.

5. No danger spots for children as swimming is not available. Following upon the success of the previous car trial held last December, the Association has had many requests from members for another trial and in an endeavour to bring the wives and children even more into the picture, have added the athletic events for the young—and the not so young.

The Committee will issue free to all children, paddle pops, toffee and drinks, as well as free hot water and drinks to adults.

Those members who can only attend in the afternoon, may ring UL 5491 and the Secretary will furnish the necessary information.

### NO FURTHER NOTIFICATION

Owing to the high cost of postage to all members, this is the only form of notice regarding the picnic to be sent out, but persons writing to the Association, care of the Secretary, can be assured of prompt posting of any information they may require. The committee men have spent many hours of their time to make this picnic a success. The only reward they ask is a good attendance and for members to phone or write as soon as possible stating their intention of attending, for then the committee can finalise transport and catering details.

### CAR TRIAL ENTRANTS

Cars are to leave Cooper Street, on the Parramatta Road side of Strathfield station (same position as last year), commencing at 9.15 a.m. and thence at two minute intervals.

Please state name and address and registration number of car.

### BUS TRIAL ENTRANTS

Bus passengers may embark on the bus at the following points at the times stated:—

1. Beverly Hills Station, King George's Road (north side) at 9.30 a.m.
2. Wiley Park Station, Wiley's Avenue (north side) at 9.45 a.m.
3. Strathfield Station, Cooper Street (Parramatta Road side Railway Station), at 10 a.m.

(As the bus is scheduled to start from Peakhurst, these are the only pick-up points permissible). These are departure times, and members would be advised to be at these points fifteen minutes prior to departure. Owing to the high cost of hiring this bus, the committee have decided to charge a fare of 5/- per adult, children free.

When sending information by mail, please address all correspondence to:

The Hon. Secretary,  
2/1-2/2 Pioneer Btms. Assocn.,  
3 Enoggera Road,  
BEVERLY HILLS.

Please phone any of the following committee men and give particulars of your attendance.

Max Herron, UL 5491  
Fred Callaway, LY 7132  
Tom Crossman, JX 3977  
Jack Westwood, UL 3930  
Bob Lake, XJ 4696

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Under 7 .....	50 yards	50 yards
Under 9 .....	75 yards	75 yards
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3-Legged Race, Cigarette Race,  
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18 Events

# CLUB ROOMS and CABINS

Some months ago, your Committee devised a method whereby holiday cabins and club rooms could be constructed. This method was in the form of issuing debentures to raise the necessary finance.

The amount aimed at was £1,000 and the remainder was to be gained by various methods discussed by the Committee such as house, etc. The response by the Association members was very disappointing and resulted in applications for bonds to the total value of £180.

It was subsequently resolved by the committee that due to lack of enthusiasm the proposal be abandoned and all moneys returned.

There are various clubs in Sydney where the total membership is only 250 and it is disappointing when an

Association of our size (now approaching 1,000 members) cannot build their own club.

The Committee is a progressive one and has just completed an arrangement whereby we are assured of £100 per annum. We feel that there are many things that can be done, and as the present Committee is a most active one, we would welcome any suggestions for the raising of funds for the Association.

F. C. CALLAWAY,  
President.

## PATRON'S LETTER

Our patron, Mrs. Lilla O'Malley Wood, has written to thank the Association members for the gift of a bottle of Scotch whisky for Mother's Day. To quote in part from her letter . . . "Thank you for the whisky, which I promptly drank—not all at once, and the Pioneer News, which I found most interesting. Please give my love and best wishes to all my friends."

Mrs. O'Malley Wood has offered to obtain the Feminist Club Rooms for any function that may be arranged around Christmas. This offer has been passed on to the committee.

Thank you for your continued interest in our welfare and your donation to our funds. Mrs. O'Malley Wood, and please accept our love and good wishes for your continued good health.

## NEW MEMBERS

Owing to numerous requests from members wishing to join the Association and wanting to know the fees and credentials involved, hereunder is published information which present members receiving the "Pioneer News" could pass on to any persons eligible to become members.

(1) Any person serving with the 2/1 or 2/2 Pioneer Battalions at any time is eligible to become a member of the Association.

(2) There is no joining fee, but a charge of 2/6 per annum is made to cover the cost of "Pioneer News".

When sending a new address, please print Christian and Surname in BLOCK letters, and when sending a change of address, state old as well as new one. All correspondence to be addressed to:—The Hon. Secretary, 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battalions' Association, 3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills.

## SUIT CLUB

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This is an excellent opportunity and is recommended by your committee, so if you would like to take part please contact the secretary as early as possible.

F. C. CALLAWAY,  
President.

## MARRIAGE

If you remember I stated that, in fairness to all of those who had been featured in this little paper for marriages, births, and general goings on, I had printed the engagement of the Editor (myself). This was in the March issue. Well, to be fair, and for those who may be interested, I have very much pleasure in announcing the following marriage:—

Editor Max Law will be married to Joyce Oldfield on Saturday, 10th August. That is all I can tell you at this stage, except to say that we will be driving to Adelaide and then flying over to Perth for the honeymoon. I can't guarantee to be looking up any of the boys though while passing through any of the places.

## REMEMBER THESE DATES . . .

Sunday, 22nd September  
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Friday, 22nd November  
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## Pioneers Galore!

Seems that the Pioneers can be found in most every place, but we seem to have found an abundance of them (percentage wise that is), up at Berowra.

Ian Kirkwood writes in to tell us that in the local R.S.L. of about 60 members, there are three Pioneers (Harry Brown, Jack Kerslake are the other two) while at work at the Lottery Office there is Bob Kelly (who transferred to Recovery at Tobruk) and Tom Kelly of the R.A.P., who soldiered on through Korea and Japan and was only discharged this year. When you think that there are fewer ex-servicemen at the office than in the Berowra Sub-branch (as Ian informs us), then it isn't a bad record to find the Pioneers "still there".

With reference to the Red Cross enquiry, Ian, it was passed on to the right authority. Thanks for the long and newsy letter and we hope to see you at the next Smoko, although I am not sure that the Roulette wheel will be left at home. Better see Bert Holmes about that one.

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## LAST POST

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Frederick Thomas Raw, late of Guildford. Fred, after a long illness (of some 5 years), died of heart failure at his home on the 24th April, and was cremated at Rookwood on the 26th. A letter of sympathy was sent on behalf of the Association to Fred's widow, Mrs. Alice Raw, to whom we are grateful for her letter advising the Association of her sad loss.

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We also regret the passing of Bill Sidaway (late 2/1st) who passed away in Yaralla Hospital on Friday, 26th July. Our very sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives.

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On Friday, 22nd November, at 7.30 p.m., the Association will hold a Bi-Annual Smoko at the Sussex Hotel, corner of Liverpool and Sussex Streets, Sydney.

The Social Committee have spent two months scouting around the city in an endeavour to find a hotel at a low cost to suit all members, and finally decided upon the Sussex Hotel as the most suitable.

This function is to be held in the lower bar, and a supper consisting of hot dogs, sausage rolls, pasties, sandwiches, biscuits and cheese, etc., is to be served in the dining rooms adjacent to the bar. The entrance fee of 5/- is charged to cover the cost of the supper and the beer at ordinary hotel prices is served almost straight from the wood. The lower bar is reserved solely for the use of the Association, and under the licensing laws no members can be admitted after 10 p.m.

## PIONEER RENDEZVOUS

If this function proves to be a success the Licencee (a lady who made

many friends in the Pioneers during the war) is willing to establish a headquarters for Pioneers in the future. The Committee are at present negotiating with her to make this Hotel the Pioneer rendezvous every Anzac Day.

Members and their friends desirous of attending this function can help the Committee in catering arrangements by sending 5/- per person and filling in the form below. Owing to the high cost of postage to all members, no circulars will be sent out.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE, 1957

For members' information the following are the General Committee for 1957:—A. S. Holmes, F. C. Callaway, R. Pegg, R. Lawrence, A. Carter, R. Roach, H. Montague, T. Crossman, V. Whitely, R. Lake, R. Smith, M. Law, H. Page, C. Vickers, J. Westwood, M. Herron, R. McGregor, J. Maxwell, J. Henderson, B. Moore, T. C. Johnson, R. Jardine, A. Ronan, R. D. Craig and H. Mostyn.

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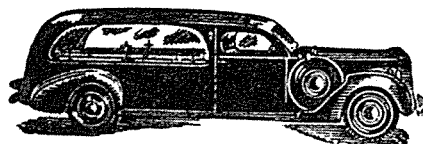
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## INVITATION TO PIONEERS

It is quite a long time since we have heard from or mentioned Eddie Weston. Eddie is still in Lismore running a successful business (in which he is Managing Director). The business is known as the "Caravan Quick Service Food Centre" which means (and we quote) "The good old Coffee Stall in the main Street". Eddie has been doing quite well and has been recently elected an Alderman on the local council.

Eddie extends an invitation to all Pioneers passing through Lismore to come along and make yourself known. He assures everyone of a warm reception at any time.

Of course we welcome the donation Eddie, but your paragraph as to how we really "penetrated and found your conscience" really touches us. Anyway good luck to you and your's and thank you very much for a really good letter.

### Program For Year

September

**ANNUAL PICNIC**

November

**BI-ANNUAL SMOKO**

### ADDRESS

Please address all  
correspondence to:—

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2/1 - 2/2 PIONEER BATNS.

ASSOCN.,

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BEVERLY HILLS.

## Late News—But Good News

Due to a misunderstanding in the last issue, several items of news were left out, and we hope that they will still be accepted as news, and that you find all the pars interesting.

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At the Anzac Day March, it was very pleasing to see the best roll up of sigs. for years in the form of Arthur White, Ron McFarlane, Wally Parsons and Max Herron. Come on sigs., you can do even better than that next year.

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Another very long and informative letter from Dick (Peter) Seddon at Newcastle. Firstly, Peter, may we say how welcome you were at the Smoko along with "Glido" Jack Griffiths. Sorry that we could not put on a bigger show for you after coming down especially, but it was beyond our control. Hope you arrived home at a respectable hour on the following day.

Peter refers to last month's mention by Billy Mace that there was a "Lofty" at Gosford, and says that it sounds like "Lofty" Barlow. He also mentions that the chap from "C" Company running a garage at Gosford would be Clive McLachlan. This garage, by the way is just over the Railway bridge on the Sydney side of Gosford. We hope that anyone passing through will do the right thing and call in for his petrol there. (Free plugs given without obligation). Thanks for the good wishes to the boys as well as those personal ones, Peter. Hope that Pearl and family are all well. Hope to see you soon again.

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Colonel "Nugget" Neal who attended the Anzac Day march was down on leave from the Rum Jungle Uranium Field in the Northern Territory. He is looking exceptionally well, although, he said that his eyes are still playing up and his sight is not as good as it used to be.

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We would like to take this opportunity of paying a special tribute to one of our most active committee men, Alf Carter, who did not waste one minute prior to the march, having armed himself with a large wooden collection box, paper of any am-

ount, large and small, to help keep this paper in print. We might say that not only were Alf's efforts very much appreciated, but they were very successful. Alf talked himself hoarse in making sure that everybody knew what he was doing. Thank's Alf, that's all we can say, but you know what we mean.

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It did not take long for something to happen up at "Dyndon's Place" (although Frank Dyndon is no longer in residence, this familiar land mark is still a popular meeting place on Anzac Day). It seems that big Frank Gillian stood over Laurie Fitzhenry for a cigarette and it also seems that Laurie was only too eager to give it to him. The reason became obvious when, after a couple of puffs the cigarette blew up in Frank's face. It then did not "seem"—it was a trick cigarette, however, Frank saw the joke and took it in good part.

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"Holy Joe" Westwood did not take any risks after the march on Anzac Day he took his family to the Zoo to make sure he had a quiet day. Of course we know the real reason—he wanted to be in good condition for the Smoko the following night.

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Talking of the Smoko, it was pleasing to see so many of those in attendance paying attention to Bert Holmes. Bert, one of our keen committee men seemed to be holding the interest of these chaps for some two hours. We thought at first it must have been his personality, but closer inspection proved that it was a roulette wheel that he was operating that seemed to be the focal point. (For any of the wives who may be reading, we hasten to add that it was only a "small" wheel and as the bets were limited, no large salary envelopes were involved. A very small profit was made over the two hours. Thanks Bert for your help.

And while we're passing out thanks, we cannot pass Monty Montague who did a big job on the door collecting names and addresses of new members. Monty has been doing this for several years now and we feel that nobody could take his place.

# IN PASSING . . .

At this stage we would like to especially acknowledge a letter from Mrs. Elsie Lincoln, wife of former 2/1st Sgt. Tom Lincoln. Mrs. Lincoln has asked that the Pioneer News be still sent to her as she would like to keep in touch with the Association. There is a lot behind that thought and we are deeply appreciative of Mrs. Lincoln's kind remarks. There was no need at all for the donation, Mrs. Lincoln, and the first thought of the committee was to return it to you, but knowing the thought and the way that it was meant, we most humbly accept it. Please note that it will not be necessary for you to send any further donations at any time in the future, as we will deem it a pleasure to be able to do our little bit for you. Thank you for your kind remarks and good wishes. We in turn wish you comfort and good health.

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"Brickie" Wall of 200 Elizabeth Street, Croydon, requests the address of Ernie Collins late of D Company 2/1st. If any one can help, would you please pass it on to Brick as well as ourselves. Thanks for the note, Brickie.

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T. L. Malone (hailing from Victoria) wrote in re the Building Fund. Thank you for the donation, and you have no doubt heard about that by now. No need to thank anyone for the reference to your last letter in our recent issue of the News. That was our pleasure. You do mention that you will tell us more of where Mirboo is and just how important it is. Well, we will be looking forward to that letter. Thanks for this one

for now, and your other donation to the News.

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Phil Mahey from Leeton is next on the list with a much appreciated engagement card, thanks Phil, it was quite a surprise and it is nice to know that you still give us a thought down in the Riverina. Please pass on regards to all of the boys down there. How about a letter with some of the information of the goings on, surely some of the boys must be up to some sort of tricks. Thanks again for your personal thought, Phil.

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Committee man, Bert Moore, came up with his own change of address as well as a donation and address from Bobby Hutchins of Glebe.

Bert also met Pat Kelly and obtained his address for the files. We welcome Bob and Pat and thank Pat for his donation. Thanks to you too, Bert for your good work.

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Donations are acknowledged from Ken Stuart and A. E. Bell. Only very short notes but nonetheless welcome donations. Thanks again.

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Sid Jopson at Grafton has been passing on recent copies of the News to "Blue" Nilan also of the same town. Now "Blue" has risen to the occasion and written with a welcome donation. Nice to hear from you "Blue" and to know that you enjoy reading our little effort. Regards to all the boys in the district.

In a letter from C. R. Williams, of Belfields, Sydney, we learned that Jack Wilkie, formerly of the 2/1st, is in Yaralla Repatriation Hospital at Concord. We have not received all the details, but we understand that Jack is in a serious condition, and we pass this on prior to going to press.

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No doubt you remember the article in the last issue in reference to the poor attendance at our last Smoko. Well, we are pleased to say that we have had several letters from members who also expressed regret at the situation. One, Noel Petersen, from

Wyong, North Coast, wrote to say that he promises that he will be "on the doorstep" waiting for the next "Do". Thanks, Noel, we will be looking out for you and everyone else, too. Thanks for the donation, Noel.

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Change of address noted for Jack Allison, now up at Eastwood. And another promise of attendance at the Smoko. Thank you for your letter and donation, Jack, and keep the old pen rolling with another letter soon.

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We told you of Jim Robertson going off and getting married and not advising us for months after. (Actually the news did not even come from Jim then. It was from someone who wrote in, otherwise we may not have known even yet.) But this we do know. Congratulations are now due for Jim and his wife on the birth of a son.

Good wishes from all of the boys, Jim, and we wish the new Sig. all the best. Will he follow on with Dad and run out the reel of cable? Let's hear from you, Jim.

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It came in a round about way, but we have it on good authority that Joe White has left the quiet of the North Coast around Nambucca and now resides in the "Big Smoke" at North Sydney. Welcome to future Smokes, Joe.

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Ron Coyte still on the lookout for new members. This time he has written to let us know that he met Mark Shuttleworth, who would like to join the fold. Thanks, Ron, we will include Mark's address in the files and he will get this issue of the News and those in the future. Ron, by the way, is in charge of sheep undergoing experiment at the C.S.I.R.O. at Prospect, and he would be pleased to show any one of our grazier friends through the Sheep Biology section at the station. Ron can be contacted on the job. Thanks for your regular letters, Ron.

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At a recent committee meeting it was decided to ask if Colonels Graham and Davis would still be available in an advisory capacity if required by the Association. We are pleased to say that both are still eager to help as in the past and we thank them very sincerely. For interest, we received

**MARK THESE DATES ON  
YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sunday, 22nd September**

**CAR TRIAL AND  
PICNIC**

**Friday, 22nd November**

**BI-ANNUAL SMOKO**

## IN PASSING (Contd.) . . . .

Col. Graham's letter from Perth where he has been for several weeks on the job (Repat.). He does not get a great deal of time at home these days and we are grateful that he is always available if required for any assistance.

On the other hand, Col. Clayton Davis has now retired and is living in the country at "Yalcowinna", Cooma. Col. Davis was with the War Pensions Tribunal but is now on a grazing property. He assures us that he, too, will be always willing to give any advice that he can on pension matters.

Thanks to both Col. Graham and Col. Davis and we wish you both good health in the future.

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Welcome to the Association, Jack McGahey, and sorry to hear of your "dermo" trouble. Pleased to note you received the three back copies of the "News" and that you found them interesting. Thanks for the donation, Jack, and our best wishes to you.

It would not be a paper without Mick Bye, one of our really regular correspondents. And again, it is the usual lengthy and very newsy letter.

Firstly, the request. The addresses as required have been forwarded on and no doubt you have received them by now.

Secondly, thanks for your remarks re the attendance at the Smoko. We realise that people like yourself are not able to be present because of distance, but we know that you would like to be here and always send letters of good wishes.

Thirdly, thank you for the donation transferred from the building fund appeal. You are well up at the top of the list and, as you know, it is very much appreciated.

Mick wrote that he was in Bourke last Anzac Day for the Dawn Service (after a very heavy night), then had to drive 16 miles back to Goodooga for the 11 a.m. march (Mick is Presi-

dent of the local sub-branch) which is not a bad effort. He also told us that after the Dawn Service at Bourke, coffee with rum was handed out with biscuits, but Mick seems to think that it was rum with coffee added, as the old "bow and arrow" men were stepping around like youngsters.

Good luck in the shearing game, Mick, and keep up that good work, as we always look forward to your letters.

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Hello, John Taylor, up at Quirindi. We received your cheque with a short note written on the back, but we are not too sure whether the cheque was a donation or whether you meant it for the building fund as mentioned. It seems that this one would be a donation, but you will not doubt clarify that if it is a wrong assumption. Thanks for your interest, John, and don't forget a letter now and then. Regards to the boys in the area.

**Cut this out and keep for a Reminder**

**SUNDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER--**

**BUS AND CAR TRIAL PICNIC**

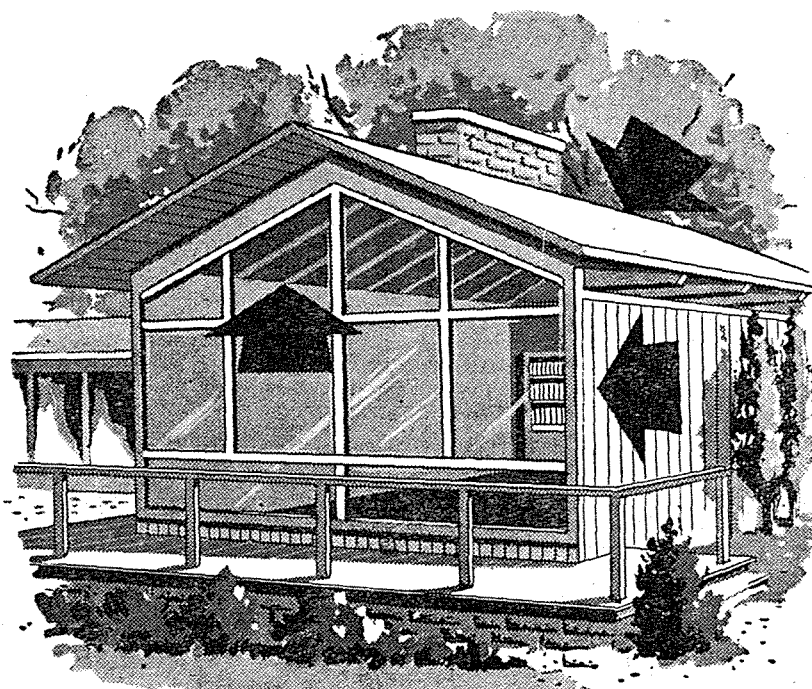
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## BI - ANNUAL SMOKO

**On Friday, 22nd November, at 7.30 p.m. the Association will hold a Bi-Annual Smoko, in the lower bar of the Sussex Hotel, corner of Liverpool and Sussex Streets, Sydney.**

It has been arranged by your committee as a trial, and, if it is successful, another one will be held next year.

The arrangements for this evening out are a little different from the usual run of Smokos. It was thought that if such a night was arranged, there would be many who would like to just have a night out with the boys without it being expensive or elaborate.

### ADVERTISING PAYS!

If you are in business then here is your opportunity to advertise to at least 900 readers, plus their friends, and at the same time give some practical help to your Association.

Space is available in this magazine for anyone to advertise their business.

If you advertise, you are not only helping your Association as we have stated, but you probably will help yourself as there are plenty of our members who want services and goods at all times. Then the help would be doubly mutual.

The rates are very reasonable and may be requested on application to the Secretary.

It is simply a get-together where you can meet a few of your old mates over a noggin or two, have a bite to eat and sit in comfort.

We would like to point out that this evening is not just a night out in a pub. The Saloon bar will be closed off entirely for our unit and drinks may be purchased at ruling prices. Supper is being provided and all in all it should be just like a night in a hall, but we feel that it would be much more friendly in a small room such as this in the form of a private function than in a large hall with a lot of empty chairs.

### TASTY SUPPER

The charge for catering is only 5/- per head and the supper consists of hot dogs, sau-

sage rolls, pasties, sandwiches, biscuits and cheese, etc.

The evening is not restricted to Pioneers entirely, so if you wish to bring along your friends, then do so by all means. Be early, as under the licensing laws no member can be admitted after 10 p.m.

Members and their friends desirous of attending this function can help the committee in catering arrangements by ringing the Secretary (UL 5491) or President (LY 7132) and state number in party.

### SEE YOUR OLD MATES

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# CAR AND BUS TRIAL PICNIC

On Sunday, 22nd September, the Association held the Annual Car and Bus Trial Picnic and this time the destination turned out to be Galston Picnic Ground. It was a perfect sunny day and the Pioneers rolled up in force to help make the day the outstanding success that it was.

The starting line was Strathfield Station and with thirty-two cars lined up ready to go, the starters, Fred Callaway and Jack Maxwell sent them on their way right on time. The bus started from Beverly Hills Station, picking up passengers en route to Strathfield and on departing there was packed with a happy throng of adults and children.

## HUMOROUS QUESTIONS

The instructions were very well thought out by the Com-

mittee, and at the various points mentioned on the printed sheets there was a steady stream of cars. Some of the questions on the instruction sheets turned out to be very humorous. For instance one question was: "What is the measurement between gate posts of Ryde Police Station?" Well! You can just imagine thirty-two car loads, plus the bus crowd, pulling up at the Police Station measuring a 6ft. 5½in. opening with a piece of

string 7in. long, which was supplied for the purpose.

Not everybody made the destination on time. Some were minutes late, others much later. Two who seemed to find the last set of instructions a bit ambiguous were Frank Gillian and Max Law. They took the wrong turn and finished up about 6 miles out on the Wiseman's Ferry Road. Anyway, when they did finally make the ground almost everyone was half way through lunch. (Must admit that one followed the other).

On arrival at the picnic ground, the children were handed a free issue of drinks, paddle pops and toffees.

## WINNERS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS

Age	Dist.	Place	Girl	Boy
under 3 yrs.	10 yds.	1	Kay Pearse	R. Wilken
		2	Linda McGregor	
under 5 yrs.	20 yds.	1	Janette Bertram	Steven Sutherland
		2	Christine Hardy	John Redshaw
under 7 yrs.	50 yds.	1	Robin Beffy	Ron Butler
		2	Leila Carroll	Garry Lewis
under 9 yrs.	75 yds.	1	Jill McGregor	Fin Layson
		2	Pat Crossman	Robert Mostyn
under 11 yrs.	75 yds.	1	Carol Chisholm	John Hendon
		2	Gail Lake	Jee Carroll
under 13 yrs.	100 yds.	1	Margaret Crossman	David Bertram
		2	Pam Butler	Chris Richards
Open	100 yds.	1	Margaret Crossman	Greg Callaway
		2	Carol Sweeney	Ron Berry

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

After lunch an estimated number of 250 adults and children formed up for the athletic events and it was here that the amplifier system, which had been used for making announcements, really proved its worth, especially in the capable hands of President Fred Callaway.

Do you notice the surnames of some of the children as being very familiar? Many of the YOUNG Pioneers of the war years are now getting to be grandfathers, or very near it.

## ROLL CALL

To mention a few who were present: Reg Smith, Frank Gillian, Jack Richards, Vince Petrich, Charlie Vickers, Reg Sweeney, Charlie Johnson, Pat Noonan, Ray Horne, Jim Hadfield, Noel Schomberg, Roy Coyte, Sid Kent, "Monty" Montague, Doug Shearston, Jack Westwood, Harry Mostyn, Jack Maxwell, John Bert-

Cigarette Race (1): 1 Wally Westwood, 2 Tom Winkins.

Cigarette Race (2): 1 Joe Westwood, 2 Vic Warland.

Matrons' Race: 1 Mrs. Richards, 2 Mrs. Sweeney.

Old Buffers' Race: 1 Ray Arthur, 2 Max Herron.

Children 3 legged:

Heat 1: Cath and Pauline Johnson.

Heat 2: Lanelle and Vic White-ly.

Heat 3: Carol Sweeney and David Barnett.

Adults 3 legged:

Heat 1: Jack Westwood and Margaret.

Heat 2: Doug Shearston and Mrs. Dwyer.

# Car and Bus Trial Picnic--Continued

ram, "Doc" Brown, Joe Williams, Jack Henderson and, of course, a lot more too numerous to mention.

As was to be expected, the Committee helping the Secretary did a remarkable job and spent many hours prior to the event, as well as on the day, arranging things so that there would not be a lull in proceedings and ensuring that everything possible was done to make the day the enjoyable one that it was.

## VOTE OF THANKS

The wives of the various organisers were to the front in helping in every way they could, and a very sincere vote of thanks goes out to each and every one of them. Many thanks also to all the members

and their wives for the donations to cover the expenses of the Picnic, and because of this great response we are already planning for a greater number next year.

If you could not make it this year, jot down the third Sunday in September, 1958, and you are assured of an excellent day's outing as the 250 adults and children who attended this one will tell you.

## CAR TRIAL WINNERS

- 1st: No. 7, Maloney, A.,  
APV560, 59 points lost.  
59 points lost.  
2nd: No. 18, Rix, G., AOV883,  
70 points lost.  
3rd: No. 30, Bertram, J.,  
AJA813, 71 points lost.

## WINNER OF HAMPER GROCERIES TO VALUE £8

Tom Crossman (jointly with Max Herron).

## WINNER OF 1 DOZEN BEER Shearston, T. F.

## WINNER OF SCAVENGER HUNT Garry Lewis.

## BUS TRIAL WINNERS

- 1st: Carol Sweeney, 70 points lost.  
2nd: Chris Whitely, 75 points lost.

## LAST POST

It is with very deep regret that we announce the sudden death of Lt. Col. C. E. Davis (2/2 Pioneer Bn., C.O.) of "Yalcowinna," Cooma, on November 6, 1957. Our very sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Further details in the next issue "Pioneer News."

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## PERMANENT RENDEZVOUS . . .

It is the custom with many units to have a regular meeting place for the dual purpose of meeting some of their war time mates and at the same time participate of some liquid refreshment.

Such a place was in existence some time ago in the form of "Dyvon's Hotel" in Goulburn Street, but, even then, it was not widely publicised, which resulted in the general congregation of Association Members on Anzac Day only.

Your Committee has located a very nice hotel, namely the "Sussex Hotel", Sussex Street, City, for the purpose of our bi-annual smoko and it was suggested by the Licencee that the Association make this Hotel their permanent meeting place.

### COUNTRY MEMBERS NOTE!

In other words, many of us have a "spot" in any hotel, so why not make this your hotel for having the occasional drink. This would more particularly apply to visiting country members and they

### PERFORMING SEAL ON THE JOB

On the day of the Picnic the Committee were most fortunate in having the services of Signaller First Class, Doug. Shearston, who with the help of Jack Maxwell, (Don Company) laid the cable for the Amplifier System.

One could see by the way these lads ran the overhead cable from a lady's clothes line to a sapling, lashed to pegs driven in the ground, that they remembered their training from Pioneer days.

Keep up the good work Doug, and soon you will find yourself on the Committee.

would then be always sure of running into some of their old mates.

This Hotel has a number of bars, but the one the Licencee suggests we all meet at is the low level one in Sussex Street.

You will find that the general atmosphere, including the barmaids, is most pleasant, so for your occasional drink, think of the "Sussex Hotel".

F. C. CALLAWAY,  
President.

## BIRTH

A little Pioneer was born to Barbara, wife of Frank Cheal, recently. This now makes 3 boys in the family (besides Frank that is).

Congratulations Barbara and Frank and we are pleased to know that all is well.

### REMEMBER—

BI-ANNUAL SMOKO  
22nd NOVEMBER

SUSSEX HOTEL, Cnr. Sussex and  
Liverpool Sts., at 7.30 p.m.  
DRAUGHT BEER — SUPPER 5/-

## Missing Persons Bureau

The following list of names and addresses have been compiled from the September issue of "Pioneer News" wrappers, returned by the Dead Letter Office.

These members have, no doubt, moved on and neglected to notify us of their new address.

As the Association is, at all times endeavouring to build up the membership, all members are asked to help, by writing to the secretary any information as to the whereabouts of the following members:—

R. FRAZER

Opp. Police Station, Gloucester, N.S.W.

L. KIEBLE,

75 Clarke Street, Murwillumbah.

C. F. KERR,

Dorrigo, N.S.W.

C. G. LLOYD,

24 O'Neill Street, Guilford.

D. LEWIS,

515 Crown Street, Moore Park.

N. PAYNE,

1 Hugh Street, Kings-Cross.

J. LEWIS,

30 King Street, Newtown.

H. BUCKLAND,

Bounty Street, Lismore.

B. K. MEDCALF,

110 Asquith Street, North Auburn.

F. CREIGHTON,

Culcairn, N.S.W.

A. CRUTE,

High Street, Coffs Harbour.

P. COLLINS,

Skipton Lane, Preston, via Liverpool.

D. CRAWFORD,

47 Mepunga Street, Concord West.

H. DALTON,

23 Saxton Street, Belfields.

N. EGAN,

C/- Hayes Butchery, Newtown.

J. EVANS,

50 Newman Street, Newtown.

T. L. PENDLEBURY,

173 Australia Street, Newtown.

H. E. RILEY,

12 Jarvie Avenue, Petersham.

R. SKIENE,

9 Brown Street, Newtown.

G. E. SHEEN,

7 Pine Street, Cammeray.

A. TURNBULL,

80 Evans St., Balmain.

When sending a new address, please state old address of member.

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was most pleasing to see such a good attendance at the Car Trial Picnic and even more pleasing to see those happy little faces lining up for their free toffees, paddle pops and drinks.

On seeing the happy day the children had, it really made all the hours of arduous planning by the Committee worthwhile.

The Social Secretary and myself wish to thank all members, wives and children, firstly for their attendance, and secondly for their co-operation at all times, for it is this co-operation which makes an organised day a successful one.

We would also like to thank the following ladies for their generous donations to the picnic: Daisy Mostyn, Joyce McGregor and Peg Herron (toffees), Gail Lake (sweets), Mrs.

Reg Smith (ribbons) and Peg Whitely who purchased sweets and prizes. Also many thanks to Aileen Callaway, Laurel Crossman and Laura Westwood and to all the ladies who helped in the numerous tasks of the day.

## NOT ONE HITCH!

We are also extremely grateful to the Committee men, who, at all times were on hand when required and did a marvellous job, both before and on the day of the Picnic, and it goes without saying — there was not ONE hitch.

At the end of the day we had numerous requests "when are we going to have another Car and Bus Trial Picnic" and all we can say is "That is up to you — the member". We would very much like to have a few lines from members giving their views on the day, for

it is our intention to make this annual family gathering bigger, better and brighter every year. Even friendly criticism is welcomed, for we can only improve if we are told of mistakes we have made. Next time you are on an outing which, in your opinion, would make a good picnic spot, write and tell us all about it and we will investigate its possibilities.

## COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Bi-Annual Smoko to be held at the Sussex Hotel, but if you can't make it then we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your family A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**BERT HOLMES,**  
Social Secretary.

**MAX HERRON,**  
Secretary.

The Editor, Executive and Committee of the 2/1st and 2/2nd

PIONEER BNS. ASSOCIATION would like to take this

opportunity of wishing all members, their wives and families



**A Merry Christmas**  
**and a**  
**Happy New Year**

# IN PASSING . . .

A postal note from John Bertram of Belmore and a note advising that he would be at the car trial with his wife and three children, arrived in plenty of time. Hope you enjoyed it as much as everyone else John. Thank you for the entry and we will see you at the Smoko.

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Had a letter from John Morgan's parent at Wagga telling us of John's change of address to Royal Park, Sth. Australia. The address has been noted and we certainly appreciate the fact that John's parent took the trouble to forward the last copy of the "News" on to him.

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Mustn't forget the Smoko at the Sussex Hotel, corner of Sussex and Liverpool Streets, Sydney, on Friday, the 22nd of November. It's only 5/- a head and I can bring along my mates too. Must try this one as it is a bit away from the usual type of Smoko. Just a nice get-together by the sound of it. Believe quite a few will be there too.

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Special regards to Tom Crossman, Fred Callaway and myself (The Editor) from Bill Hoffman up there at Kyogle. Thanks Bill. Yes, we would welcome some news of the Kyogle company so we will take you up on that offer of a long letter. Some one had better tell us all about them as they have been very quiet of late. Hope that they are all well. Thanks for the subscription, Bill.

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Alf Carter one of the committee's most conscientious

workers has been on holidays but has still found time to drop a few lines and enclose a donation at the same time looking forward to being back for the smoko. Alf hopes that the smoko will be a big success and encourage larger numbers each year. Thanks Alf, we will see you at the Sussex.

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A donation for himself and "The blank file" came in from G. J. D. Cheal, Bank of N.S.W. at Dubbo. Not much news in the letter but welcome just the same. Brother Frank down here in Sydney is doing quite nicely too, but we will leave that for another paragraph. Thanks for your thought, G. J., and we have noted your change of address from Mendooran.

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Put on a car trial and you can count on seeing Walter William (Desert Head) Page with family. Wal sent in a long letter to make sure that we knew that he was going and sure enough he was one of the first to arrive on that great day. But back to the letter.

Apart from saying that he borrowed his children's school books for the paper to write it on, (and, as he says, he has to pay for it anyway), Wal mentions meeting another Pioneer who has now returned to the fold. One day on Wynyard Station, Wal ran into Phil Rubie, late of B Company, 2/1st, and now living at North Sydney. Phil is an elevator operator at Winchcombe Carson's and requested that his name be recorded. Well, that has been fixed and on top of that, several back copies of the "News" have been forwarded to him to start with.

Then Wal requests that "if possible", could he send his regards to all of the boys who never get the opportunity of getting to Sydney for the "Do's", particularly, Siddie Jopson (another Bank of N.S.W. man) but again to quote Wal, "Sid is a big banking man but I am only a foreman cleaner in that Bank's Trust Building in Sydney." What is wrong with that Wal? It should be at least equal to a Sgt.-Major.

Thanks for the long letter Wal and your usual very acceptable donation and we know that you did enjoy yourself at the car trial.

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Talking about the picnic, we noticed Harry Mostyn, assisted by his wife Daisy, doing a mighty job handing out the drinks to the children and they both seemed to be having a busy time. Alongside the drink counter Bob McGregor, assisted by Laura and Jack Westwood, was handing out paddle pops and, even though a Scotchman by name, McGregor seemed to be in his element. In the sporting events, the starter, Bob Lake, who was assisted by "Monty" Montague, did a terrific job lining up the kids at the barrier and he really deserved the amber liquid we saw him partaking at the end of the day.

At the finishing line Tom Crossman was busy with pencil and paper recording the winners to be published in the "Pioneer News", and it was very pleasing to see his two daughters on the list. Vic Whiteley seemed to be a very popular "boy" with the kiddies and upon investigation we discovered the reason why — he was handing out the prizes.

## IN PASSING (Contd.) . . .

Talking to Neville Andrews at the start of the Car Trial. As duty called, Nev was sorry he could not attend, but brought his family along to go in the bus. See if you can alter that roster for next year, Nev, and many thanks for the donation.

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With the hot weather coming on, John Clarke from out at Rose Bay should be in a most unenviable job. He works at Tooth's Brewery. Thanks for your very kind remarks John and we can assure you that we enjoy writing and publishing the "Pioneer News". Notice you mention working with Bertie Herne, Ticky Turnbull and Gordon Smith. The addresses of these three chaps are not registered on our books, so would you be able to forward them to us to enable us to keep in touch with them.

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Although we don't know how "Colt" Barnes (2/2 Pioneers) of Berembd Weir, via Matong, knew about our Association, we were nonetheless pleased to have a letter from him enquiring as to how he joins. As you know by now "Colt" you are already a member as your name and address has been placed on our mailing list. All that we require in the future is an occasional letter telling us how you are doing together with any news of other "Pioneers" and 2/6 per year to cover costs of forwarding you our quarterly "Pioneer News". We trust that by now you have received the back copies of this publication and that you have found them interesting. Welcome to the fold and hope to see you in Sydney one of these days.

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We were also pleased to hear

from another member of the 2/2nds, Joe Williams of Belfields. Thanks for your donation, Joe, and copies of the "News" will be posted to you regularly in future.

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That ends the "Mail Bag" for this issue and we certainly hope that it improves next month after you receive this copy. As we have said so often, it is hard finding enough news to fill each issue if we don't get the letters with information. How about it?

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Mustn't forget to remind the readers of the "Smoko" at the Sussex Hotel on Friday Evening, November the 22nd. I must also tell them that it is only 5/- per head to cover cost of catering and that they can bring their friends.

### LAUNCH PICNIC

Following upon the success of the recent Picnic, the social committee have had numerous requests for another one before next September and they would welcome any ideas you may have on the following suggestion: A Launch Picnic on Sunday March 16, 1958.

You can assist by writing to or phoning the secretary (UL 5491) stating your intention of attending this function. Further details in next issue "Pioneer News" so mark this date on your calendar.

Your consideration of the advertisers and mention of this Journal would be appreciated.

## "PIONEER NEWS" FEES AND CREDENTIALS

Owing to numerous requests from members wishing to join the Association and wanting to know the fees and credentials involved, hereunder is published information which present members receiving the "Pioneer News" could pass on to any persons eligible to become members.

- (1) Any person serving with the 2/1 or 2/2 Pioneer Battalions at any time is eligible to become a member.
- (2) There is no joining fee, but a charge of 2/6 per annum is made to cover the cost of "Pioneer News".

When sending a new address please print Christian and Surname in **BLOCK** letters.

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All correspondence to be addressed to:—

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**BI-ANNUAL SMOKO**  
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## STOP PRESS!

Watch next issue of "Pioneer News" for full particulars of a

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