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LAUNCH PICNIC MARCH 15th

On Sunday, 15th March, 1959, the Association will hold their Second Annual Picnic at Neilsen Park.

Although the picnic at Parsley Bay last year was an outstanding success, the Committee decided to change grounds in an endeavour to give the members a chance to see the numerous picnic spots around Sydney.

DETAILS AND STARTING TIME

The launch will depart at 9.45 a.m. from Stannard's Wharf, Fort Macquarie, and the fare is 5/- return per adult, children free. The launch returns to Fort Macquarie at 5 p.m., or earlier if the members desire.

Children will be issued free with ice creams, drinks, toffees, but the Committee appeals to all parents to see that their children display the Pioneer ribbons at all times. Last year many outsiders were caught lining up for a free issue.

The Committee has arranged an excellent sports programme (published hereunder) and can guarantee a good time will be had by all.

For the convenience of members, a spacious hall containing tables and chairs has been booked and an area on the green grass roped off for the sporting events.

There is a very well equipped kiosk on the ground where soft drinks, milk, pies, cakes, sweets and ice cream can be purchased.

NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SWIMMERS

Sharkproof, sand beach enclosure is available for swimming, but no organised swimming events are being held, and the Association would like all parents to accept full responsibility for their children while swimming.

PARKING SPACE

For members coming to Fort Macquarie by car, there is ample parking space close to the wharf. For people with cars who cannot make the launch in time, we would like to extend a welcome to come along at their leisure straight to Neilsen Park and they will find ample parking space.

MEN'S PICNIC CRICKET MATCH
At Gosford on Sunday, 21st June
Sydney versus Newcastle

SPORTING EVENTS

The following is the programme for the sporting events to be held after lunch. Prizes will be paid to first and second place-getters and every child competing will receive a bag of sweets.

Race	Age
Tableland Toddle	3 Years and Under
Moresby Meander	4-5 Years
Tobruk Trot	6-7 Years
Greta Gallop	8-9 Years
Dubbo Dash	10-11 Years
Morotai Marathon	12-14 Years

Adults' Cigarette Race; Throwing the Rolling Pin; Children Three-Legged; Adults' Three-Legged.

If time permits, other novelty events will be arranged.

PLEASE NOTIFY

In arranging this picnic, it has cost the Association approximately £40 and many hours of voluntary work by the Social Secretary and his Committee. The only reward they ask is a good roll up of Pioneers and to notify us of your intention of attending.

All arrangements for the day hinge on the number of adults and children attending, so please fill in the form below and return to us as soon as possible, or phone the numbers listed at the foot of this page.

For members desirous of phoning, the following Committee members are eager to answer any queries and accept information regarding your attendance.

Max Herron, UL 5491; Tom Crossman, JX3977; Doug Shearston, LY8374; Fred Callaway, LY 7132; Jack Westwood, UL 3930; Bob Lake, XF 4696.

ANZAC DAY MARCH AND REUNION AT THE SUSSEX HOTEL

At the time of going to press we have not had definite notice of the "forming up" place for the Anzac Day March. However, we believe it is almost certain to be the same as in recent years, namely, the Queens Square end of Macquarie Street, on the Sydney Hospital side. Should there be any alteration, you will be directed from this point.

SUSSEX HOTEL REUNION

One thing we do know—it is on for young and old at the Sussex Hotel straight after the march. The Committee are making a few improvements, but mostly arrangements are the same as last year, so come along and have a good day. This is one day of the year you should drown your sorrows and let your hair down—and there is no better place than with your old mates of war years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Friday, 17th April, 1959, at 7.30 p.m., the Association will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Board Room of the Returned Soldiers Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

All members are invited to attend, voice their opinions, meet their mates and have a glass of liquid refreshment. Supper provided by the Association.

This General Meeting is to elect the President and his Committee for the ensuing year, so come along to help the Association help you.

— CUT OUT —

To the Hon. Secretary,
2/1 - 2/2 Pioneer Battalions Association,
3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills.

I will be attending by LAUNCH.

Adults..... Children.....

I will be going direct by CAR.

Adults..... Children.....

Name

Address

Phone

BI-ANNUAL SMOKO

Once again the boys met and had a good yarn over a glass of ale at the Sussex Hotel on Friday, 21st November, 1958.

It was a warm evening, and with "Monty" Montague and Doug Shearston taking donations at the door, Alf Carter and Jack Westwood inside welcoming them, everyone was assured of a pleasant night.

After their chat in the bar, members retired upstairs to supper. This turned out to be a scrumptious meal, and was indeed a credit to the staff of the Sussex.

FREE BEER FOR ALL!

After supper the Social Secretary announced a free beer on the Association and, naturally, the whole assembly accepted the offer.

Many thanks to Charlie Vickers for selling the raffle tickets, which resulted in a profit of £4 to the Association. The dozen bottles of beer was won by Doug Bush with ticket B15.

DO YOU RECOGNISE THE NAMES?

The following is an approximate list of those who attended, and from this members who were unable to come along can ascertain the friends they will meet at the next smoko.

Messrs. Westwood, Carter, Vickers, Shearston, Herron, Montague, Lake, Bensley, Bush, Wall, Peake, Schomberg, Richards, Taffy Lawrence, Des. Lawrence, Dowd, Britten, Moore, Ross Bush, Barker, Ray Lawrence, Pakes, Lester, Green, Gayden, McGregor, Rowe, Brown, Hennesy, Garmon, Finlay, Burns, Phillips, Cornford, Allen, Jim Gray, Paddy Gray, Hall, Whiteley, Ronan, Kent, Linton, Jardine, Pierce, Craig, Law, Appellkamp, Lloyd, Franks, Corkish, Kirkwood, Dwyer, Jensen, and numerous others.

SMOKO NEWS

By **ALF CARTER** and **BOB MCGREGOR**

At every function, at every Smoko, we have an ever increasing number of inquiries after old pals and mates of the Battalions. We can only notify them and tell them when and where it's on—we can't make them go. Below are a few of the requests and best wishes that we are happy to print.

HUGHIE GREEN, C Coy, 2/1, now of Westmead, and one of the "originals," sends best wishes through these columns to Ted Williams, Billy Chisholm, Billy Ward and the rest of C Coy. boys.

"SMILER" BURNS, B Coy, 2/1, now of Darlington, would like to meet up with his old mate "Curly" O'Connor, and sends all the best to the boys of the old M.G. Platoon.

JIMMY GRAY, D Coy, 2/1, of Kogarah, would like to be remembered to Ray Smith, of Kyogle and all his old mates in Don Coy. Jim was making inquiries regarding the whereabouts of Jack Charters. Can anyone help?

BE AT THE SUSSEX HOTEL
After the March on Anzac Day
Saturday, 25th April, 1959

NEV. HALL, H.Q. Coy, 2/1, now of Petersham, sends all the best to "Nugget" Lawrie and Bob Fogarty. He can always be found at Woolfes in George Street.

FRANK ALLEN, ever popular O.C. of H.Q. Coy, 2/1, and a mighty man for this Association over many years, sends best wishes to his countless friends.

JACK LLOYD, another officer we were very pleased to have along, looked the picture of health and sent his best wishes to all.

JACK BROWN, R.A.P., 2/1, would like to be remembered to all his old mates in the R.A.P., also "Bluey" Reid. (Jack can't understand why they don't get to these Smokos.)

GORDON FINLAY, A Coy, 2/1, now of Mount Pritchard (North Liverpool Road), would like to get in touch with Geoff. Robinson, late of A Coy, 2/1. Can any Pioneer help?

RAY LESTER, B Coy, 2/1, and a "strong tip" for Minister for Repatriation had the Labor Party been returned to power, says cheerio and many noggins to "Bombo" Brown, Jim McQuirk and Gordon Walsh. Who said the "Ox" had forgotten his old pals of the Pioneers?

CLARRIE PAKES, B Coy, 2/1, sends a cheerio to Sid Jopson, Fred Wheaton and all the Kyogle boys. Clarrie had a wonderful night at the "Smoko," and says the stay-aways don't know what they are missing.

JACK CLARKE, H.Q. 2/1, says "Tich Turnbull is a plumbers' assistant at Tooths Brewery and is highly thought of in his job. By the way, Jack has moved into a lovely new home at Rockdale. Best wishes and congratulations from the Association and all the boys, Jack.

CES. PEAK, B Coy, 2/1, of Manly, would very much like to meet up with "Oigle" Roby again.

"SPITTY" ROWE, A Coy, 2/1, would like to be remembered to all his old mates, particularly Geo. Nicholls and "Lofty" Broad.

"SNOWY" ROY JARDINE, A Coy, 2/1, sends a cheerio call to Joe Barker, Herb. Wilson and all the boys of A Coy.

JOHN PEARCE, H.Q. Coy, 2/1, now of Manly, would like to be remembered to Charlie Wilby and Fred Wheatley.

MICK DWYER, B Coy, 2/1, working at Homebush Abbatoirs with **HARRY OLDE**, B Coy, 2/1, both send best wishes to Bob Fogarty and their mates in A and B Coys.

MICKY FLYNN, A Coy, 2/1. According to all reports, Mick is expecting a "double." Congratulations from all the boys, Mick.

PADDY GRAY, H.Q. Coy, 2/1, now of Byron Bay. Paddy, down on holidays, went A.W.L. for one day to attend
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WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH

On Friday, 24th April, at 7.40 p.m., the Association will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph in remembrance of our fallen comrades.

This will take the form of a march from the corner of Hunter and Pitt Streets, along Pitt Street, right turn into Martin Place, thence down to the Cenotaph. The Committee hope to have two drummers and a bugler for the occasion.

The forming up place is outside the Association's office, Rural Bank Building, 19 Hunter Street, and the time is 7.15 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members, widows and relatives of deceased Pioneers to attend.

ANZAC WEEK-END ACCOMMODATION

Numerous Committee members have offered their homes to country members for the Anzac week-end and those who would like to avail themselves of this offer can write to the Secretary for particulars.

If there are any Sydney members who would like to assist the Committee in this regard, please contact the Secretary.

LAST POST

We are indebted to the following publications for notification of the passing of former members of the 2/1st Pioneers:—

"REVEILLE"—

NX 91340—Brown, C. A., Pte.
NX 19065 Strawford, S. C., L/Cpl.
NX 31459 Pearson, C. Y., Pte.
NX 123245 Morris, J. B., Pte.

"PULSE BEATS"—

NX 19244—McLean, A. G. (Jock)
NX 20109 Stayner, A. B.

Mr. H. Montague reports the passing of **PAT PARKHILL**, and Mr. J. Williams informed us of the passing of **JACK WILKIE**.

It is also with regret we learn of the death of Mr. Lake, father of Bob Lake. Bob's father was a well-known identity at our smokos and social functions and he will be sadly missed by all Pioneers.

The very sincere sympathy of the Association is extended to the relatives of our former members, and to you, Bob, on the loss of your father.

"At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them."

the Smoko, and can't understand why the city boys don't take more advantage of the opportunities to meet old mates. Paddy says the country blokes would give a lot to be able to have a noggin and a chat over old times.

By **JACK HENDERSON**, 2/2nds

JACK DOWD, D Coy, 2/2, wants to know about "Snowy" Tomlinson, of Condobolin. Any takers?

"PEE-WEE" PHILLIPS, 2/2, in good spirits—and how. Turns up at all functions and still singing his favourite song: "The Face on the Bar Room Floor."

CRICKET MATCH

Sydney versus Newcastle

On Sunday, 21st June, 1959, the Committee is arranging a men's Picnic Cricket Match, at Gosford.

So far, actual arrangements are not to hand, but we would like to hear from those who would be interested, as it is our aim to arrange a match between Sydney and Newcastle members.

Please write or 'phone the Secretary and furnish him with particulars as to whether you will play or come along as a barracker.

Of course, we will arrange barbecue facilities and plenty of liquid refreshments to quench the thirst.

Full details will be published in the June issue of the "Pioneer News," so keep this date in mind.

2/1 - 2/2 PIONEER BATTALIONS' ASSOC. LADIES' AUXILIARY

SOCIAL EVENING

On Friday, 3rd April, the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Social Evening at the Redfern Town Hall from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The ladies will supply the supper and all you need bring is your own liquor refreshments.

Please come along and make it a happy night for all. Dress informal. For reservations, contact the Social Secretary, Mrs. J. Reynolds, FX 5693.

FEMINIST CLUB SOCIAL

As the last issue had gone to press, a report of the Ladies' Social Night in October could not be published in that issue. All who attended were unanimous in their praise of the excellent evening and the Auxiliary President, Mrs. D. Mostyn, and her Committee are to be complimented on their fine effort.

Their Patron, Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood, was unable to attend through illness, but very generously donated a cheque to help defray expenses.

Thanks are also due to Mrs. Pingelly, whose husband was the late Frank Pingelly, of the 2/1 Pioneers, for the excellent job she and her helpers did in the kitchen.

Jack Westwood was M.C., and certainly kept things moving.

The Auxiliary President thanked the boys of the Pioneer Battalions for attending, and the Committee of her Auxiliary who worked hard to make the night a success. She would warmly welcome to the Auxiliary any wife or next-of-kin of any member of the 2/1 or 2/2 Pioneer Battalions, and can be contacted at UL 6148

The bottle of whisky, anonymously donated by a Pioneer, was won by Tom Phillips, of Wood Coffill Ltd., with ticket no. 8.

PATRON ENTERTAINS

On Saturday, 13th December, seven ladies of the Auxiliary were entertained by Mrs. O'Malley Wood at her home, and later had a very enjoyable afternoon tea.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 17th April, at 7.30 p.m.
Board Room, R.S.L. Club
Elizabeth Street, Sydney

PROGRAMME FOR 1959

The programme for the coming year is published hereunder so that members can cut it out and keep it in a prominent position. They can then notify the Secretary in good time of their intention of attending the various functions. It is also a good idea to mark these dates on your calendar or diary at home, then "Mum" can remind you in plenty of time.

15th March — Launch Picnic.

3rd April — Social Evening, Ladies' Auxiliary.

17th April — General Meeting, R.S.L. Club.

24th April — Wreath Laying Ceremony, Cenotaph

25th April — Anzac Day March and Reunion afterwards at Sussex Hotel.

21st June — Men's Picnic Cricket Match at Gosford.

27th September — Car Trial and Picnic

27th November — Annual Smoko.

"Pioneer News" will be published in the following months: March, June, September and November. Copy to be in the hands of the Editors five weeks prior to the first of these months.

WHERE ARE THE BOYS OF THE OLD PLATOON

Published hereunder are the names of the Mortar Platoon, H.Q. Coy., 2/1st Pioneers, as kindly supplied by Mr. Ken Stuart.

As you will notice, a few of the lads have passed on and to their relatives we extend our sincere sympathy.

Douglas TURNER; Colin SCHOLES; James RHODES; Harry M. SCHOER; Robert FOGARTY; Reginald J. LOWRY; L. N. MITCHELL; Cyril MAGEE; B. HANNAFORD; Charles CLEMENTS; L. N. O'CONNOR; R. J. CROSS; George SCHOLES; Noel SCHOMBERG; T. J. LEGGE; A. J. CAMERON; J. PUNTON; Harold OLDE; W. G. FLYNN; Noel SMITH; John MORTON; Arthur BENNETT; Robert MCGREGOR; Allan MOLLOY; Thomas Henry AMEY; Francis William SUTHERLAND; Albert BELL; K. C. PARKIN; N. W. MOANE; M. W. NELSEN; Robert LEHMANN; A. F. STACY; P. J. LAMEY; M. A. WILSON; EVANS; RUSSELL; ABERCROMBIE; P. SHAH; T. R. KELLY; Trevor THOMPSON; William A. MILLER; John R. CORKISH; Arthur BENNETT; Eric C. HARPS; Harold R. WARR; Victor N. LEWIS; Cecil J. SMART; William J. AUBREY; Patrick J. PARKHILL; Henry BRYANT; Noel TREFONI; Charles KEMP; Alec GEORGE; Joe CLARKE; G. W. JORDAN; J. W. THOMPSON; Clem R. MORONEY; William TUNN; Brian F. POWER; Douglas C. K. ROBERTS; Frank U. BLACK; Desmond OWEN; Clarence E. SAUNDERS; Alfred GIBB; J. K. HEALEY; John J. DIBLEY; Norman E. BROOKER; Harold H. SIMPSON; JACKSON; Hugh DOVEY; B. RICH; Arthur F. STRACHAN; Kenneth W. MCGREGOR; Robert J. BALDIE; Vincent J. MAHONEY; Allan W. REID. Allan BENSON; Roy Innes EADES; Arthur W. JOHNSON; Albert B. W. JORDAN; James W. C. BROWN; William J. J. FORD.

IN PASSING

If any Pioneers are passing through Newport it would certainly pay them to call in to the Newport Hotel, as Ned Byron, H.Q. Coy., 2/1, is on the staff. Bob Steiner, C Coy., 2/1, has at all times a corner in the bar especially reserved for Pioneers and friends. Ern Simms, D Coy., 2/1, drops in occasionally and, although he is a plumber, it is not to inspect the pipes.

Ned, Bob and Ern are newly acquired members of the Association, and a big welcome is extended.

BERT HOLMES recently met Arthur Spillane and signed him up as a new member. Arthur wished to be remembered to all his old mates of the 2/1.

BOB LAKE held an open house two days after the Smoko to Doug. Shearston, Vic. Whiteley and Max Herron, along with their families. A really perfect day was had by all. The only complaint heard on the day—there was no space in the frig. for the food because of Bob's never-ending "Supply." Bob had brought Paddy Gray home from the Smoko and he stayed on to join in the fun.

JACK ALLISON, 2/2, now married, is living in Eastwood and wishes to be remembered to all his old mates of the 2/2. His friends expect some startling news some time in May.

"SMILER" BURNS contacted us at the Smoko and promised to send along all his copies of "Pulse Beats." True to his word, we received the copies and have published the death notices of a few of our comrades. Many thanks for your gesture, "Smiler," and we will look forward to future issues when your kind wife has finished with them.

IVOR GARNON, representing Ashlar Golf Club, recently met "Snowy" Fowkes, of Cumberland Golf Club, at "The Fox on the Hill." Perhaps there was no shooting of the "Fox," but will wager there was quite a lot of elbow bending at the "19th." Many thanks, Ivor, for your news cuttings of the 2/1st arrival at Dubbo — they certainly brought back memories and we will return them as soon as the contents have been noted.

LEO HEALY (H.Q. Coy., 2/1), on business in Sydney from Melbourne, recently called on Max Herron and, naturally, they made for the "local." On entering, who should they bump into but Claude McKeig (D Coy., 2/1), which meant the boys were a little late home for tea. Leo would like to be remembered to all his mates in the Sigs., and mentions visiting Allan Crute a few years ago.

MUSICIANS WANTED

The Committee would like the services of a piano accordion player, or any other instrument, for their launch picnic on 15th March; and two drummers for the wreath laying ceremony on 24th April. Can you help? If so, please contact the Secretary, UL 5491.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Before we get on to the mailbag this time, let us draw your attention to the list of coming events organised by your Committee, commencing with a launch picnic on the 15th of March, through to the Smoko on the 27th November. As you can see, there is quite an assortment on the programme and each merits your full support. A word particularly for the outings where children are especially welcome. Keep these dates in mind—better still, mark them on your calendar and bring the family along to the launch picnic and the car trial and picnic. Not only will you be the most popular father in the district, but you will enjoy the outings among your very good friends. Of course, the other small point is that by bringing the family to these outdoor functions, you are assuring that Mum will appreciate your thoughtfulness by giving you a leave pass for the other evenings.

Let us start with the city and suburbs mail this time.

Firstly, from Croydon Park we have a letter from one who did not, until recently, know of our existence. Edward (Spino) Jensen was given the info. by Committeeman Reg Smith, and he immediately wrote a very interesting letter, telling us where he has been lately. Both you and brother Allen are very welcome to the fold, Ted, and we are glad that you have at last caught up with the Association.

Ted is a great cricket fan, being Secretary of the Enfield Raymond team, playing in the Saturday afternoon comps., as well as being Secretary for the Enfield Croydon Park R.S.L. team in the Sunday games.

Although you have not met up with many of the old boys over the past few years, Ted, we feel sure that you will make up for it at the coming social functions, and we look forward to seeing you once again.

Thanks for writing to us.

Out to Westmead, where we are glad to see that another recent addition to the Smokos, Hubie Green, really enjoyed himself at this, his first function. Hubie says that although it was his first attendance at such a function of ours, it will certainly not be the last. The addresses of Jack Hart and Teddy Williams have been noted and they will hear from us very soon.

Getting back to the Smoko, it seems that you were in good company with Jack Richards and Noel Schomberg and the ride home must have been quite a trip. We will be pleased to see you at all future social events, Hubie.

Now for the country correspondence. Once again, old faithful Bill Hoffman is to the fore with Xmas cards and a letter. Not only were we glad to know

that all of the boys are well up in the Kyogle district, but we were pleased to receive the donation and subscription form Jack McMahon enclosed with your letter.

Thank you for your good wishes, Bill. We look forward to seeing you in the flesh one of these fine days—and bring some of those Kyogle boys with you when you can make it.

Jim Ireland, of Wardell, N.S.W., dropped a welcome subscription in with his letter, for which we thank him. Thanks also for the tit bits about the boys in the district, Jim.

Jim tells us that Albert Mallett (ex 2 bar 2) has a greengrocer business in Lismore as well as a poultry farm, where he raises prize birds for exhibition at the Sydney, Brisbane and Lismore Shows.

Our old friend, Neville O'Connor, is still on the sugar cane farm at Ballina and is a visitor to the Wardell Sub-branch of the R.S.L. (Jim, by the way, is Secretary of that sub-branch if anyone is ever in the district.)

Harold Buckland is still to be found on the coast as a driver for the Public Works Dept.; and Don McGill is a linesman at the P.M.G. at Woodburn.

Thanks for all of the information, Jim. That is the sort of letter we enjoy getting.

Of course, we like getting any letter, even if it only encloses a donation, but if you can send us some information about yourself and any of the old Battalion's members, you can be assured that the information that you tell us will be news to the boys who have not seen some of the other fellows for years.

By the way, subscriptions are due in April. It is only 5/- per year to enable you to ensure that you receive your copies of the "Pioneer News." Do it now while you are thinking of it.

Don't forget the Launch Picnic on the 15th March. It should be a very good day and the kiddies will enjoy every minute of it, not to mention Dad. Further details on another page of this issue.

And now a special mention for a Pioneer from way up north—and we do mean "Way Up North."

We are happy to be in receipt of a letter from Arthur Dowling, at Candestone, via Tulley, North Queensland.

Arthur, you need not apply for membership. We have your address now and we accordingly list you as a member of the Association. You in turn will receive all of our issues of future editions of our "Pioneer News," and it will only require the nominal sum of 5/- per year to be financial.

Arthur tells us that he met a Pioneer in Tully recently and heard of the Association and the paper. Although you did not give us the name of the Pioneer, we are glad to see that the gospel ac-

cording to the "Pioneer News" is always a subject for conversation when Pioneer meets Pioneer.

Arthur, by the way, is employed at the Tully Falls Hydro Electric Project, which supplies electricity from Townsville to Cairns.

Thanks for your interest, Arthur, and we look forward to hearing from you whenever you have a few minutes to spare us a few lines. Welcome to our ranks, your regards are being passed on to Major Morahan.

Thank you for your letter, Don Cotton, from up at Lawrence. It seems ages since we have heard from you, Don, but we are pleased to see that you have not forgotten us.

Hope you received Les Sullivan's address as requested.

Thank you, also, for the addresses enclosed with your letter. We have checked them against our records and found our records up to date, with the exception of Fred Robertson, who has now been added to our growing list of names and addresses. Kindest regards to the boys mentioned in your letter (all in the Clarence River area), who are Arthur Smidt, Tom Loy and Fred Robertson.

We will certainly pass on your regards to Harry Mostyn, one of our active committee men. Who could ever forget the old firm of Cotton and Mostyn on leave in Tel-Aviv? Thanks again for your letter, Don.

The 3rd of April is the night set down for the Ladies' Auxiliary Social Evening. The last such evening was a social success, so be early with your bookings to avoid missing out on your table.

BERN REINERS, H.Q. Coy. Sigs., residing at "Reiners Hall," Corryong, Vic., writes to say he is coming up to the Annual Picnic at Neilsen Park. We consider that a mighty effort, Bern, and only hope this inspires our three hundred Sydney members to make the effort, too. Bern says he is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances, especially among the "sigs."—so how about "fronting up" you "performing seals."

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

1st April is the commencement of the Association's financial year and all subscriptions are due on that date. Be a financial member and help your Association.

We would like to see 1959 a bumper year for the Association, and you can assist by sending your subscription NOW.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

At the Cenotaph
Friday, 24th April
Assemble 7.15 p.m., outside
19 Hunter Street, Sydney

LADIES' SOCIAL NITE
Redfern Town Hall
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ANZAC DAY, 1959

This year's march was held in brilliant sunshine and proved to be a record attendance of 40,000 marchers.

At their separate assembly points there were three hundred and sixty 2/1sts and one hundred and thirty 2/2nds, Colonels Graham and Neal led the 2/1sts, but after passing the Cenotaph handed over to Capt. Gilchrist. The 2/1 banner was in the hands of Jack Westwood (Social Secretary) and many a remark was passed on the excellent manner in which Jack kept the step.

Majors Robertson and Drummond and Capt. Copp led the 2/2nds, and the 2/2 banner was in the hands of their stalwart Jim Field.

For the first time in years the 2/1sts had a pipe band right behind them and it was a pleasure to march to. The 2/2nds were not so fortunate as they had a brass and pipe band in close proximity and the step was hard to maintain.

On passing the flower bedecked Cenotaph, the boys saluted in honour of our absent comrades.

AFTER THE MARCH

The next forming up place was the Sussex Hotel for the 2/1st and a hall at St. Peters for the 2/2nds (details of which are published elsewhere) and, as usual, many battles were fought and won.

If you were unable to come to the March you missed something, so make it a must for next year. This is our day of remembrance, renew old wartime friendships, discuss old friends, hear of our cobbles too sick to march, and of the unexpected ones who have passed on. It is with these final words that we say and really mean

"LEST WE FORGET"

MEN'S PICNIC CRICKET MATCH

On Sunday, 21st June, the Committee have arranged a cricket match at Terrigal, with Sydney playing Newcastle.

It was found impossible to hire a ground in Gosford and the closest is the Terrigal Oval, right at the foot of the skillion. Members who desire may go by car, but most of the lads already promising to go intend travelling by train. The train leaves Central at 8.10 a.m., Strathfield at 8.23 a.m., and arrives at Gosford at 10 a.m. It is our intention to travel in about the third carriage.

Transport has been arranged from Gosford to Terrigal. Barbecue facilities are available on the ground and, of course, amber refreshment for the weary cricketers has been arranged.

Even if you do not play cricket, this will be a day's outing with your mates and you are assured of an excellent time.

For further particulars contact the Hon. Secretary, 3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills, UL 5491, or the Social Secretary, Jack Westwood, UL 3930.

The President's Address

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to write in the "Pioneer News" as President of the 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Btn. Association for the current year, as it was an honour to have served with the 2/2 and been so closely allied with the 2/1 during the war years.

I hope I am able to carry on the excellent work done by past presidents, who have carried on through some very trying years and built the Association into the strongly united and happy group it is to-day. I have been a member of the committee periodically since the formation and thus know how tirelessly your previous presidents have worked.

I am very fortunate in having as secretary, Max Herron, treasurer Doug Shearston, social secretary Jack Westwood and an excellent committee. They are all tops, possessing the knowledge of the workings of the Association, the energy and willingness to give their time to keep it as happy and successful as it has been in the past.

Apart from the work members see that the Committee do, there is much more being done which is not seen. You see Anzac Day organisation smokos, pic-

nics, car trials and a paper in your mail every quarter. But behind the scenes a filing system has to be maintained keeping addresses up to date, and in addition correspondence has to be dealt with, the paper has to be edited and then notices and papers have to be addressed, the constitution of the Association has to be kept up to date, and your secretary, treasurer and committee do all this work, and more.

There are a few things that members can do that will make the work done by your executive really worth while, namely:-

- (a) Support all functions if possible.
- (b) Give us any news you can about anyone from the battalions.

Hoping I can have the support of you all to make this another bumper year for the Association.

A. J. McInnes, President.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On Friday, 24th April, at 7.40 p.m., thirty-two members took part in the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph, Sydney.

Major W. Robertson, 2/2nd commanded the march which commenced from Hunter Street, along Pitt Street, and thence into Martin Place halting at the Cenotaph.

The members stood in silence while the President Allan McInnes (2/2nd) and the Vice-President Fred Callaway (2/1st) each placed a wreath, made in the form of the two colour patches, from their respective battalions, then said the Prayer of Remembrance for our Fallen Comrades.

A bugler had been arranged for this ceremony, but at the last minute notified his inability to attend.

It was very pleasing to see Cols. Graham and Neal with Mrs. O'Malley-Wood, and many members paid their respects to our Patron and had a chat with the Colonels.

In the opinion of the Executive, this is our most important item on the programme and we would like to see an even bigger roll-up next year.

2/1sts and 2/2nds Anzac Re-unions

Immediately after the march the 2/1st boys trooped down to the Sussex Hotel, where the Committee had arranged for the members to enter early and be served with lunch prior to the bar opening.

It was indeed an excellent meal the Licentee, Mrs. Pople, and her staff provided, and all members were unanimous in their praise of the organising behind this task of preparing meals for such a crowd in such a short time. On behalf of the members, the Social Secretary thanked Mrs. Pople for her fine effort.

The saloon and lower public bar were packed with happy Pioneers and it certainly turned out to be a grand day for all who were present.

2/1st ANZAC DAY JOTTINGS

(By Alf Carter and Bob McGregor)

First the thanks of our Committee for the wonderful roll up of 2/1 members at the reunion at the Sussex after the march. The boys were in fine form, their behaviour admirable and their co-operation one hundred per cent. It makes it well worth while for the Committee, and their grateful thanks for all who participated.

Among those down from the country and at the reunion were Mick Reilly (Queensland), Alan Black and Peter Priest (Kyogle), Jack Griffiths and Peter Seddon (Newcastle), Mick Basket (Moruya), "Nip" Kersley (Gosford) "Lofty" Broad (Wyalong) and quite a few others too shy to bring themselves to notice.

Alan (Dora) Black, Noel Schomberg, Peter Priest and Alex McCallum, all of H. Q. Coy., reckon they had a "whale" of a time and informed all and sundry there should be more of it.

A great party were "Three Course" Kelly, Arthur Murphy, Jack Clark, Bob Lang, all of H.Q. Coy., and they enjoyed every minute of it.

A welcome visitor was the one and only Gordon Walsh, B. Coy., and the boys were really happy to see you. Thanks a lot, Gordon.

"Nip" Kersley down from Gosford had a great reception when he landed in among the boys.

"Shrewdie" Percival, D. Coy., was a happy lad. He met his good mate Jack Glover for the first time since the end of the war.

"Casey" Brown, Brian Kybert, Tom Crossman, "Sailor" Hall, Ray Horne and "Strawb" Dale, A. Coy., were in a little group and judging by the noise you can safely say "Casey" had the floor, and the others were trying to get a word in.

"Snowy" Wiseman, Harry Brown and "Wimpy" Cookson, all original B Coy., spent a pleasant hour recalling the old days in the desert.

Tucked away in a quiet corner Max Law, Laurie Fitzhenry, "Beau" Hannaford and "Bluey" Moxey had a steady session and by the looks of their faces enjoyed every moment of it.

Joe White, Bob Lake, Joe Bird, Ken Newling and Jack Standen in another

The boys were catered for at St. Peters by Dick Kennewell and his band of willing workers, which included President Don Lawson, Secretary-Treasurer Jack White, and Stewards Jack Howie and "Snow" Todd.

There was any amount of good fare available and plenty of ale, flowing which was really needed as the toasts were duly honoured in true Pioneer style. Cappy Christian "Compere Extraordinary" kept the ball rolling at all times. Cappy, who wrested the "Crown" from Ajax, introduced three new adjectives and all the old ones.

ITEMS RENDERED

Horrie Sedger was in fine singing form and some very good items were rendered by the following: Bob Ginnane, Tommy Dowd, "Sailor", Ray "Pee Wee" Phillips and Bill Lewis produced a store of "Shaggy Dog" and other stories. "Snow" (Song of the Words) Dodd and the boys gave us the "Pioneer Song" Thanks boys.

Apologies were received from Allan (Mac) McInnes-k.o'd by the flu, Padre Stan Claughton-on duty in Melbourne, and Jim Drummond going into camp. Noticed among our visitors: Jack Collins, D.C.M., M.M. father of Pat—very proud to have you, Pop, Jim Sullivan, brother of Harry and Podge, and also Tommy Dowd, brother of Thad.

Many Pioneers from the "Mulga" were present.

Col. Shea conducts a fine butchering business in Melbourne town. Col made a special plane trip and was the guest of Don Lawson. During the march and reunion, Col took a good number of snaps. See Don Lawson for results. Many Thanks, Col.

A. (Choom) Brown can be found on "Quigley" at Gilgandra. Doing very nicely. Yes, sir!! six children.

party making up for lost time—that is the little bit taken up by the march.

Jack Griffiths and Peter Seddon down from Newcastle were regaling Gordon Walsh and Cec Peak with some great stories. I was just there in time to hear "what happened to Sid Jopson's table"? Perhaps Sid knows the answer to that one.

Bill Hogan, B. Coy., was also noticed quietly enjoying himself.

Peter Craig, Jack Crossland and Eric Reynolds, all of Don Coy., were observed deep in conversation, and you can bet they were recalling the old Milne Bay days.

Having a session with Frank Gillian, Mick Dwyer and other characters, Bill Tasker was saying in no uncertain terms that Frank was the only man he knew who ever got tipsy without ever buying a drink. Frank replies he had no chance of getting tipsy when Bill Tasker bought him only half ponies.

The sincere thanks of the Committee to all members of the Association for their wonderful response to the appeal for annual subscriptions to the "Pioneer News" at the Anzac Day march. Their effort ensures the successful publication of the paper for the full year. Thanks a lot, boys.

G. (Speed) Gordon in business at Warren also doing well. Five children. (Looks like a 16 and 17 plt. "Stork Derby". Congratulations to your good wives).

Harry and Podge Sullivan from the West looking prosperous and very fit.

Lenny Hope, the "Toukly Terror" looks like a million dollars.

Pat Egan putting on weight and enjoying life.

Cpl. Graham, "C" Coy., now with 13 Nat. Service Btn., Ingleburn.

Harry Knudson, one of our original 2/2, now at Sutherland with the P.M.G. W. J. Coe., another original 2/2 down from Cooks Hill to have repeat treatment. Speedy recovery, W. J. C.

J. T. O'Neil from Wallsend for the Anzac Day celebrations and to look up old friends. Come again, lad, we look forward to your company.

The Yul Brynner cult is developing among the 2/2nds.

Jack Henderson front to rear style, still same on the sides.

Tom Kearney high forehead style, same on the back. Podge Sullivan another high forehead style, plenty at back and sides. Lenny Hope spares style, same here and there. Anzac (Jacko) Jackson all over style, Won't be long now. Result to date: Lenny Hope by a short half hair.

Many thanks to the following donors: Arthur Stafford, Pat Egan, Bob Ginnane, Speed Gordon, J. Drummond, I. F. Dodd, C. McDonald, G. Faricos. Sorry fellows, subs were too numerous to mention individually.

In conclusion, a special vote of thanks to Dicky Kennewell, Don Lawson, Jack White, Cappy Cristian and you chaps that made it possible for a grand day.

2/2 "Roundsmen"

2/2nd NEWS JOTTINGS

Congratulations to Jimmy Drummond and Frank Cheal on their promotions to Major and Capt. respectively.

Wally (Capt.) Copp would like to see any Pioneers at 5 Eng. Group H. Q. Marrickville.

Rumoured that Billy (The Colt) Barnes is quite a weather prophet. Result:- Snowy Dodd weather-bound for days.

Congratulations to "Pee Wee" Phillips now a grand dad of a future Miss Australia.

Billy Hepburn at the March, in A.C. T.C. uniform, was proudly wearing his father's medals and was a worthy stand in for dad.

Clem McDonald and his pals from Clovelly R.S.L., as usual, formed the rear guard at the march.

To Jack Allison and his good wife a new addition. Boy or Girl? Our heartiest congratulations.

News of Billy Fallon (Barbara), Eric (Coona) Lindsay (Coonabarabran), Billy Norris and Sonny Fowler up Bourke way. Drop us a line boys. Like to have some news from you.

Seen riding at the Royal Show, Susan Huggard. Susan's father, Harry, a permanent army man.

The Annual Picnic at Neilsen Park

On Sunday, 15th March, 1959, the Association held its Annual Picnic at Neilsen Park, and it was indeed another outstanding success and a credit to the Committee.

Embarking on the launch at Fort Macquarie it was gratifying to see such a good roll up of members, and everyone was warmly welcomed by the Social Secretary Jack Westwood and his social committee. This was the commencement of a day of happy family gatherings of approximately 200. The launch "skipper" cruised around the foreshores of our beautiful harbour and all members were quite thrilled, that is until they arrived at Neilsen Park and found such a high sea running that the skipper abandoned the landing after three attempts and decided to proceed to Parsley Bay, which was a more sheltered anchorage.

THANKS TO "SHUTTLE SERVICE"

Fortunately a few of our members on the jetty realised the long walk back from Parsley Bay to Neilsen and promptly arranged a shuttle service. These members and friends did a sterling job and refused our offers to contribute towards petrol. At a recent meeting, it was resolved that a letter of thanks, plus a ten shilling lottery ticket, be sent to the following in appreciation of their services: Dave Jones, Laurie Pearce, Keith Westwood, Wally Westwood, Ray Hill, Reg Grandon and Jack Bertram.

On arrival everyone settled down to lunch and it was indeed a very happy atmosphere in the bright new pavilion. The Social Secretary then gave brief outline of the afternoon's events and read apologies from "Cossy" Cosgrove and Alf Carter-thanks for the thought, boys.

The sporting events were then held and, as usual, the children were well catered for by the free issue of drinks, sweets and paddle pops. These events were in the capable hands of Bob Lake, "Monty" Montague, Tom Crossman, Bob McGregor, Harry Mostyn, Doug Shearston, Vic. Whiteley, Bert Holmes, Jack Westwood and Max Herron.

SPORTING EVENTS

The following is the result of all events:-

GIRLS	BOYS
3 years and under—Tableland Toddle: Linda McGregor	Robert Peile
4 to 5 years—Moresby Meander: Kim Riches	Martin Callaway
Gail Woodham	John Green
6 to 7 years—Tobruk Trot: Wendy Montgomery	Don Thompson
Janette Bertram	Keith Wilkin
8 to 9 years—Greta Gallop Cheryl McDonald	Denis Jones
Julie Jardine	Ron Butler
10 to 11 years—Borneo Bounce: Jill McGregor	Kim McDonald
Robin Berry	Don McTaggart
12 to 14 years—Morotai Marathon: Susan Latimer	Robert Saunders
Heather Gales	Larry Galloway

Children Three-Legged:

Girls: Susan Latimer and Heather Gales
Boys: Robert Saunders and Larry Galloway

Men's (Visitors):

1. Reg Cox
2. Bill Saunders

Adults' Cigarette:

1. Laurie Pearce; (Four men collapsed on line for second).

Adults' Three-Legged:

1. Jacqueline Riches and Jean Jones

Pioneers Only:

1. Max Herron
2. Peter Peil

Throwing the Rolling Pin:

1. Mrs. Jones
2. Mrs. Crossman

Once again the highlight of these events was the ladies throwing the rolling pin and many husbands were amazed at the distance their wives could throw this lethal kitchen weapon.

GUESSING COMPETITIONS:

Winner of beer:

Mrs. A. Green, ticket C 6.

Winner of Grocery Hamper:

Mrs. M. Herron, ticket F 21.

This hamper was kindly donated by Swifts, White Wings and Pagewood Self Service. To these firms we say thank you, also many thanks to Bob Lake for his untiring efforts in arranging the hamper.

FREE HOUSE FOR ALL

After the sporting events, the members returned to the pavilion for free games of housie, with prizes donated by the Association. The Social Secretary and Bob Lake conducted these games in a very business-like manner, and they were enjoyed by young and old.

After the picnic, the shuttle service was again put into operation and all members conveyed back to Parsley Bay. The launch was due here at 5 p.m., but even after three phone calls of complaints to the owners it did not arrive until after 6 p.m. The Social Secretary apologises for the inconvenience caused by this unfortunate incident and the shipping company has already reimbursed the Association to the tune of £6 for the delay. Although this is no compensation to those who waited an hour, all we can say is that we are very sorry and can guarantee it won't happen again.

THANKS TO ALL

The Social Secretary extends his sincere thanks to the members, their families and friends for their attendance, and to the Committee who co-operated and made the day a most successful one. He would also like to personally thank all the ladies who provided the sweets.

—Reported by H. Montague

PICNIC JOTTINGS

(Reported by Bob McGregor)

Bob Gales (D Coy.) and family really enjoyed themselves. Bob was kept busy saying hello to old friends and new. He is now manager of the Church of England section of Rookwood Cemetery. I wonder if he could get me cut rates?

Bob McTaggart (2/2 Pioneers), all the way from Gosford to attend the picnic. Nice to see you, Bob, and we look forward to seeing you in June when we visit Gosford for the cricket match.

Bernie Reiners (Sig. Platoon) on his way up north with his family stopped over for the week-end to come to the picnic. Bern had to do a life saving act when daughter Mandy fell in the water. Hope you had those pants dry-cleaned before you arrived at Port Macquarie, Ben?

Keith Westwood (brother of Jack) had an amusing incident during the "shuttle" service. Keith put his station waggon at our disposal and on his way back from Neilsen Park to Parsley Bay for more Pioneers and friends saw a crowd of people waiting. Thinking it more of our party he piled them all in, only to find when loaded they were strangers. Was Keith's face red?

Albert (Bimbo) Bell and family had a great time. Albert says he will be able to attend all future outings, as he is now on permanent day shift. Hope to see you in June, Bimbo.

Tommy Crick and his wife, Peg, reckons the picnics are getting better every time and they are looking forward to the Car Trial in September. Hope you didn't have to break the front window to get in the house, Tommy.

Jim Field (2/2nd) and family had a royal time and Jim and Bob McTaggart found plenty to talk over.

Joe Oliffe and Al Green did a wonderful job holding the tape during the races. By the way, Al, hope you and Reg Smith didn't have a hang-over after drinking the beer you won in the raffle.

Vic. Whiteley added a couple of pounds to his already large corporation eating the oysters my daughter Jill was feeding to him whilst waiting for the launch. You are up for the price of a new knife, Vic, the wife broke one on the rocks.

"Austy" Ronañ and Cec Peak and their families had a most enjoyable day. Nice to see you boys again, don't forget the trip to Gosford in June.

There has been an increase of about 50 per cent. in the womens uplift business thanks to Monty (Sabrina) Montague handing out compliments. It's already cost me the price of a couple of pairs, Monty (you Cad).

Laurie Pearce is to be thanked for his first aid treatment to many of our children on the day. We are indeed fortunate to have you at our picnics, Laurie, and we appreciate it.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. POPE

Immediately after the Wreath Laying, thirty members marched down to the Sussex Hotel to witness a presentation to the Licencee of the Sussex Hotel, Mrs. Pope.

The Presentation of a beautiful sheath of flowers to Mrs. Pope was made by Vice-President Fred Callaway. In his speech Fred spoke in appreciation of her untiring work of the past year in aiding the Association, by allowing the use of her hotel for the Smoko in November and the Anzac reunion.

In reply, Mrs. Pope said she was really overcome by the gesture and in thanking the boys said it was a really nice thought and it was no effort to aid the members of the Association for at all times they were perfect gentlemen.

FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

Not the record number of letters this issue but certainly a good batch as far as news is concerned.

★ Pride of place this time goes not to a member but to his WIFE.

It was quite a humorous letter that we received from Mrs. Bill Hutchinson and when you consider that Bill is the local postie around the Brighton (Sydney) district perhaps he reasons that as he carries letters all day, it is up to some-one else to write them.

Bill's wife (May we call you Gloria?) says that the whole family enjoys the Pioneer News, and that when Bill received a mention in a recent issue, even the family dog heard of it. Gloria, in her womanly modest way tells us also that she hasn't very much news to write EXCEPT that the stork visited the family with a new daughter recently. (What HAVE we to do to make news and get a mention in the "News".) Thanks for your thought with the enclosed postal note. It is very welcome, even though it was in the cupboard so long that it "Grew Shoots" . . . We can still cash it, and there is the lesson fella's. The wives are interested enough in the magazine to drop us a line. How about some of you husbands who haven't written us a line in such a long time.

Thank you very sincerely, Gloria for your thoughtfulness in telling us the local news from your part of the world. Write as often as you wish.

★ Now lets get up to Kyogle where we heard from one of the Blanch brothers. Ray (Joe it was to most of us) tells us that the boys in that area are all in the pink and send their best wishes to our readers.

When down in Sydney last January, Ray, wife and 3 children called on a few of the local boys. There was Noel Schomberg, Jack Richards (Now back in the army) Bobby Lake, Bert Holmes and Joey Bird. When passing through Swansea, Ray called in to see Mick Flynn.

From Kyogle Ray tells us that Bruce McNaughton will be missed from the local pipe band now that he has been transferred to Grafton . . . Ray's brother Cec is still in the paint shop of the local Holden Garage while carpenter Toby Hale lives just a couple of doors away.

If any of our readers are in Kyogle at any time, the invitation is always there to call to the Holden garage to see Cec or the Ford garage to see Ray. Of course we can't forget Peter Bell who is just across the road at Junor's Store, Ray Smith just a few doors down at the Stock and Station Agent's or Bill Hoffman at the local baths. A royal welcome waits you as soon as you arrive. (Take it from one who knows.)

Thanks for your letter and donation, Ray.

J. Ryan, 2/2 Pioneer, who wrote from Richmond, Victoria, asked for names and addresses of 2/2's living in Cowra, Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst. The Secretary was able to oblige with quite a few names from both the two one and the two two's.

Hope you had an enjoyable holiday, J. Ryan. As you now are on our mailing

list and will get this edition, we invite you to drop us a line and tell us of the boys you met on your trip. It is the kind of news that we are happy to print and it is always welcome news to our readers. Please tell us your Christian name when writing.

★ Getting away from the mailbag for a moment, to mention that Roy Bounds, Pete Seddon and Jack Griffiths turned up on Anzac Day and went after the march to the Sussex Hotel for the afternoon's festivities. As you know these boys are all from the Newcastle district and brought down quite a bit of news from the area. Roy particularly mentioned Don Crooks. (When are we going to see you, Don?)

Both Peter and Jack ASSURED us that this time they would be on a late afternoon train but we seem to have heard that one before. (What time did you really get away, Peter)?

Hubert Green met up with Bill McKie from Euabalong West recently, and as a result, Bill dropped us a line or two with a very nice donation for which we are grateful. Bill especially wishes to be remembered to the boys of "C" company 2/1sts. and he hoped to see Lofty Broad, George Harder, Claypole, Adams "And a host of others on Anzac Day. (Don't know about the rest, Bill but I have a feeling I saw Lofty Broad cheering us on as we marched along Park Street.)

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness, Bill. Hope to hear from you again very soon.

Strawb Dale attended the March, and he mentioned that he was up from Warrawong (Port Kembla way) for the day. Strawb is employed at the local hostelry there (The Open Hearth) and mentioned that any of his mates are always welcome there, when passing through.

While talking of the Hotel business, brings us to a letter from Ossie McCurtayne who has changed his address from Forestville to the Commercial Hotel at Tumut. Thanks for the donation Ossie. We noticed from the letterhead that Ossie is the Licensee. That should rate a visit from any one in the district. We are sure that you will be made welcome.

Noel Petersen wrote from Wyong. Thank you too, Noel for the donation enclosed with your letter. You have us wondering just where you did finish on Anzac Day as you mention that you may be "Anywhere between Newcastle and Sydney".

We pass on your good wishes to Bob Lake.

Ron Coyte has been missing from the fold for a few months but he has turned up at last with a welcome letter and a donation. Thanks for both. Thank you also for the name and address of a new member, Sid Lane. Sid is now on the mailing list and will get a copy of this issue.

Ron's invitation still stands for anyone wanting to see through the sheep Biology section of the C.S.I.R.O. at Prospect Hill.

Nev O'Connor met up with Albert Mallet some time ago and passed on to him a copy of the "News".

Now Albert has written down and tells us that he really enjoys the paper, so much that he sent us a donation for this year and a "Couple that were missed". Albert comes down to Sydney at Show time although he missed this time due to illness. Tells us that he exhibited the Champion Game bird in the 1957 Show.

Also tells us that Nev O'Connor has rebuilt his home and to quote Bert again "It is now comparable to Prince Ranier's."

It seems from Bert's letter that Bowls is the major relaxation in the district.

Jim Ireland won the top grade singles championship at Broadwater Club recently against some of the top bowlers in the district. Terry McGuire another very keen bowler (And ex 2/1st) took the "B" Grade title at the South Lismore club after only 12 months at the game. Bert himself missed a trophy at South Lismore by "The proverbial whisker" the day before writing his letter.

By the way, Bert, we haven't Terry's address and would very much appreciate it so as we can put him on the mailing list.

We do occasionally see Snowy Dodd but not so much lately. He will see this reference in the NEWS and will appreciate your regards we know.

Jack McGahey, from Woolooware (Cronulla line) wrote a short note with his chepue. Not much news from Jack but we do know that he is a keen swimmer being a member of the Cronulla R.S.L. Swimming Club.

Thanks for your note Jack, and of course the enclosed donation.

Robert Gales describes his address as "the Dead Centre of Lidcombe" and Robert is assistant manager of the C. of E. Portion of the Rookwood Cemetery.

Despite the seemingly morbid address, Bob's letter is full of real live news. He mentions looking forward to all of the social events coming up and was looking forward to seeing Austie Ronan, Bob McGregor and some of the old Don Company boys at the march. Our thanks to you too, Bob Gales.

Alf Carter wrote a few lines in and enclosed some news from a few of the boys that he meets on his rounds.

He says Clarrie Pakes, Laurie Fitzhenry and Sailor Hall are all on the waterfront getting into strict training for Anzac Day Mick Puntton of the Mortar Platoon has been tracked down and is now registered at the Association offices for all future publications Wally (Bombo) Brown and Danny Black are in the Brewarrina district and send regards for all for Anzac Day Brickie Wall will be at the March and would like to know the whereabouts of Ernie Collins (Can anyone help?) Harry Norman is now in the insurance business and is living at Rydalmere, Joe Barker sends regards to Bert Moore and the "Old Timers" in the canteen during the Wondecla days Peter Craig is now back in town after the wool season. Talking of Bert Moore, if anyone is around the R.S.L. at North Sydney

FROM THE MAILBAG—Contd.

any Sunday morning, mention Bert's name Thanks for these snippets of news Alf, and the committee thanks you very sincerely for taking the "Tin" around at the march with your usual good results.

★ Before closing off this little chapter, we have to mention the arrival at the Sussex after the march of a very dapper chappie named "Porkie" Graham. Nice to see you there Porkie although when I looked around and then at you, I am afraid that the nickname by which you are known is now more applicable to most of the boys more than it is you. How's that for a compliment.

★ Just a last reminder, if you could have attended the Sussex after the march and didn't, then you missed a grand day. The luncheon served at the Association's expense was very welcome and was enjoyed by everybody. It was a credit to the organisers and to the willing helpers on the staff at the Sussex. Thanks to you all.

The roll up in the bar seemed to be one of the best ever and several reasonably new faces not seen for a few years were present.

LAST POST

Once again, it is with very sincere regret that we have to publish the names of four more of our mates who have answered their last roll call.

Warrant Officer James Duncan Edward, of the 1st Pioneer Bn. A.I.F. and the 2/1st Pioneer Bn. 2nd A.I.F. passed away at his home in West Ryde on the 3rd of February after quite a long period of ill health.

There is nothing that we can add as a last salute to Jim (Or "Popeye" as he was known) that is not already known to those who served in the Battalion.

With out a doubt, he was one of the best known members of the 2/1st from the day he joined it till well after he had left it, and his name will be remembered where ever Pioneers gather.

Cpl. Geoffrey (George) Garnett Gee, "A" Company 2/1st Pioneer Bn. passed away some 10 days later and was buried at Woronora Cemetery.

George was another World War I Digger and was a very popular man who went to no end of trouble with the "Rookies" in the early Greta days. He was 65 years of age.

Eric Donald Pendlebury, of Mortdale, and late of "A" Company 2/1st Pioneer Bn. passed away at his home after a long illness. "Bing" as he was known was another very cheerful one and will also be remembered by all of his mates.

John P. Mills, of "B" Company and later H.Q. Company 2/1st Pioneer Bn. passed away in the Repatriation General Hospital after an illness lasting many months. "Poppa" Mills was another whose spirit and good humour could never be kept down and his passing is a sad blow to his many friends.

The sincere sympathy of the Association members was forwarded to the relatives of our deceased comrades.

IN PASSING . . .

Harold Leese recently paid a visit to the secretary and passed on many addresses and a wealth of information regarding the sig. platoon, of which he was an original member. He has also a roll of all members of the platoon from its inception, passed on by Fred Brookes, and we will certainly print this in the "News". Thank you for the interest you have taken Harold, and to Fred Brookes for his help. Those addresses have all been noted, so more and more Pioneers will soon be receiving their "News".

Editor Max Law is holidaying with his wife and baby daughter at Coolangatta. In his letter, Max passed on his congratulations to the Committee for the fine effort on Anzac Day, and said it was really good. Thanks, Max, it is nice to hear our efforts were appreciated. Jack Crossland's name has been added to the mailing list, and will receive his paper in due course.

The car trial on September 27th is a function you must bring your wife and family for a day of fun. The Committee likes to see the family atmosphere about their functions, and even if you are single you will still have a humorous time on the Trial. If you bring Mum and the kids to this function, you may find she will give you a leave pass for the Annual Smoko at the Sussex on Friday, 27th November.

On Anzac morning Fred Callaway had a trunk call from Jack Taylor of Wagga with best wishes for the "big" day. Thanks, Jack, for your interest, and hope to see you here in Sydney next Anzac Day.

Bern Reiners and family, from Victoria, together with the Herron family, left the day after the launch picnic for three weeks holiday up north, but after visiting Les Denham at Port Macquarie R.S.L. they went no further. They are extremely grateful to "Jos" for the marvellous time he arranged, he even went so far as to take the two wives to a concert. Whilst there they paid Sid Jopson and his wife a visit and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Talking of Sid Jopson, Jack Griffiths and Dick Seddon also spent their holidays at Port Macquarie, and were most grateful for the excellent duplex flats at Flynn's Beach arranged by Sid. The hospitality handed out by Sid and his good wife, Myrtle, was terrific. Sid, by the way, is accountant at the Bank of N.S.W. Jack also mentions having paid the R.S.L. a visit and was welcomed by number one barman Jos "King Prawn" Denham. Jos certainly has lost none of his sense of humour, as a matter of fact, like good whisky, it's mellowed with age. Jack "Blue Wog" Moxey) B Coy.) arrived also while Jack and Dick were there, and Merv Rees made a trip down from the Dorrigo on New Years' Day. Merv is a potato grower and by all accounts is doing fairly well. Fred Wheaton was also to have made the trip, but was ill. Jack states that there were some old tales of the battalion brought to light during that fortnight and a little time was spent on the beach.

From Royal Park, S.A., comes a letter from Jack Morgan with a welcome donation to the "News". Sorry you couldn't make it to the smoko, Jack, better luck next time.

Our old stalwart Bill Hoffman from Kyogle once again sent along hearty greetings for our Anzac reunion. Thanks Bill, for your message and your sub, and your best wishes are conveyed to Max Law, Tom Crossman, Fred Callaway and Max Herron. By the way, has anyone heard where Shelley Varley (2/1sts), late of Lismore, is residing these days. Bill believes he went to Sydney after the war. (We haven't his name on our lists, Bill, but perhaps someone may know of his whereabouts.)

From Western Australia comes a letter inquiring for J. Pryor, last known address somewhere in Maroubra. If any member knows his address, it would be appreciated if they would pass it on to the secretary.

Bill Kinwood (2/2) was another to send along his sub. to the "News", and regrets that over the years he has not followed the Association's activities, but hopes to become a little more active in the ensuring year. Welcome to the fold, Bill, and we would like to see you at our functions in the future.

Thanks to W. R. Milen of South Grafton for his generous donation, and good wishes for Anzac Day. "W. R." is a milk vendor and finds it very hard to get time off to come to Sydney for the march.

We're sure Sid Jopson hasn't minded sending the "News" on to you, but your address has been noted and future copies will go direct. (Thanks, Sid, for your effort in the past).

Another welcome donation from Jack Lawrie, per medium of Bill Lewis on Anzac Day. Thanks, Jack, for the donation, and to you Bill for passing it on.

Country visitors seen in Sydney:-

Nev. O'Connor, Nev. always can tell news of the North Coast boys. Eddie Weston an Alderman and president of Lismore Rugby League. Phil. Barnett, Charles Richardson and Kev. Raywood all reported well. Pat Malone at Evans Head.

On his way to Victoria, Roy Leadbeater from Lismore looking fit.

Jim Commins from Orange has taken himself a wife, congratulations Jim.

Mick Reilly, B Coy., was down from Brisbane for the reunion. Mick is not so well as he could be, but is quite cheerful and happy. He tells of meeting Bill Fowler and Bill Huxley up there and sends greetings to all B. Coy., boys he missed seeing.

COMING EVENTS

CRICKET MATCH—
21st June

CAR TRIAL—
27th September

ANNUAL SMOKO
27th November

GOLF DAY

Bob Lake and "Casey" Brown are endeavouring to arrange a Golf Day in the near future and would like to hear from members who are interested. So far they have a few starters (plus a few members who do not play but would be willing to caddy), but they would like more to make it a good day. For full particulars, ring Bob Lake XF 4696

Editors Note:- With a cricket match on soon, a golf match in the future, Tom Crossman and Bert Holmes talking on Anzac Day about being the best football forwards ever, we can only say, what next ! !

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Returned Soldiers' Club on Friday, April 17, at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mr. Fred Callaway, and consisted of thirty two members.

The President thanked the past committee for the wonderful work they had carried out and he was reluctant to relinquish his position as President this year, but heavy commitments at work forced him to do so.

Mr. Jack Westwood, Social Secretary, replied by thanking Mr. Callaway for his untiring effort and wholehearted support in the years he had been secretary and then president, and hoped Mr. Callaway could still find time to continue his interest in the Association until he was once again able to take an active part.

Mrs. L. O'Malley-Wood was once again unanimously elected Patron and Mr. A. J. McInnes (2/2) was elected President. A full list of office bearers and committee will appear in the next issue.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary Social held at the Redfern Town Hall on April 3rd, was a great success, with a nice profit towards our Welfare Fund. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the night.

The President Mrs. Mostyn thanked all who attended and the ladies who worked so hard to make the evening a success. The sheepskin rug was won by Mrs. V. Whiteley with ticket No. 58.

The Executive and members of the Association are most cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Auxiliary to be held in the Board Room of the R. S. L. Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, on Friday, 26th June, at 8 p.m.

(Next column, please)

Pioneer would like position as Caretaker, with accommodation. Reply Secretary.

LADIES' AUXILIARY—Continued

Subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due and the fee of 5/- may be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. I. Johnson, LA 5377. New members are welcome.

Another social night will be held in the Rats of Tobruk Hall, 77 Regent

Street, Redfern, on the 10th July, from 8.30 to 1 a.m. Good orchestra and lucky door prize. Supper will be provided, but bring your own liquor. Tickets are 7/6 and reservations can be made by contacting Mrs. J. Reynolds, FX 5693.

2/1-2/2 PIONEER BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ACCOUNT — Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended March 31, 1959

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Anzac Smoko	72	10	3	To Anzac Smoko	77	17	6
" Car Trial	34	12	6	" Car Trial	35	4	9
" Launch Picnic	27	4	1	" Launch Picnic	30	9	0
" Rent, Rural Bank	492	18	4	" Rent	612	0	0
" Printing Receipt Books	11	16	10	" Bank Interest	2	1	7
" Wreath, Cenotaph	5	5	0	" Donations	79	7	6
" Anzac Day Catering	15	0	0	" Sussex Hotel, Smoko	18	9	0
" Repair to Typewriter	1	5	0				
" Donation, Ladies' Auxiliary	5	5	0				
" Hire of R.S.L. Clubroom	11	10	0				
" Audit and Accountancy Fee	6	6	0				
" Hon. Secretary	25	0	0				
" Subscription "Reveille"	2	14	0				
" Advert. "Reveille"	1	10	0				
" Sussex Hotel, Smoko, Nov.	23	0	0				
" Petty Cash	22	0	0				
" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure carried forward to Accumulation Account	97	12	4				
	£855	9	4		£855	9	4

GENERAL ACCOUNT — Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1959

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 1/4/58	168	7	4	Cash at Bank	265	19	8
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	97	12	4				
	£265	19	8		£265	19	8

PIONEER NEWS ACCOUNT — Statement of Income and Expenditure for 12 months ended March 31, 1959

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Cost of Printing Blocks	2	0	4	To Subscriptions	59	18	0
" Newspaper Printing	67	10	0	" Bank Interest	8	5	0
	£69	10	4	" Advertising	1	0	0
				" Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income carried forward to Balance Sheet	8	3	11
					£69	10	4

PIONEER NEWS — Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1959

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 1/4/58	47	14	4	Cash at Bank	39	10	5
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for period, as above	8	3	11				
	£39	10	5		£39	10	5

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the books and accounts of the 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battalions Association General Account and Pioneer News for the year ended 31st March, 1959. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and in my opinion the foregoing Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Association, according to the information supplied to me.

A. WATSON, A.A.S.A., Auditor.

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Bus and Car Trial Picnic

On Sunday, 27th September, the Association will hold its Fourth Annual Bus and Car Trial Picnic, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends to attend.

As stated in previous years this is not a reliability trial nor an event to abuse cars and obtain high speeds, but really a family outing with a set of straight forward questions to make the journey interesting. Any person with no previous knowledge of car trials can win.

The drive is through very picturesque country scenery to a secret picnic ground known only to the Social Secretary and his Committee.

NEW STARTING POINT

In an endeavour to provide more space and better facilities, the starting point has been changed from Cooper Street (as in previous years) to the Ampol Service Station, on the corner of The Boulevard and Margaret Street, Strathfield. This is on the south side of Strathfield, and is the second street on the right after leaving the station.

PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS FROM AMPOL SERVICE STATION

The manager of the Ampol Service Station is kindly assisting by providing the space for the starting point and by donating prizes for the car trial entrants.

Therefore, we ask all members to return the compliment by purchasing commodities from his service station—in fact, if you avail yourself of this opportunity and receive a cash register docket you may gain points in the "items to find" section.

SIMPLE, INTERESTING QUESTIONS

Whether travelling by car or bus, members will be issued with a set of instruction sheets on the proposed route to the picnic ground.

They will contain a series of interesting questions relating to objects along the route, and points will be allotted for correct answers. We can guarantee a grand time for all.

PICNIC GROUND FACILITIES

Owing to the inclement weather at our last car trial, we felt it a necessity to provide shelter, consequently, the Social Secretary, after many surveys, found a ground with a pavilion after the style of the one at Neilsen Park.

This hall has been booked and will seat at tables, approximately 250 adults and children, so rain, hail or snow the picnic will be held.

Unfortunately, there is no kiosk on the grounds, but there is a small store at the entrance where sweets, smokes and drinks only can be purchased.

NO SWIMMING

Free hot water will be available all day, ample parking space alongside the hall amidst the trees, and those desirous of having a barbecue can do so. The toilets are exceptionally clean. There is no swimming, but there is spacious grounds for cricket, badminton, tennis, etc.

FREE ISSUE TO CHILDREN

All children will receive a free issue of sweets, drinks and Paddle Pops, also a chance of winning prizes in the sporting events which are as follow:

Race	Age
Tableland Toddle	3 years and under
Moresby Meander	4-5 years
Tobruk Trot	6-7 years
Greta Gallop	8-9 years
Dubbo Dash	10-11 years
Morotai Marathon	12-14 years

Adults' Cigarette Race; Throwing the Rolling Pin; Children's Three-Legged; Adults' Three-Legged.

Time permitting, other novelty events will be arranged for the young and the not so young.

BUS TRIAL ENTRANTS

Bus passengers may board the bus at the following points at the times stated:

(1) Beverly Hills Station: King Georges Road (north side) at 9.30 a.m.

(2) Wiley Park Station: Wileys Avenue (north side) at 9.40 a.m.

(3) Strathfield: Ampol Service Station, corner The Boulevard and Margaret Street, south side of station, at 10 a.m.

The times stated are departure times and it is advisable for members to be at these points ten minutes prior to departure. The hiring charge of the bus is approximately £25 and the Committee has decided to charge a nominal fee of 5/- per adult. As this is a day for childrer, they will be carried free.

CAR TRIAL ENTRANTS

Cars will line up in Margaret Street, facing The Boulevard, and on the starter's flag will turn left into The Boulevard. They will commence at 9.15 a.m. and leave at two-minute intervals.

NO FURTHER NOTIFICATION

Owing to the high cost of postage to all members, this is the only form of notice regarding the Picnic. Members desiring further information may ring any of the Committeemen listed below or write to the Secretary.

INFORMATION DESIRED

To facilitate transport and catering arrangements, the Committee would appreciate notification of attendance by the filling in of the form below or by ringing any of the following Committeemen who will be only too pleased to record your information.

Max Herron, UL 5491; Jack Westwood UL 3930; Tom Crossman, JX 3977; Doug Shearston, LY 8374; Bob Lake, XF 4696; Allan McInnes, XM 6292.

CUT OUT

To the Hon. Secretary, 2/1-2/2 PIONEER BTNS. ASSOCIATION,
(Print in Block Letters) 3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills

Christian Name Surname

Present Address

Last Address

Battalion Platoon Company

Enclosed Shillings for SUBS. due April, 1959.

I will be attending Picnic by car/bus. Adults Children

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE!!

This article is only intended for members who have not paid their 1959 subscription of 5/-.

On Anzac Day veteran Committee-man, Alf Carter, collected £90 in subscriptions from approximately 300 Sydney members.

We now appeal to our four hundred country members to make a supreme effort, as to date we have only received twenty-five country subscriptions, which is actually a very poor percentage.

TURN TO FRONT PAGE POP FORM

We would like to have a letter from you, but if you cannot find time to do so, ask your wife or children to write all your particulars on the form provided on the front page, and post with your cheque to the Secretary NOW.

HOSPITAL NEWS

• **JOE OLLIFFE** spent a few weeks at Yaralla recently and whilst there he looked up a few Pioneers and consequently sent along the following news items:

• **SAM BUCKMAN**, who most Pioneers will remember, spent so many years in cookhouses of the various companies of the 2/1st, has been a patient at Ward 10, Concord Repatriation Hospital, and at this juncture seems likely to be there for some time in the future.

Sam resides at Laurieton on the North Coast, and asked for news of many of his old associates in the battalion. We all wish Sam a speedy return to good health.

• **JACK McCRACKEN**, an original member of the 2/1st, has been an inmate of Concord Repatriation Hospital, but is now back at Stockton.

Jack often meets old 2/1sts in the Newcastle district, some of whom never receive the "Pioneer News," and we would be obliged if some of our "reps" in that city would sign them up as customers.

• **GERRY COLLINS**, A Coy, 2/1st, has been a patient at Concord Repatriation Hospital recently. Prior to his admission, Gerry had an argument with a circular saw and just after this wound had healed he had the misfortune to suffer a coronary occlusion. His spell at Concord, however, seemed to do him the world of good and we hope your progress continues, Gerry.

Gerry is now residing at Penhurst.

• **TED COX**, D Coy, 2/1 (18 Pn.) has returned to Bathurst after a recent spell in Concord Repatriation Hospital and his friends will be pleased to know he is fully recovered.

Any Pioneer passing through Bathurst can get a map reference on Ted by enquiring at the Bathurst R.S.L. Club or at the Bathurst Teachers' College. Ted is also a leading light in the Bathurst Town Band these days.

(Editor's Note: Thank you immensely for your hospital news items, Joe, and it is indeed a gem of an idea and something we should continue. There is no need to thank Jack Westwood and myself for the visit in hospital as it was indeed a pleasure on our part—we are pleased to hear you are 100 per cent. again).

Cricket Match at Terrigal

By "Owzat" Whiteley

On Sunday, 21st June, the Association held a Cricket Match at Terrigal, with Sydney opposing the Northerners on their home ground.

Sydney Captain, Ted Jensen, won the toss from the Northern Captain, Clive McLachlan, and sent the home team into bat.

Doug Shearstone opened the bowling from the bar end and soon had the locals in trouble . . . he bowled with some bad luck, too, as one picnicker on a nearby ground dropped two catches.

BOB LAKE TO THE ATTACK

Following a couple of accurate overs by Austie Ronan, that Log (Lock) type bowler, Bob Lake was brought into the attack, deriving quite some pace off the bat.

It was left to Joe Westwood, however, to remove the dogged Harry Hamer and the veteran bowler, Ken Roper (visitor) to remove Bill Mace from the crease for a mere 274 runs.

After a very enjoyable liquid lunch the southerners padded up and immediately set about the hostile attack with a tenacity of purpose that brought tumultuous applause from the spectators who were privileged to witness such glorious cricket.

ALF CARTER SAVES THE DAY

As the afternoon rolled on and the batsmen rolled out, Alf Carter was finally called on for an effort, with nine men out . . . our last line of defence was therefore thrown into battle.

Alfie, realising the seriousness of the position, cast furtive glances around the field and the opposing Captain, Clive McLachlan, could see at a glance that here was a man with propensity for the game far exceeding the magnificent players who preceded him. Captain McLachlan's only answer was to call on his ace bowler, Nip Kearsley.

The stage was set—a classic batsman facing a vicious swing bowler. Nip's first ball was a superb out-swinging inswinger, pitched in line with the square leg umpire.

Displaying a delicacy of footwork, Alfie set himself for a hook shot and, flashing his bat, cracked the ball into the eager hands of Bob McTaggart.

Not all was lost, however, for a distant cry from Mick Madden and Noel Schomberg up in the members' stand: "To the bar," was heard—a most fitting finale for Pioneers to a good day.

Final scores—drawn match.

Oscar awarded best "all-round" member—Vic Whiteley.

For organising the outing—Clive McLachlan, Ted Jensen, Joe Westwood and Max Herron.

For their support—Ken Roper and Morrie Hamilton. (Morrie is President and Captain of the Enfield Raymonds who very kindly loaned us the cricket gear for the day. Thanks, Morrie).

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!! PLEASE ASSIST BY FILLING IN FORM ON FRONT PAGE

GOSFORD GABBLE by ALF CARTER

The Sydney boys were given a royal reception at Gosford station by Clive McLachlan, Harry Hamer, Bob McTaggart, Bill Mace and Nip Kearsley, who are all prominent business men in that community.

• **CLIVE McLACHLAN**, C Coy. 2/1, is livewire manager of the Lakeview Service Station, Pacific Highway, Gosford West, and we suggest all Pioneers passing through to patronise Clive's service station. Clive is also President of the Gosford Lions Club, and he certainly lived up to his reputation of being a wonderful organiser. To you and your charming wife, Helen, the Sydney boys say a hearty thank you, Clive, for the excellent lunch and refreshments.

• **HARRY HAMER**, H.Q. Coy. 2/1, owner of a large battery and auto electric business, invited all the weary cricketers home to tea, and Mrs. Hamer immediately rose to the occasion when the boys trooped in, completely filling her lounge room. We certainly appreciated the snack, and many thanks for your courteous attention, Mrs. Hamer. Harry gave the boys sufficient liquid refreshment to see them through to Sydney, which was a mighty fine gesture and very much appreciated—thanks a lot, Harry.

• **BILL MACE**, B Coy. 2/1, is caretaker of the local drive-in theatre and has a spare-time farm. Mrs. Mace entertained the lads whilst on their way to Terrigal—many thanks to you and your wife, Bill (No. 10 Platoon roll will be published next issue, as we are short of space this time).

• **NIP KEARSLEY**, A Coy. 2/1, is farming and cattle raising at Ourimbah and is doing very well. Nip thoroughly enjoyed the day and went out of his way to make it a grand day for all.

• **BOB McTAGGART**, 2/2, is a very keen tennis fan and is Secretary of the Gosford Social Tennis Club. Mrs. McTaggart extended an invitation to dine, but owing to lack of time the lads reluctantly declined. We thank you for the offer, Mrs. McTaggart.

To all these chaps and their grand wives the Sydney boys say a hearty thank you for the use of all your cars in transporting us to and from the cricket oval and for your kind hospitality—we consider we may beat you at cricket the next time we meet, but we certainly could not beat your hospitality.

SMOKO SMOKO SMOKO

WHEN? Friday, November 27, 1959

WHERE? Same as always. Sussex Hotel, corner Sussex and Liverpool Streets.

WHY? Same as always. To have a good night and meet up with old friends.

TIME? Same as before. 7.30 p.m.

COST? Same as always. 5/- at the door and pay for refreshments at bar prices.

SUPPER? Bigger and better than ever (and it's ALWAYS terrific!).

SEE YOU THERE? Of Course.

APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS

To eliminate the tedious work of typing the four thousand "Pioneer News" wrappers and the numerous envelopes each year, the Association intends purchasing an addressograph machine.

This can only be made possible if ALL members assist by filling in the form on the front page and post to the Secretary NOW.

The reason being our file of addresses needs bringing up to date, as we feel sure quite a lot are duplicated, which means some members are receiving two copies.

ALWAYS SEND OLD WITH NEW ADDRESS

This has come about by members sending in their new address without the old one, and usually this is retained as well, because the new one may come in from "W. Jones," whereas the old one may have been signed "Bill Jones."

We are also anxious to have on record your full particulars as 80 per cent. of our file does not contain Christian names.

The cost of the addressograph plates alone is £35 and you can assist by ensuring your name and address is correct in every detail.

LAST POST

We learned from Jack Tattam of the passing of GEORGE BATEMAN recently after a fairly long illness.

George was an original in the 2/1st Pioneer Bn., and later transferred to the 2/2nd, where he was batman to Harry Tope.

He was buried at Bingara Cemetery and the funeral was attended by Charlie Willey and Jack Tattam.

George left a wife and three children and the sincere expressions of sympathy are conveyed to them from the President, Committee and members of the Association.

Friends of TED HARRINGTON, of Hurlstone Park, Sydney, and late of C Coy. and Btn. H.Q., of 2/1sts, were saddened and shocked to hear the news of Ted's unexpected death at Yaralla on 29th May, 1959. Since the end of the war, Ted's health has deteriorated and ill-health forced an early retirement from the N.S.W. Railways, but his untimely passing was never anticipated.

Our sympathy goes out to Ted's family in their sad bereavement.

DEATH OF 2/2 PIONEER SECRETARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Bob Coningsby, which occurred at the R.G.H., Heidelberg on 11th May.

Bob was aged 63 at the time of his death and had been in ill-health for some years. He was Secretary and Editor of the Association for ten years until continued ill-health caused him to retire from active work.

If you are a very busy man (like me) ask "Mum" or the kids to fill in the form on the front page.

Do not forget the Annual Smoko at the Sussex Hotel on Friday, November 27th, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

Whether or not it was organised we do not know, but it seems as if pride of place for this issue must go to the Kyogle boys, as there are several letters from that district in this month's mail.

● Let us start with old friend LEO FERRIS. Leo wrote a long and interesting letter and told us a little about himself. Apart from seeing the Kyogle boys quite a bit, Leo operates a timber mill and has done so since the war, when he and his brother took over the business from their father. At the time of writing he was up to his eyes in the end of the year accounts and was being kept very busy.

Leo had the misfortune to lose his mother very recently and his father has been in hospital for a long period. We hope that all is well by now.

We certainly hope that you will be able to get down to a re-union one of these days as we know that there are a lot of the boys who would look forward to a visit to Sydney by you and any of the Kyogle boys. Just give us the word and we will publicise it.

Thank you for the postal note, Leo, and thank you for your welcome letter. We know that Max Herron and the Sig. boys will be pleased to know that we have heard from you.

● Next on the list is TOBY HALE, well remembered from the TWO-BAR-ONE'S. Thank you also, Toby, for your kind remarks and postal note.

Toby advises that he is a keen rifleman and is down on the range every Sunday for a shoot. Sees Jack Sherman there each week too. It appears that Jack is a very good shot and going along very nicely in the comps.

When in Lismore (and that is quite often), Toby sees Alex George as well as Eddie Beaumont and Pat Lochran, in Bonalbo. Tells that Pat is back to 23 stone now and feeling very well.

After hearing that Tom Budd is down at Wagga, Toby wrote to him, but has not had a reply. He also tells us that he does not attend the Anzac Marches because the rest of the marchers can't keep in step with him, particularly the band. You are not on your own there, Toby.

Your regards to the boys are certainly now being passed on. Let's hear from you again in the not too distant future.

● Even though it was only a short note with a donation (for which we thank you very sincerely) it was none the less welcome to receive a note from RAY SMITH. Ray as you all know, is the local Stock and Station Agent in Kyogle, and he sends his regards to all.

Thanks, Ray, but how about a little longer note next time and tell us what you do with yourself.

● Before we leave Kyogle for this time, we would like to mention (as we have mentioned before) that if anyone is ever in that district, call into the town and you will receive a first-class welcome. Toby Hale told us that Phil Cramsey was recently in town, and Leo Ferris mentioned that Major John Morahan passed through after "Operation Grand Slam" up North.

● We should by rights include BOB LEHMANN'S letter in the Kyogle group as Lismore is only really "just down the road apiece," but perhaps we had better let Bob keep his own identity.

As always, we appreciate your donation and your very newsy letter, Bob, and we will pass on most of your remarks right here and now. We notice Alex George's name again as being connected with the Electricity Authority for the Far North Coast — Merv Andrews with the Lismore City Council and living at South Gundarimba—Loyal Butcher on the Line Staff of the P.M.G. at Murwillumbah — Harold Buckland still the lifeline of the Lismore Public Works (and STILL putting on weight) and Ray Smith as mentioned above.

Bob himself, was Secretary of the Far West Children's Health Scheme for the Lismore Branch (and he commends this Scheme as being worthy of anyone's consideration when they wish to give a charitable donation, and we can support your views, Bob), has been Secretary of the local Sub-Branch of the Postal Workers' Union (and is now President), and Secretary for the Lismore Church of Christ. That, we feel is a full plate and a very commendable effort.

On top of this, Bob is Line Foreman in the P.M.G., has given up drinking and smoking and has two children. (Boys, 8 and 14).

That about tells the story. Thanks sincerely for your letter, Bob, and we look forward to hearing from you when you have more news for us.

● A little further south to Wingham where we heard from A. K. STONE. Only a short note with a donation, but as we always say, "Very welcome." Thanks for the offer of the "cuppa" when in the district, and again for your thought.

● It seems quite a while since we heard from JACK TATTAM, at Delungra, but he made up for it this time with a long and newsy letter.

Jack has a Soldiers' Settlement block at Delungra and is now over the worst of the initial hard work. He tells us that he is now doing quite well and has a wife and two sons (7 and 2).

Reg Coote and Ross Hirsch both have adjoining blocks to Jack.

He recently met Charlie Willey and up to recent times used to have Hal Leese call in on his rounds, but Hal has not been there of late.

At the time of writing, Jack was keeping his fingers crossed for rain as he had another 100 acres of wheat to sow. Hope all is well now, Jack.

Thank you too for all of the above information and we will publish the other items in the correct place.

● JIM RAINE writes that he spends a lot of time laying on the beach and reading and says that he takes life fairly easy these days. Jim is at Kincumber and mentions that he would like to hear from Kev O'Connor, David King, Harry Pack and Milton Rogers.

When in Grafton recently, Jim met up with Brickly Wall who was home on holidays. Thank you for the letter and donation, Jim.

FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

● Another who has not written so very recently, but is always a good letter writer is MONTE REID, from Cessnock.

Thank you for your letter and donation, but above all, for your very kind remarks to the Association Committee and Editors of the "Pioneer News." It is nice to know that our work is appreciated as much as it is. (May we say at this juncture, that we are very appreciative of the many remarks and kind thoughts expressed in quite a few letters in this batch as well as many other letters in the past).

Monte was pleased to see that Jim Drummond is still carrying on in the Association and passes his congratulations to Allan McInnes on his election as President for the next twelve months.

Thank you for your splendid effort, Monte, and we look forward to hearing from you again soon.

● Old friend GEORGE NICHOLS wrote from his temporary residence at Hay, whilst looking after his company's interests during the shearing season. George is with Grazcos and travels around quite a bit. His next trip will be to Tasmania for a few months from next October and he hopes to be back in Sydney for Christmas.

In thanking you for the addresses of Dick Watts and Mick Stevens we would remind all readers that we are always on the look-out for new addresses, so please remember to ask any ex-Pioneers that you meet if they are in receipt of the "News." If not, please let us know.

George passes his regards to Bill Wade and all members of the old platoon. Regards are also passed on to Mrs. O'Malley Wood from George.

Thanks, George. It is always good to know of your whereabouts.

● We are sorry to hear that COLONEL ARNOLD BROWN has not been keeping in the best of health and has now retired to the South Coast of New South Wales.

Colonel Brown has to attend Concord Repat. Hospital every three months and is now T.P.I.

We trust, sir, that you will enjoy your retirement and that your health will improve with the rest. Thank you for writing to us.

● Our last letter from the bag is from JIM RYAN, of the TWO-TWO'S and who lives in Victoria. Jim very thoughtfully sent us some news of some of the boys from that area. Ossie Ostrom is with G.M.H. and travels quite a bit—Ron Shanahan has his own boot repair shop—Les Tyrell now back in the printing game after a trip to England—Con Tucknott with his own plumbing business—Cappy Sinclair working at Heidelberg Hospital—Theo Clarke, still single and a little overweight (aren't we all??)—Leo Rodder on a large farm at Beulah—Ken Toogood at Warnambool—Joe Phillips at Castlemaine, and John (Porky) Cunningham who has a news-stand at Flinders Street Station.

Thanks, Jim, those names will bring back a few memories to some of the readers no doubt. Glad to see that you had a good time at the Smoko in Melbourne.

Anytime you have any more news from down there, please pass it on to us as we are always interested in the news from Victoria.

● It's an ill wind, etc., etc., but Co-Editor MAX LAW was on his way to Adelaide by car for his company early in July and left Sydney with the intention of making Albury for the stop. However, due to a very heavy fog some miles before reaching Gundagai, he and his co-driver were forced to stop at that town for the night. It was bitterly cold as well and after dinner, Max learned of the local Services club. He and his off-sider decided to try the club as they heard there was a large log fire there. After being admitted, Max met up with Des (Tiny Fields whom he had not seen since about 1945. A very pleasant night was spent at the club and it was well worth the stay it seems. Des is council overseer in the shire and asks that his regards be passed on to all.

● Don't forget the coming Car Trial and Picnic on 27th September. See all details under the heading in this issue. Be careful to note that there is a new forming up place at Strathfield. Cars commence to leave at 9.15 a.m. and the bus at 10 a.m. See you there!

● We have not received all the details, but we know that GEORGE PATTERSON has had the O.B.E. conferred on him. Even without the details we know that it calls for sincere congratulations from the members, George, and we know that everyone joins us in passing them on to you.

● By the way, our Controller of the Exchequer as far as subscriptions are concerned and the wielder of the big stick at social functions (Alf Carter, that is) reminds us that subscriptions became due on 1st April.

HAVE WE RECEIVED YOURS YET?

IN PASSING . . .

A few jottings from around the country.

● Heard that Casey Brown was in good form at the last Smoko. He was as happy as ever and let everyone know how glad he was to have been there. But Frank Gillian was also on hand to watch over and "father" him as usual.

● Committeeman Bert Moore has had a bout of illness, but we believe that he will soon be on deck at the social functions. Hope that you are better by now, Bert.

● Another of our new members on the Committee is Albert Brown, formerly H.Q., 2/1st. We remember quite some time ago mentioning Albert's travels in the "News," but to refresh your memory and for the benefit of newer readers, here is a thumbnail sketch of his activities.

After the war he went to Queensland where he spent several years around Cairns, Mt. Isa, Townsville and other places known to most of us. Grew a little tired of it and decided to settle down. Now has a property at Prospect. Came down to the Association and joined the Committee. Welcome, Albert. Hope you enjoy working for the Association.

● Mick Basket, ex "B" Company, 2/1st, now timber cutting around the Moruya district. Likes his fishing and is kept fully occupied although would guarantee a good time to any old mates who drop in on him.

● Private Frank Cheal, of 2/2nd Pioneer days is still battling on in the C.M.F., but with a difference. He gained his commission not so long ago and has just recently received his Captaincy. Good luck to you, Frank.

● Looking forward to a good roll up at the Smoko. Don't forget to get a leave pass for that night.

● At a recent meeting, the Committee presented Alf Carter with a Honorary Life Membership Certificate, in recognition of his ten years of loyal service to the Association. A grand effort by a grand person, and our hearty congratulations to you, Alf.

● We were very pleased to receive a letter from Weedallion, via Young, from the wife of Charlie Boyd. Mrs. B. (or may we call you Natalie) tells us that if all Pioneers wrote as often as Charlie there would never be any news for the paper. However, he does enjoy reading the news of the boys, and his good wife is endeavouring to get him down to the next Smoko. Thanks, Natalie, for your letter and Charlie's donation, also for the address of Frank Bourke. Copies of the "News" will be posted to Frank regularly in future.

● Visiting Queensland, one of our members saw the photo of the wife of a well-known 2/2nd in a paper advertising Port-a-gas units, namely LEN HOPE'S wife. We won't see Len's photo advertising hair oils and combs!!

● News of JACK ALLISON. Jack has a new baby son, David, and promises to come to the Car Trial if we organise a race for three-months-old kiddies.

● Some of the boys have met up with VINCE LONGMORE, now of Campbelltown. Vince is proud father of four children.

● PADRE JOCK STEELE, of Glebe, has just received the appointment as Repatriation Padre at Yaralla for this year, in addition to his parish at Glebe. Congratulation, Padre.

● FRANK BRADLEY is reported fit again after a very serious illness and back at his Custom duties.

● Country visitors seen in Sydney were NEV O'CONNOR and MICK BYE. Nev was down to Repat., and his friends will be sorry to hear that he has been on the sick list with a bad back and is wearing a steel brace. We all hope that you can soon shed the brace, Nev. Mick is part-owner of an opal mine at Lightning Ridge, which gives relaxation from his grazing property at Walgett.

● MAJOR JIM DRUMMOND, of the 19/20th Bn., was one of the Colour Party at the presentation of new colours by the Governor at Shore School Oval, Northbridge. Jim has changed his job, and is now Advertising Manager for British Paints. All the best, Jim.

● "BRICKY" WALL, of the R.A.P., 2/1sts, surprised his many old friends recently by taking unto himself a wife. We take this opportunity of wishing the ever-popular "Bricky" and his wife our very best wishes for the future.

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BI-ANNUAL SMOKO

On Friday, 27th November, at 7.30 p.m., the Association will hold its Bi-Annual Smoko in the lower bar of the Sussex Hotel, corner of Liverpool and Sussex Streets, Sydney.

The saloon bar will be closed off for our members and friends, with drinks at ruling prices. There is a small charge of 5/- to cover the cost of supper, which consists of sausage rolls, pasties, sandwiches, biscuits and cheese.

The Sussex Hotel is now under the management of Len Buchanan, who has promised to do his utmost to help our boys have a good night. We would like to see a good roll up of members and friends, for Len has guaranteed to put on a good show for us; also next Anzac Day.

SEE YOUR OLD MATES

Come along, boys, and help to make this just what it is meant to be — a quiet an enjoyable night out, with an opportunity of seeing your old mates.

Members and friends desirous of attending this function can help the Committee, in catering arrangements, by

LETTER FROM MAX LAW

Dear Max,

As you can see, I am now settled in South Australia, having arrived here some two weeks ago.

I would like to take this opportunity of asking you to convey to the President and Committee of the above Association my thanks for the gesture of making me an honorary life member of our association.

I can assure you that I deeply appreciate this action and am afraid I cannot put into words exactly how I felt when I received my certificate at our last car picnic.

Please convey to Allan and all the boys of the Committee my kindest regards for the future success of the Pioneer Battalion Association.

Would you please note that for all future correspondence, and until I have a private address, I may be contacted at Box 30, Kilkenny, S.A.

My kindest regards to yourself and good wife,

MAX LAW.

ringing the Social Secretary, Jack Westwood, UL 3930, and state the number in their party. Be early, as under licensing laws, no member can be admitted after 10 p.m.

Forming Up Place . . .

SUSSEX HOTEL

(Lower Bar)

Corner Sussex and Liverpool Streets
Sydney

Starting Time: 7.30 p.m.

D-DAY, FRIDAY, 27th NOVEMBER

Personnel Required for This Duty:
EVERYONE!

Under the Command of Your Committee
BE THERE!

Ring UL 3930 for Further Particulars

The Editors, Executive and Committee of the 2/1st and 2/2nd Pioneer Bns. would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members, their wives and families

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PLATOON ROLL

We recently mentioned platoon rolls. Hereunder is Hunt No. 3 at Greta Camp when it was occupied by II Platoon of "B" Company, 2/1st Pioneer Bn., on 15th July, 1940:

Recognise all the names?

Cpl. MURRAY (Hut O.C.), L./Cpl. BILL MACE, Ptes. R. McKENNA, K. O'REILLY, E. SAUNDERS, P. O'CONNELL, C. P. KING, H. W. FLOYD, A. CRANE, T. CHASE, E. H. APPLETON, S. E. BOYD, S. T. MOORE, F. HARPLY, SIMMONS, E. L. MENZIES, W. R. FLEMING, G. N. LANE, J. T. EVANS, A. GLEESON, EDWARDS, A. GREEN.

The above was kindly supplied by Bill Mace recently and to you, Bill, goes our sincere appreciation.

Has anyone else a copy of a platoon roll for future publication?

APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS

This article is only intended for members who have not paid their 1959 subscription of 5/- and those members who did not fill in the information form provided.

The country members were well to the fore after the last issue, with approximately thirty subscriptions and forms filled in, but this is still a very poor return, considering we have nearly one thousand members on our list.

We would like to thank this handful of members who assisted, and for the benefit of those who were unable to fill in the form, we have included it again in this issue.

— C U T O U T —

To the Hon. Secretary, 2/1-2/2 PIONEER BTNS. ASSOCIATION,
(Print in Block Letters) 3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills

Christian Name Surname

Present Address

Last Address

Battalion Platoon Company

Enclosed Shillings for SUBS. due April, 1959.

Bus and Car Trial Picnic

On Sunday, 27th September, the Association held its Fourth Annual Bus and Car Trial Picnic at St. Ives Showground.

This year the starting line was the Ampol Garage, The Boulevard, Strathfield, and with twenty-eight cars lined up ready to go, the starters, Jack Westwood and Vic Whiteley, sent them on their way right on time.

The bus, with Bob McGregor in charge, started from Beverly Hills, picking up passengers en route.

It was a perfect sunny day, and the trip through Ryde, Fullers Bridge and Forrestville was indeed a delightful one. Question sheets were issued to both car and bus passengers and most questions were simple, but, just to make it more interesting, an occasional one was tricky. We have it on good authority that there were so many husband and wife arguments over questions that the women will be driving the cars next time and the husbands will be sent by bus.

PERFECT PICNIC GROUND

The St. Ives Showground proved to be a perfect spot and could not be bettered. Members had the choice of having lunch in the spacious hall or under the trees, and with popular music from the amplifier system to entertain them everyone had an enjoyable time.

The children had a free issue of Paddle-Pops and drink with their lunch and, being true Pioneers, there were many "back ups" to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bertram, who were in charge.

Parents were able to allow their children to wander at will, as, with the grounds totally enclosed, they could not come to any harm.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

After lunch everyone moved over to the sports oval and the sporting events commenced. It was here that the amplifier system, which had been used for making announcements and broadcasting music, really proved its worth, especially in the capable hands of Bob McGregor. With Bob Lake and "Monty" in charge of events and Jack Henderson giving out prizes, the children had a happy time.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The next event on the programme was the game of housie, so we returned to the hall. The winners of the car and bus trial were announced, after reading out the answers to all questions. Contestants had been handed their sheets, and many a laugh was heard when the real questions were compared with the ones entered.

PRESENTATION TO MAX LAW

The President, Mr. A. McInnes, then made a presentation of a certificate of life membership to Mr. Max Law, in honour of his many years of hard work for this Association. Max replied to the President's kind wishes by saying he regretted making the break from his

"baby" — the "Pioneer News" — but knew the work would be successfully carried on in the capable hands of his successor, Vic Whiteley.

A presentation was then made to Mrs. Bennett, in recognition of Mr. Bennett's fine gesture in donating the amplifier system and his services for the day.

Six games of housie were then played and, judging by the keenness displayed we would venture to say there were quite a few veteran players present.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Social Secretary, Mr. Jack Westwood, thanked the people for their attendance and co-operation and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their donation of sweets and their assistance on the day. Under the supervision of Mrs. Joan Lake, the ladies decorated the hall and really did an excellent job. The Social Secretary also thanked the Committee men who assisted, not only on the day, but prior to the picnic, and their reward was the perfect day for all.

CAR AND BUS TRIAL WINNERS

CARS

First: ALLEN McINNES (4 gallons petrol and 1 pair T.V. cups)

Second: WAL WESTWOOD (4 gallons petrol)

Third: KEN HENSTOCK (1 gallon oil)

Fourth: DOUG SHEARSTON (1 gallon home detergent)

BUS

First: JACK CURRY (1 pair T.V. cups)

Second: JEAN BROWN (1 pint home detergent)

GUESSING COMPETITIONS

Grocery Hamper—

First Prize: Mrs. Mary McInnes.

Second Prize: Mrs. Edna Curry.

Dozen Bottles Beer: Mrs. Mary McInnes

(It was announced that Mrs. McInnes considered she had won enough on the day, so she very generously donated the dozen bottles of beer to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their next function.)

SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS

The Executive and Committee would like to thank the following for their generous donations to this Association.

The Manager, AMPOL GARAGE, The Boulevard, Strathfield, for the Picnic prizes, as follows: (1) Eight gallons of petrol; (2) One gallon of oil; (3) One gallon home detergent; (4) One pint of home detergent.

SWIFTS AUST. PTY. LTD. for the large assortment of groceries for the hamper.

PAGEWOOD SELF SERVICE for the many articles of groceries for the hamper.

WHITE WINGS PTY. LTD. for the numerous packets of flour, etc., for the hamper.

Mr. BOB LAKE for his efforts in arranging these donations of groceries.

Mr. LAURIE PEARCE for his donation of six TV cups and saucers for the Picnic.

Mr. E. C. BENNETT, Electrical Contractor, 42 Edgbaston Road, Beverly Hills, who donated his services and the amplifier system for the Picnic.

The Association would appreciate it greatly if members would patronise these firms who assisted us.

TO ONE AND ALL—THANK YOU.

Do you recognise these names:—

For the interest of members unable to attend the picnic, we are publishing hereunder the names of Pioneers present: Messrs. A. McInnes, J. Westwood, R. McGregor, R. Horne, B. Moore, R. Jardine, J. Richards, J. Bird, R. Lake, A. Jensen, T. Jensen, D. Shearstone, M. Herron, H. Montague, M. Law, J. Bertram, V. Whiteley, J. Henderson, H. Huggard, J. Brown, T. Crick, V. Petrich, C. Peak, S. Kent, F. Hepburn and J. Allison.

Adult Three-Legged: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jensen.

Children's Three-legged, Girls: Gail and Eileen Lake. Boys: John Fredericks and Terry Bird.

Adult Cigarette: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bird.

Lady Pioneers: Grace Kennedy.

Lady Visitors: Susan Huggard.

Pioneers: 1. Max Herron; 2. Joe Bird.

Men Visitors: Arthur Watson.

Throwing the Rolling Pin, Ladies: Edna Currie. Men: Ted Westwood.

Reported by "Monty" Montague

Age	Distance	Place	Girl	Boy
3 years and under	10 yards	1	Patricia Henderson	Philip Warland
		2	Susan Westwood	Ross Jensen
4 to 5 years	20 yards	1	Julie Jensen	Craig Steven
		2	Janice Henderson	Bruce Heggie
6 to 7 years	30 yards	1	Janene Lowe	Russell Kennedy
		2	Julie Greentree	Trevor Currie
8 to 9 years	40 yards	1	Lelia Carroll	Graham Ellis
		2	Helena Hepburn	Philip Crane
10 to 11 years	50 yards	1	Jill McGregor	Raymond Jensen
		2	Jean Brown	John Hepburn
12 to 14 years	75 yards	1	Julie Huggard	Robert Saunders
		2	Susan Currie	Jeff Carroll

Editorial . . .

Firstly, let me congratulate Max Law on his new appointment with his firm, also his honorary life membership with this association, and wish him and family well in their new home in South Australia. His connection with the "News" is well known—originator and editor since the first edition—and my trouble at the moment is to try and keep up to the high standard Max has set.

As a regular attendant to all association functions, my observation is that the association is stronger now than at any time of its existence—the main executive positions, held by Max Herron and Doug Shearston, are in very capable hands, both have things down to business-like systems.

ASSOCIATION ON STRONG FOOTING

It augurs well for this or any other ex-service body for a continued "house full" at committee meetings, and I feel confident in saying that this association of ours would be on as strong a footing as any formation from World War II, and it is up to we members to keep it as such.

In conclusion, I appeal to members, mainly those who are away from the city, to keep in touch with us and inform us of their whereabouts and doings—thus assisting co-editor Max Herron and myself with your "Pioneer News."

Vic Whiteley.

● I would like to join Vic with his congratulations to Max Law. It has been my pleasure to work with Max for the past two years and I am indeed very sorry to see him leave the ranks of our executive. Through this column, I would like to say thanks to Max for a job well done; also, thanks to Max's wife, Joyce, and his mother, for the courteous attention and co-operation given me at all times.

At this juncture I welcome Vic Whiteley to the position of co-editor, and the following brief details of Vic will be of interest to our readers:

Transport Driver in the 2/1; Sergeant of Transport in the Citizen Army; Treasurer of Riverwood Boy Scouts; Treasurer of Rats of Tobruk Association; Member of Welfare, Social and Management Committees, 2/1-2/2 Pioneers; Co-Editor of "Pioneer News."

Members will readily see Vic is a very keen social worker and is also one of the Association's most ardent workers. At every committee meeting, Vic is there with his little black book, making sure every little item is carried out to the benefit of the Association.

To Vic. and his wife (Peg) is a great asset to the editorial staff, for she is a typist, many thanks for accepting the position.

Max Herron

All members are requested to fill in the form on the front page. PLEASE DO IT NOW!!

FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

● We received quite a letter from Mick Bye, 2/2nd—with a nice donation, too. Thanks, Mick. Mick has recently moved into a new house, although same address: "Willoring," Walgett, and mentions seeing Tom Bye and Harry Sullivan during a visit to Bourke; and, closer to home, is in contact with Max Dickens and Bob Molyneux. Have you Harry's address, Mick, as we haven't his name on our mailing list?

● From the west to the north, to acknowledge a letter from Sig. Allan Crute. Allan is a banana grower at Woolgoolga (I still don't know who bends them). Fellow grower, Tom Morrow, is a close neighbour, and Allan is one of a few who passed on information about Charlie Kerr (another "Seal"), who is now a desk johnny on the P.M.G. at Maryborough.

Our Secretary and family are leaving for Queensland on the 20th December, so us "City Slickers" will get some first hand information on the northern doings. Max will no doubt call on Allan en route.

● For anyone travelling on the Harwood ferry—admire the paintwork, and thanks are due to Alex Cameron, the chap who does the job.

● To keep on with the "Sig" Platoon we welcome a letter from Jim Robertson, down at Wentworth. (We will soon have our L. of C. as efficient as our wartime effort from the Sigs.) Jim passes on news of Cyril Moore, Perce Hoyle, Ron Fraser and Jack Walters. As none of these Pioneers are on our list, Jim, could you get their addresses and we will send copies regularly.

● From far away Mount Isa we hear from A.W.U. Union Executive, Tom Welsh—he mentions seeing Phil Cramsey and, not so recently, George Scholes (and back up on the jam, George?) Tom was in Sydney last Christmas, and tried unsuccessfully to contact the Association. However, Tom did contact Jim McDonald and Norm Egan, and through the "News" would very much like to thank Norm for his hospitality during his stay in Sydney. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and with Norm's car and Jim as navigator, Tom was able to take his wife and kiddies to many places they would not have seen otherwise.

● From out west we have news of Cecil (Smokestack) Snudden, 2/2nd, who controls a Mobilgas Service Station—special cut rates to any association member from Sydney or Melbourne. Cec, by the way, is now at Cobar should any member be desirous of accepting his offer. He sends regards to "Tex Morton."

● John Douglas writes from West Wyalong (ex 12 platoon, B Coy. 2/1st) and enclosed was a nice donation towards the "News" expenses. Thanks, John.

● To mention a few other "B" Coy. chaps, we acknowledge receipt of correspondence and donation from Gilbert Dobson, at Tamworth; Vince Petrich, at Seven Hills; and, from other companies, John Thirby, Unanderra; and Geoff Wilson, 2/2nd, West Newcastle.

● We acknowledge and welcome donations with no letters from Pat Noonan, Gilbert Short, Robert Molyneux, George Wood, Bill Henry.

● George Brown writes from not far away Picton and sends regards to Bob Mac and Jack Westwood, and to others of 10 Platoon.

● We have pleasure in including Bernie Daly, Dumaresque Island, via Taree, on the mailing list, information passed on by Don Murray, also of Taree. Another indication of how the list grows—do you know a 2/1st or 2/2nd Dig. who does not receive the "News"?

● An interesting letter from Nev. O'Connor, 2/2nd, who writes from Empire Vale, via Ballina (Phone Ballina 333). He would like to see any Digs. passing through. Nev. is on the Pacific Highway, so location should be easy to find. Enclosed was a local newspaper clipping, which gives a write up on Eddie Weston, Richmond's new Rugby League President, who has spent 30 years as player, coach and administrator in Lismore. Apart from his sporting activities, Eddie has been an alderman on the Lismore City Council for the past two years.

● From Brookvale we hear from Ossie Thew, who has had the misfortune to injure his spine and has been "hors-de-combat" for the past two-and-a-half years. Ossie reckons it is as good as a No. 9 to receive the "News," and asks after Bob Gunner and Charlie Webb.

● From Clarrie Pakes came a welcome donation to the "News," but no letter. Thanks, Clarrie.

● Bill Fleming writes from Mittagong and has hopes of making the November Smoko, and wishes to be remembered to his mates, ex No. 11 Platoon, B Coy.

● Johnnie Dolaghan, of 10 Plt. B Coy., now lives at Manly Vale, and is the proud father of two girls and a boy. Johnnie is a brother-in-law to Bill Fleming. Bill, by the way, has seven little pairs of feet under the table, ranging from one to thirteen years.

● Enclosed in a letter from Herbie Green are addresses of two other Pioneers, Victor Lewis and Cecil Saloway (our livewire Secretary has already forwarded on back numbers of the "News"). Herbie reckons the 27th November cannot come quick enough—he will be at the Smoko for sure.

● From Wally Cop we were handed a nice letter from Mrs. George Bateman, of Bingara. In our September issue we reported George's death, following two years of ill health. Copies of the "Pioneer News" will certainly be forwarded to Mrs. Bateman.

● From Harold Leese comes news of Doug Turner and Norm McEvoy. Doug has a banana plantation at Duranbah, and Norm has the Pioneer Cafe in Woodburn. Both these Digs. have been included in the mailing list.

● Also acknowledged are donations from Walter Roberts "B" Coy. 2/1st, and Ernie Lunn, 2/2nd C Coy. Thanks, Chaps.

FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

● Phil Cramsie, in another of his regular letters, states that while travelling around Queensland recently he met big Pat Laughren (C Coy. 2/1st) in Nambour. Pat has moved from Casino and is doing quite well at the "book-making." Thank you for your subscription, Pat, and your name is now on our mailing list.

In thanking you for the address, Phil, we would remind all readers that we are always on the look out for new addresses, so please remember to ask any ex-Pioneers whom you meet if they are in receipt of the "News." If not, let us have FULL particulars. Both Pat and Phil conveyed best wishes to all their mates.

● Looking forward to a good roll up at the Smoko. Don't forget to get a leave pass for that night.

LAST POST

We are indebted to the "Sydney Morning Herald" for notification of the passing of former members of the 2/1st Pioneers.

KEYES, Edward, October 13, 1959. (Suddenly).

We are indebted to "Reveille" for the following notification of passing.
GRIBBLE, George, NX88956.

● It is with regret we acknowledge a letter from Mrs. J. Nehl, who notified us of the death of her husband, George R. Nehl, who passed away suddenly on 8/9/59. "At the going down of the sun, we will remember them."

ANZAC NEWS

Next year (1960) Anzac Day falls on a Monday, thus making a long weekend, which will not occur as another three-day holiday for a further four years. Now, you country chaps, what about a visit next year. The Association is keen to line up accommodation, so chew it over with mum, and let our Secretary know who will require accommodation. This offer may be somewhat early as yet and will be repeated in our next issue. In the meantime, think it over.

On Anzac Eve, Sunday, 24th April, 1960, the Association will conduct another wreath-laying ceremony—it is now an organised event every year—and we are requesting members to include this ceremony in their Anzac commemoration. On both occasions, we request that MEDALS be worn. If you have not yet received your medals, write straight away to the "Medals Section," Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. We realise there are many whose principles differ and would not write for and/or wear medals, but our personal opinion is that we owe this PRIVILEGE of wearing them to our mates we are remembering and for what they laid down their lives—"we will remember them."

EXTRACT FROM "PIONEER DESPATCH"

Official Organ of the 2/2nd Pioneer Bn. of Victoria

● We hear from South Australia that our old "A" Coy. comrade, Syd Ellis, has been in Dawes Road Repatriation Hospital with his leg in plaster.

● We were pleased to welcome an interstate visitor to our Annual Re-union, L. Armytage, of Strathfield, N.S.W.

● Ted Aitken completed his tour as Military Attache at Bangkok in July, and has been appointed G.S.O. (1) Northern Command, Brisbane.

● If any member is in Melbourne, the Hon. Secretary of the 2/2 Pioneer Bn. Association is F. M. Rossiter, 12 Albion Road, Glen Iris, Phone BL 1371.

IN PASSING . . .

● Jack (up the Tigers) Coates now resides at Ettalong and is a steward at the Woy Woy-Ettalong Memorial Club.

● At the recent State Congress of the R.S.L. it was unanimously voted that it be recommended to the Commonwealth Government that amounts made available for the War Service Homes be increased to £40 million per annum (an increase of £5 million). They also voted to demand that the individual advance be raised from £2,750 to £3,500.

● Jack Norton (ex 5 Platoon) has been carrying on with the good cricket he showed when playing with the battalion team. Now playing with an Eastern Suburbs A Grade team, Jack is considered one of the best fast bowlers in the division.

● Fred Callaway recently met John Harnetty at the Railway Hotel, Albury. John is now an announcer on the radio station at Albury and sends his regards to all the boys.

● On Sunday, November 8, members of the 2/2 Pioneers made a trip to Granville Methodist Church to celebrate Remembrance Sunday with their war-time Padre, Rev. S. G. Claughton. Organised by Jack White, quite a good roll up attended. The idea originated last year, when Padre Claughton was completely surprised by the visit of so many of his "old boys."

● "Locky" Bentley, of Bringagee Sid-ing, recently visited Sydney and contacted the Secretary for information regarding his old mates. He sent best wishes to all his friends, especially Alwyn Black. Locky was originally with the 2/2nds, and after Java went over to the 2/1sts.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY

On Saturday, 14th November, the ladies held a Barbecue Social at the 3rd Mosman Bay Sea Scouts Hall and this function proved to be an outstanding success.

Teenagers and children were provided with TV and radiogram for entertainment, whilst the adults danced and dined.

The new election of officers resulted as follows:

Patron: Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood
President: Mrs. M. McInness.
Vice-President: Mrs. M. Olliffe.
Secretary: Mrs. P. Herron.
Assist. Secretary: Mrs. J. Huggard.
Treasurer: Mrs. L. Westwood.

The Ladies' Auxiliary executive and committee would like to take this opportunity of wishing the association and its members—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NEWS JOTTINGS

By "MONTY" MONTAGUE

MAX LAW, who has been Editor of the "Pioneer News" since its inception, is now in residence in South Australia, having taken up an executive position with his firm.

At a recent Committee Meeting a motion was passed that Max be made an Honorary Life Member and that a certificate be presented to him at the Picnic.

The President spoke of the untiring work Max had put into the Association and how he took on the colossal task of editing our journal, overcoming many obstacles, so that today we are in possession of a newspaper of which every Pioneer is very proud.

In reply, Max stated he was very thrilled by the honour bestowed on him and he was very grateful to the Committee for their fine gesture, also the many people, such as Frank Cheal, who had assisted him both as Secretary and Editor. He said, although he would not be in our midst now, the "Pioneer News" would be eagerly awaited and appreciated.

ALLEN and TED JENSON, and family, were very keen starters in the Car Trial and it seems they are going to attend all our functions, now that they see we are a well-behaved crowd. We were pleased also to see Morrie with you, Ted—maybe we will have to arrange another cricket day.

RAY HORNE and family came to the Picnic after lunch and intended leaving early, but his wife, Betty, was one of those keen Housie players and was very reluctant to leave—nice to see you again, Ray and Betty.

In closing, I would like to point out that the attendance of Pioneers at the Picnic was only fair, and I feel sure we can do better. It costs money, many hours of voluntary labour making the necessary arrangements, meetings, etc., and the least that is expected of every member is to appreciate this work being done for their entertainment, by attending the functions.