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## ANZAC ARRANGEMENTS

As this paper goes to press, there are no official details available of the "form up" place for the Anzac Day march, but we have been told it is almost certain to be the same as last year, that is, near the Mitchell Library in Macquarie Street.

However, it is always advisable to make enquiries at the R.S.L. Information Centre, near the Library.

Last year's muster for the 2/1st and 2/2nd contingent in the march was the best to date and was a tribute to the Committee in their endeavour to bring the members together. Despite this success, the Committee have not rested on their laurels, but have been extremely busy arranging an even better day, and the only reward they ask is a good roll up.

### THREE DAY WEEK-END

A record attendance is expected on account of the three day weekend, for many of the country members have stated they will be attending. Here is our city slickers' chance to see faces they have not seen since 1946.

### ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTRY VISITORS

The Secretary has names and addresses of various Committeemen who are only too willing to accommodate members over this Anzac weekend, so if you are interested, please contact him.

### ANZAC DAY RE-UNION

Immediately after the march we will adjourn to the Sussex Hotel, Sussex Street, where the Licencee will serve a hot meal, and from then on we can assure you a good day—ask those who have attended in recent years.

### ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, 23rd April, at 7.30 p.m., the Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the Rats of Tobruk Hall, 77 Regent Street, Redfern.

### WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On Sunday, 24th April, at 7.30 p.m., the Association will lay wreaths on the Cenotaph on behalf of the two battalions 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 forming up place is outside the Association's office, Rural Bank Building, 19 Hunter Street, Sydney, and the time is 7.10 p.m.

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

**Medals are to be worn at this ceremony and the march.**

—Reported by 'Monty' Montague

## HOSPITALISATION

Elsewhere in this paper you will read how Ern Lunn notified us of Wally Baird entering hospital and we are hoping other members will take up the cause.

This is the only way we know our members are in hospital, and with the newly-formed Ladies' Auxiliary Welfare Section on the job we are counting on you to notify us if you or any members are entering hospital.

Phone or write to the Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Peg Herron, 3 Enoggera Road, Beverly Hills, Phone UL 5491, and let her have particulars.

## PRESENTATION TO MRS. O'MALLEY WOOD

On Thursday, 10th December, the combined executive of the Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary, visited their Patroness, Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood.

The Auxiliary President, Mrs. Mary McInnes, presented a Christmas gift and a sheaf of flowers on behalf of the ladies, and Mr. Allan McInnes, a bottle of whisky from the Association.

Mrs. O'Malley Wood thanked everyone for the gifts and good wishes and said it was indeed a pleasure to be "mother" to such a fine band of 'boys and girls.'

She had fallen and hurt her ankle a few days previously, but was still off to Dubbo that week to be at her grandchild's christening and to spend Christmas with her family.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

The Association's financial year commences on 1st APRIL and ALL subscriptions are due on that date.

Be a financial member and help your Association have a bumper year by sending your subscription NOW.

## 2/2 NEWS JOTTINGS

JIM FARLEY paid a visit to the city while school was in vacation and looks just as young as he did in the army. Congratulations to Jim on his promotion to the position of headmaster at a school in the Wollongong area.

BLUE McCOURT has moved to the Ryde district and it is becoming a very strong Pioneer area — Blue tells us that he lives close handy to Bill Holmes, Jack Henderson, Jack Allison and George Paracoss. Pioneers travelling on the Ryde buses may get a cheap fare as that is where Blue works.

WALLY BAIRD has had a hard battle after an accident which put him on the dangerously ill list for a few weeks at the end of last year, but we understand that Wal is getting close to being 100 per cent. All his friends will remember him as one of the healthiest, fittest and best blokes in the unit.

Wal was thrown from a horse—and all the boys who remember his ability as a rider will realise that he must have been caught unawares—resulting in a fractured collarbone and very serious internal injuries.

Wal was flown from Collarenebri to Ryde Hospital in the city and there an operation was performed. After touch and go for a week or so, Wal turned the corner and good reports were soon handed out, and he is now back home, taking it easy, we hope.

Wal's popularity in the unit was evidenced by the number of his friends who visited him while in hospital. (By the way, Wal's accident made the front page of "The Sunday Herald"). We all hope to see you soon again for another Anzac Day celebration, Wal.

ERN LUNN, of Carinda, notified the Secretary of Wal Baird's accident, consequently the following members visited Wally while he was in hospital: George Paracoss, Bill Holmes, Jack Henderson, Jack Howie, Don Lawson, Gavin Todd, Allan McInnes and Jim Drummond. Thank you, boys, and also many thanks to you, Ern, for your letter.

"SPEED" GORDON has been in Sydney near Warren and was seen at the Zoo recently, but was too busy looking at King Kong to observe his observer.

DES MARTIN, our ex-army Lieut., has written a book on horse racing and it is displayed in the bookshops. I don't know whether Des has any sure ways to pick winners. Congratulations, Des.

# "PIONEER TOURS"

BY VIC WHITELEY

I was greatly disappointed at missing our Bi-annual Smoko, as at the time I was on annual leave with the family and went to Cairns. I hired a car for three days mainly to tour the Atherton Tablelands and visit in length places which would have little interest to a conducted "Pioneer" tour—so thus made my own "Pioneer" tour.

On turning down the dirt road at Kairi I came to an abrupt halt, as it is now part of the Tinaroo Falls Dam, and where the 2/1st were camped is now under water. The water from the dam is to irrigate the area between Kairi and Mareeba, according to information from mine host at Kairi Hotel (which, by the way, WAS OPEN).

Atherton township is much the same, but now has a very imposing brick R.S.L. Hall, and I believe the ex-servicemen in Atherton are a very strong body.

At the very nicely set out Atherton War Cemetery I took a photograph of the headstone of Charles Gilbert's grave, who, at the time of his unfortunate death, was Regimental Quartermaster of the 2/1st. This was the only grave belonging to ex-members of 2/1st or 2/2nd Pioneer Battalions, and to repeat my writing in the visitors' book of this very fine war cemetery, "We will remember them."

There is no trace on the Tablelands that it was ever occupied by divisions of troops—no sign of any huts or barracks, and even descent and ascent of the Gillies Highway presents no problem, as it is now a two-way road.

BY BOB LAKE

On our Christmas holidays my wife and I travelled north per "the safe way," daylight express, N.S.W. Government Railways. On arriving at Coffs Harbour made a bee line for the R.S.L. where I met Slim Holland, and after much twisting of the wrist I was forced to consume a few Graftons. On leaving the club, and picking up Mum where I had left her sitting on a stone fence, we ran into the Wheaton clan down from Dorrigo. Much talk and arrangements were made to pick us up the next day. We were driven to Nambucca for a swim, calling in at the Sawtell R.S.L. just for a look, of course, and although I did not see him, I heard that Speed Gordon is employed there. We spent a pleasant couple of hours at Urunga, where we really gave the Grafton a nudge. On the Wednesday we travelled up to Dorrigo. I telephoned Merv Rees, who immediately downed spuds and into town with his family. Once again a session on the park bench for the wives while we sampled the Dorrigo R.S.L. to quite some extent. On reading this through, I can understand my wife saying that I can go on my own next year! From Dorrigo we telegraphed Syd Jopsen at Port Macquarie and arrived there about 9 p.m. Then a call on Jos Denham at the Club. Spent a couple of nice days at Port, but unfortunately Syd was pretty busy at the bank, so did not see as much

of him as we would have liked. Ready to leave the train at Hornsby coming home, who should tap me on the shoulder but Bill Kelly, en route to Wagga. Bill has been working at the pub in Kendall for two years and did not know that Jopsen was only fifteen miles away. Bill asked after old Gunga, McCullum, and when told he was at Windang remarked "how am I going to get from Windang to Wagga after a snootful or two." That's all I have to report except that my statement earlier still stands. Am looking for recruits for a pilgrimage to Kyogle for a couple of days and working backwards to Sydney. Any starters keep my name in mind.

BY MAX HERRON

JOS ("KING PRAWN") DENHAM was our first Pioneer call in Port Macquarie and Jos was very pleased to show us over the new additions to the R.S.L. Club, which is on a par with any seen in Sydney. On asking Jos why he did not arrive down for Anzac Day as promised, he said Sid Jopsen could best answer that question. So off we went to the Bank.

SID JOPSEN, who is the accountant at the Bank of N.S.W., warmly welcomed us and answered the "burning question." It seems Sid and his wife, Myrtle, asked Jos to come with them on a trip round the country — Jos left home with pyjamas and toothbrush, intending to stay a couple of days and arrived home nearly two weeks later.

BILL MILLER is the manager of the Port Motel in Port Macquarie, and is doing quite well. We can recommend his motel to any Pioneers passing through — no charge for the free plug, Bill.

ALLAN CRUTE, of Woolgoolga, was our next port of call and as Allan was out on his banana plantation when we arrived, his wife, Beulah, and son, Denny, entertained us until Dad arrived home.

Old times and names in the sig. platoon were exchanged over a glass of beer and we then found our sons also had something in common—Scouting. Beulah is Assistant Lady Cubmaster and Allan is treasurer of the Woolgoolga Group, and as my wife is assistant secretary and I am secretary of our Beverly Hills Group, we really overstayed the time we allowed ourselves, but certainly not our welcome. Hope to see you at the Scout Jamboree, Beulah.

From Woolgoolga we travelled through to Brisbane looking over the towns on the Gold Coast but, as we preferred the quietness of N.S.W. (no hard feelings, Queenslanders), we returned to Evans Head.

BILL HOFFMAN was the first Pioneer we met at Evans Head, in fact, I was fishing on the beach and Bill came up to ask how the fish were biting. Imagine our surprise when we recognised one another.

From then on the place livened up, for Bill, being a local (Kyogle, which is Bill's home town is only 60 miles away and Evans Head is their beach resort), introduced us to many people

and enrolled us at the local R.S.L. It was here that we spent New Year's Eve and many thanks, Bill, for a most enjoyable evening. It was here I met Dick Scholes, brother of "Colin."

CECIL BLANCH, of Kyogle, was another Pioneer we met holidaying at Evans Head with his wife and family. Cecil is Vice-President of the Kyogle Scouts and both he and his wife are very keen tennis players. They have three children and Cecil is doing quite well as a mechanic at the local garage. Cec reports brother Ray has moved to Beaudesert.

CYRIL DUNCAN, of Woodenbong, was holidaying there, too, but unfortunately, we missed him by a day. Cyril is a timber feller and has three boys and a girl.

"CLANCY" SCHOLES, of Casino, was next on the visiting list and together with his wife made us most welcome. Clancy has four children and works at the Riverstone Meat Works, Casino. He was particularly sad to hear of the loss of his old mate, Jim Edwards. We would be very pleased to see you and your wife holidaying in Sydney, so don't forget, Clancy.

PETER BELL was the first Pioneer we visited in Kyogle and since being ordered on the water waggon by his doctor has been in better health. After hearing many excellent reports on the good work Peter has been doing visiting boys in hospital, I elected him to the position of Kyogle news reporter, in conjunction with Bill Hoffman.

Thanks, Peter, for your co-operation and hope to see you too in Sydney before very long.

TOBY HALE came up to us while talking to Peter in Kyogle, and he is doing quite well as a painter and decorator.

JIM HALL'S wife was also in our little group outside Junor's Store and said Jim is very well. Daughter, Margo, is still winning many riding events at the shows.

RAY SMITH, who is an auctioneer in Kyogle, was on the job at the sale-yard when we called, but still had time to ask after all his mates. With his wife, son and daughter, Ray had been holidaying at Burleigh Heads.

PETER PRIEST, of Kyogle, was holidaying at Evans Head the day I called, but his wife made me very welcome. She said Peter had been in a motor accident and injured his shoulder, but was on the road to recovery. Peter works for the Shire, and his wife manages a store and service station.

On our way to Kyogle we stopped to look over Casino, and sheltering from the rain on the verandah of the Post Office, who should we meet other than Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT GREEN, of Bondi, awaiting transport to Broadwater, where they were to spend their holidays. It's a small world, isn't it?

All members asked after many of the boys and wished to be remembered to one and all. I would like to heartily thank them all once again for the very cordial welcome given to my wife and myself. We had an excellent holiday and our Pioneer mailing list increased by fifteen new members, so our trip was more than successful.

# 1959 SMOKO SUCCESS

On Friday, 27th November, the Association held its Bi-Annual Smoko and once again it proved to be an outstanding success with an attendance of eighty-five members.

The new Licencee, Len Buchanan, and his staff, went to no end of trouble to assist the Social Secretary, Jack Westwood, and his Committee, in giving all members an excellent night.

If you did not attend you missed a good night—make sure of the next one by marking it down on your list of the year's events — Friday, 25th November, 1960.

To describe the night we will use the words of VINCE CHRISTENSEN—"the beer was excellent, the service was colossal, and the food was scrumptious, the Licencee a perfect host—so let us have more of these nights."

## RE-UNION JOTTINGS

By Reporters Alf Carter, Bob McGregor and Jack Henderson

The Committee of this Association would like to thank those members who turned up to the smoko. It is gratifying, and worth the effort, when members turn up in such numbers and carry the night through so enthusiastically.

Among those present were Allan McInnes, Jack Westwood, Gordon Walsh, Porky Graham, Gordon Finlay, George Nicholls, Jack Lloyd and Doug Painter. GENTLEMEN, the pleasure of your company was only exceeded by your thanks and appreciation for a good night spent by all.

Austie Ronan, Bert Moore, Peter Craig, Ray Hill and Charlie Johnson, all Don Coy. 2/1 fellers, were observed in a little tight group, discussing something very earnestly. No doubt recalling the old days at Milne Bay.

Jack Collis, Jock Copland, Eric Guthrie and Jack Brown were having a good old session and mentioned that Harry Olde, B Coy., 2/1, is at present recovering from a very severe illness.

Vince Christensen, B Coy., 2/1, now on the outdoor staff of the Gladesville Hospital, passed the word that he often sees Nev Schaffer and Tommy Sleeman and that George McFarlane, who could not get along, says hello to all B Coy. fellows.

In another group, Len Weyman and Sid Kent, of B Coy., were "knocking 'em over" with Jim Hatfield, Noel Schomberg and Jack Richards, all H.Q. Coy., and enjoying every minute of it.

"Casey" Brown, A Coy., had Danny Sprouster, A Coy., "Snowy" Hemmings, C Coy., "Hoot" Gibson, C Coy., and Jimmy Taylor, B Coy., bailed up in a corner and wasn't he giving them the works. Nobody knows whether he was talking about golf or just making a noise (but Danny says he wasn't near the bar counter).

By the way, "Snowy" Hemmings is now the proud father of two sons and four daughters. Not bad, "Snowy," not bad at all.

"Snowy" Jardine, Gordon Walsh and Bobby Lake were having a few noggins together and guess who had the floor. Poor old "Snowy" had to do a lot of listening.

Tom Crossman, Jack Hyde, Gordon Finlay, all A Coy., 2/1, with Porky Graham, C Coy., and Vince Christensen, B Coy., were sinking them steadily, laughing and talking happily of the good old days.

We were pleased to see Tom Crossman along and although we know you have been very busy, we have really missed you, Tom. How about bringing Bert Holmes along with you next time?

Max Herron, Dough Shearston and Joe Olliffe had a busy night, as usual. A special thank you, Doug, they certainly kept you on the go all night, and we would like you to know your efforts are very much appreciated.

Ever-popular, well-known personality Clarrie Pakes, B Coy., 2/1, was another present and seen enjoying himself with Joey White, Dick Lewis, Bluey Walsh and Tommy Cribb. Always with a laugh and a cheery word, Clarrie would be sorely missed if he failed to attend these functions.

Bob McGregor and Bluey Walsh did a mighty job selling those guessing competition tickets for the Committee, and we would like to heartily thank you.

"Nip" Kersley, A Coy., 2/1, and his two cousins, Bill and Ron Turner, were down from Ourimbah, and enjoyed the night. Nip sends best wishes to all of his mates, and says the farming business is going along fine. Incidentally, Ron Turner, with ticket E89, won the liquid refreshment. Congratulations, Ron.

"Taffy" Lawrence, H.Q., 2/1, and son Des, thought it a fine night, as did Jim Evans, Don Coy., 2/1. All agreed there should be more of them. Thanks a lot, boys.

It was gratifying to see an excellent roll up of 2/2nds in the form of G. Paricoss, S. Dodd, T. Christian, D. Lawson, N. Dalla, T. Dowd, A. McInnes, J. Howie, R. Kennewell, B. Dixon, C. Stanley, W. Coe and J. Henderson.

George Nicholls, A Coy., 2/1, now of North Sydney, has left the wool people, Grazcos, and bought a bread run at Jannali. All the boys of the 2/1-2/2 wish you all the luck in the world, George, and glad you had a good time.

Porky Graham, C Coy 2/1st, now a property owner with a couple of nice businesses at Strathfield, and doing well, too. Good luck to you, Porky, from all the boys. By the way, Porky often sees "Salty" Edwards, known to all Desert Rats.

Gordon Finlay, A Coy 2/1st, now doing quite nicely with Clyde Batteries, sends a cheerio to all A Coy fellows.

The following members also appeared to be enjoying themselves: R. Bounds, W. Arthur, E. Kirkwood, R. Miller, G. Butler, Keith Westwood (brother of Jack), J. Barker, R. Wilson, K. Holland, R. Lester, L. Gayden, A. Brown, McQuillan, K. Holmes, T. Pendlebury, S. Britton, G. Woods, G. Edman, P. Gator, H. Allen, J. Doran, J. Robinson, D. Bush, P. Slatter and H. Greenwood.

## IN PASSING . . .

From the mail bag we "city slickers" hear news of the country chaps, and to reverse the procedure I propose in every issue to pass on minor information concerning various personalities from our "town."

Bert Moore, "D" Coy 2/1st is well and about again after a spell in hospital. Bert has for many years been a committeeman of this Association—a real stalwart, and we appreciate having men of his calibre to carry on.

Sid Kent, H.Q. 2/1st, lives in his own home at Villawood. Sid never misses a Pioneer show and has a great deal of his time taken up as Secretary of the Rats of Tobruk Association.

Jim Field, H.Q. 2/2nd, is one whose advice and help is always welcome at committee meetings. Jim has a lovely home at Fairfield and is employed in the sales department of one of our large chain stores in the capacity of manager.

Eric Guthrie, "A" Coy. and R.A.P. 2/1st, lives at Chester Hill and is employed as a clerk by a paint firm. Eric studies hard to improve his position and shows keen interest in helping with the running of this Association.

Charlie Johnson, Don Coy. 2/1st, nowadays runs his own carrying business, with a very fine fleet of trucks. Business is brisk and things are going along well, says Charlie. Good luck and continued prosperity is the wish of all the boys.

Dick Lewis, B Coy 2/1st, also of East Sydney, ex-jackero, jack-of-all-trades, is now a spray gunner with Lysaghts, and a good one, too, says Dicky. Will spray anything to prove it. We believe you, Dick, for you certainly get around.

Congratulations to Wally Page on winning second prize in a recent lottery. Here's hoping to see you at the picnic on Sunday, 25th September, have missed you at our functions lately, Wal.

Ken Stuart sent along a nice donation to the News and some complimentary remarks for all who keep up the good work. Ken mentions that while in the U.S.A. recently at an airline conference (he is with Qantas), the Americans were quite interested in his Rats of Tobruk badge, but although the airline hostess on Eastern Airlines was intrigued by the "Rats" part, had never heard of Tobruk. Thanks again, Ken, for your praise. It makes the job worth while.

We were very pleased to hear again from Mrs. Jean Bateman (George's widow), of Bingara. She had been to Sydney recently with her son, Grahame, who has to return in May for an operation. Do hope everything goes well with you, Mrs. Bateman, we will be looking forward to hearing from you again. Good luck, Grahame.

Jack Westwood received a very welcome phone call from Snow Vickery, who is now a stock inspector and resides at Goulburn. (Snow, as most old B Coy. boys will recall, was Sgt. of 9 Pltn.). Your name has been placed on the mailing list for the "News," Snow, and we hope you can make Sydney for Anzac Day. Best wishes to your wife and family.

## FROM THE MAILBAG...

● From Ken Collier, 2/1st, we welcome a letter and donation. Your address, Ken, was given us by Ray Hilliard, of Kingsgrove, Sydney, who had himself been in touch with the local R.S.L., and the information concerning this Association was finally located in "Reveille." The committee's decision to advertise in and subscribe to "Reveille" has been well placed, this is one instance of two new members not forgetting the information our Secretary ferrets out of this publication. Ken is Senior Fireman with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station as Essendon, Victoria, and Ken and wife are proud parents of four children.

● Two letters from Ernie Dive (A Coy 2/1)—long time no see, Ernie, but we are pleased you contacted us again. Glad the back numbers of the "News" arrived. Ern has been out of touch with the boys for some time, and was glad to be back on the mailing list again. Hope you were able to make that trip to Victoria, Ern.

● No letters from the following members, but we welcome their interest in forwarding donations: George Edman, C Coy 2/1st; William Stewart, A Coy 2/1st; Joe Hepburn, C Coy 2/2nd; Jack Williams, H.Q. 2/2nd; Les Gavel, B Coy 2/1st.

● From Toukley we received a nice letter from building contractor Len Hope. Len was a D Coy 2/2nd member and an active member of the Association until 1953, when he moved from Sydney. However, his interest in the Association apparently has not waned and if letterheads are any guide, Len must be a busy man.

● Back to Sydney to give news of Eric Face, D Coy 2/1st (or at least Eric gave us news)—a letter well written, Eric.

Eric mentions of Brickly Wall as a patrol mate in Tobruk; of Ted Cox playing on the opposing side at football on the Tablelands; and of George Nichols playing football covered in grey black dust in the heat of Moresby.

It is indeed a happy few minutes to read and hear of those names once so familiar—and to add to your remarks, Eric, that is the finest quality this "news" possesses. Surely we will never forget those staunch mates and their friendship.

Eric has been busy helping prepare a camp at Loftus, to be opened in April by the Governor, and is to take up permanent residence as camp warden.

Thanks for your remarks concerning the committee, Eric.

● Down south again, to Timboon, Victoria, with news of Arthur Hanson, M.M., 3 Platoon H.Q. 2/2nd. Arthur mentions seeing Bill Gladman and Porky Jewell, who are farming close hand, and Nigger (Witch Doctor) Milne carrying a medical bag at a football final.

Now, Arthur, these three digs already mentioned, together with Cliff Preston and Tom Bowers, are not on

our mailing list, so, having supplied the names, it is up to you to pass on their addresses.

Arthur has recently had a holiday trip to New Guinea and New Britain, visiting Lae, Rabaul, Moresby, etc., and reckons they are far more civilised places now than during his war-time visit. (That would be the under-statement of the year!)

Arthur passes on his report of visits to the various war cemeteries and says how our fellow diggers' last places of rest are so beautifully kept, and, although a long way from home, they are not forgotten or neglected.

With hopes of seeing Bill Hood, Mocker Pittman and Dusty Fensom at Sydney on Anzac Day, Arthur closes his letter. Don't forget those addresses please, Arthur, and this is a good time for a reminder to all of our wreath-laying ceremony on Anzac eve. For preference we request medals to be worn.

● From Griffith we receive word (and donation, thanks) from D'arcy Lewis, B Coy 2/1st. Darcy wrote on receiving his first "Pioneer News," passed on to him by Mick Roberts and Phil Mahy. Darcy is head station assistant at Griffith goods shed and, as now he has taken up permanent residence in Griffith, would welcome a visit from any chaps in or visiting the area.

Frank Hallam is a local town "Pioneer," and a partner in Gamble, Hallam and Edwards, Engineers, and D'arcy also reports on Andy Collins as having an administration position at the Captains Flat Mines and "doing very well."

In concluding, D'arcy has an idea to call a meeting of Pioneers in the area and looks like becoming our Griffith reporter, as he intends getting busy to make sure all are receiving the "News." (Max Herron has offered to assist by supplying addresses of those he has on the mailing list in the area.)

● We acknowledge a letter and donation from Merv. Rees, H.Q. 2/1st, of Dorrigo. Merv. forwards on news of ex-Lieut. Brian Smallhorn, 15 Platoon, C Coy, who now resides at Armidale and is employed as a wool buyer for Thos. Green & Co. Also, Merv. sends news and address of Charlie Wilby, who is wheat growing at Moree. (It didn't seem right not having your address, Charlie, as you have been down for an Anzac Day). However, our Secretary informs me he will forward on back numbers of the "News," as well as include the addresses on the mailing list.

Merv's letter also included an interesting account of a trip to Ather-ton, Wondecla, Lake Eacham, Herber-ton, etc., which he did on his holidays recently by car and caravan. Travelling over the old haunts of the Tablelands, Merv. gives news of the camps and places so well known to all Pioneers. He spent a fortnight at Trinity Beach—but the only invasion tactics were carried out at the R.S.L. Club. A quick trip up the coast to Port Douglas and Mossman concluded his stay there.

On the way home, Merv. called into Maryborough and saw Charlie Kerr. On

## LADIES' AUXILIARY BARBECUE

Reported by "Monty" Montague

On Saturday, 14th November, our Ladies' Auxiliary held their first barbecue at the Mosman Bay Sea Scouts Hall, and despite the weather, the attendance was good.

The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion and on entering, members, families and friends were welcomed by their Secretary, Mrs. Herron, who gave all identity cards to serve as introductions, ably assisted by Mrs. Westwood. The President, Mrs. McInnes, and Committee members, Mesdames Olliffe, Montague, Bertram, Sweeny and Hill then served piping hot steaks, sausages, buttered rolls, salad and tea.

Television was provided for the children, dancing for the adults, and some of the members went out on to the lawn where many old Digger songs were sung, accompanied by Bruce Calaway (the brother of Fred) on his guitar.

### PIONEER BOYS' CHOIR

Naturally Queen Faryda came up for a good airing, but some of the words which we used to voice were omitted. This unrehearsed act was tremendously appreciated and the "Pioneer Boys' Choir," under the baton of their choir-master, Jack Westwood, certainly gave a first-class account of themselves.

However, the President and Committee of our Auxiliary are to be congratulated on their evening and it is hoped they will put on a repeat performance in the near future.

To Vic Whiteley, Bob Lake and Allan McInnes, the cooks who did a splendid job in grilling steaks and sausages for hours, many thanks for your help. I can assure you the ladies appreciated your assistance.

Editor's Note: According to "Monty" we reported this function too vaguely in the last issue, and being one of our energetic reporters we just couldn't refuse his full length news.

## LAST POST

We are indebted to "Reveille" for the following information regarding former members:

### November:

NX31755 Dvr. L. F. McWilliams, 2/1.  
NX59879 L/Cpl. G. McCarroll, 2/2.

### December:

NX26008 Pte. J. Clarke, 2/1.

### January, 1960:

NX57134 Pte. A. M. Stewart, 2/1.

### February, 1960:

NX18431 Pte. E. D. Pendlebury, 2/1.  
NX31379 Pte. B. A. Wilcher, 2/1.

The committee and all members of the Association will hear with deep regret of the sad loss to Mick Punton, Mortar Platoon 2/1, and family, of their second eldest son, who passed away at two years of age. Please accept our sincere sympathy, Mick.

returning to Dorrigo, knocked up, it took many hours and many beers to finally give Fred Wheaton all the news. Merv., in conclusion sends his best wishes to all the boys, especially all the lads from 5 Platoon H.Q. Coy.

Thanks for your mighty effort, Merv. We hope others will write us of their holidays and old mates seen on their travels.

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## ANZAC MARCH, 1960

More than 200,000 people in streets and many hundred thousands more before TV screens, watched Sydney's 1960 Anzac Day march.

The march was held in perfect autumn weather with the sun shining brightly and not one cloud in the sky.

About 30,000 ex-servicemen and women, representing Australia's record in the South African War, the two World Wars and the Korean and Malayan Campaigns, took part in the march.

At their separate assembly points there were two hundred and eighty 2/1sts and ninety-five 2/2nds.

### LEADERS OF THE MARCH

Col. Norm. Neal led the 2/1, but after passing the Cenotaph handed over to Major John Gilchrist. The 2/1 banner was firstly in the capable hands of Committeeman Ivor Garnon, then Jack Westwood (Social Secretary), and both these boys kept the step in an excellent manner.

Padre Claughton led the 2/2nds and the boys were indeed very thrilled to have him as their leader, for the Padre did a wonderful lot of good for the battalion in the war years. It was also very pleasing to see Padre Steele in the ranks. The 2/2 banner was in the capable hands of their stalwart, Jim Field.

On passing the flower bedecked Cenotaph, the boys saluted in honour of our fallen comrades, and afterwards many a word of praise was heard for the two excellent wreaths which were in a very prominent position.

### STAYERS — ONE AND ALL

Before commencing the march, Jack Westwood addressed all members, asking them to stay in the march right to

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## CEREMONY AT CENOTAPH

On Sunday, 24th April, a representative gathering of members of both battalions marched from Hunter Street to the Cenotaph for our annual wreath laying ceremony.

On arrival at the Cenotaph, two wreaths, each in the form of the colour patches of the two battalions, were laid; the 2/1st by Soc. Sec. Mr. J. Westwood, and the 2/2nd by our President, Mr. A. J. McInnes. The President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. M. McInnes, also laid a lovely wreath on behalf of her members.

After the wreaths had been laid and the "Ode" spoken, our bugler sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille." Having paid our respects we marched off, satisfied that our vow "We will remember them" is still being honoured.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY IN ATTENDANCE

It was a short, most impressive, and well organised ceremony. To see so many of our old pals on parade was a pleasure, also the attendance of so many members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. This was the first occasion on which they have joined us, and all Pioneers present expressed their thanks and appreciation for their co-operation and hope they will continue to join us in future years.

—“Monty” Montague

This photograph of the Cenotaph was taken shortly after the Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary had placed their wreaths. These can be seen in the bottom left corner, the wreath of the 2/2 Bn. being slightly obscured by the ladder.

Photograph by courtesy of "Sydney Morning Herald"



# 2/1 ANZAC RE-UNION AT THE SUSSEX HOTEL

After the march a Re-union was held by the 2/1st at the Sussex Hotel and here the Committee had arranged for the members to enter early and be served with a good meal.

The cost of the meal at £33, which was borne by the Association, was indeed a credit to the new licensee, Mr. Len Buchanan, and his staff, and to them we say a hearty thank you for a job well done.

Prior to the march, Jack Westwood, our Social Secretary, handed everyone an invitation card to the Sussex and they certainly rolled up in force.

## QUARTER-MASTER LAKE ON THE JOB

At the hotel entrance, Bob Lake acted as Quarter-master and arranged for everyone to have a meal and generally kept the dining-room in an orderly condition.

Even after the bar opened there were quite a few late comers, but they still had their dinner first—then, of course, it was on for young and old.

The illness of our "dear mother," Mrs. O'Malley Wood cast a damper over the gathering and although she was many miles away at Dubbo, the boys charged their glasses and drank a toast to her.

## THANKS TO EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

Towards the end of a grand day, the Licensee called the Association Executive into conference and thanked them for their co-operation. He stated the members had been perfect gentlemen and it was a pleasure to serve them.

"On behalf of all members present, Messrs. Gordon Walsh, Pasha Jackson, George Sheehan and John Flood expressed thanks to the Executive and Committee for their untiring efforts in making the day a most successful one.

—Reported by H. Montague

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the finish. It was indeed very pleasing to see everyone followed his advice and followed him the full distance.

## AFTER THE MARCH

The next forming up place was the Sussex Hotel for the 2/1 and the usual hall at St. Peters for the 2/2 (details of which are published elsewhere) and at both places it was very gratifying to look around and see the many new faces, for our country visitors really came "en masse," and we hope each Anzac Day will bring more and more new faces.

## IN SUMMING UP

No doubt, to people who have not the spirit of Anzac, it may appear that we re-unite on this, our day of remembrance, solely to drink and be merry, but if these same people were to see the gentlemanly behaviour of our boys at the end of the day, they would know that the thought uppermost in every ex-soldier's mind is . . .

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

## 2/1st ANZAC DAY JOTTINGS

(Reported by Alf Carter)

From our newshound, Alf Carter, comes very interesting news of the Pioneers we know and knew . . . the way Alf writes up his notes, shows he is like a bloodhound — on the beam. Pioneers are his very own interest and he is certainly a wizard at gathering in any idle money.

WALLY PAGE, ex B Coy., is now a foreman cleaner at the Bank of New South Wales. Wally would like to send a cheerio call to all his friends, and reckons he had a grand day.

JOHN FLOOD, GORDON WALSH, "PASHA" JACKSON and GEORGE SHEEHAN were made most welcome and the boys would like to see more of their number at our functions.

ALEX "DADA" MCCALLUM was up from the South Coast for the big occasion and had a wonderful day. Mac works at the Steel Works, and often meets "Strawb" Dale, "Nobby" Cooper and Jack Hemi.

A. MURPHY, H.Q., H. ALLEN, A Coy., J. WINDBANK, A Coy, were talking of old times; while in another section were Casey Brown, Mick Punton, Bill Tasker and Jack Glover—talking of golf, no doubt.

BERT MOORE, D Coy, and popular committee man, was present with a couple of visiting friends—Ted Lawrence (14th Ack-ack) and Vince Mears, of the 9th Div. They were loud in their praise of the grand day.

ERNIE HAYDEN, B Coy, is a permanent army man (20 years' service) and was over from Adelaide to attend his first reunion. Ernie had difficulty in remembering names, but was pleased to make acquaintances once again with his mates. Ern. brings good tidings and best wishes from Brian Allmond, B Coy, and Max Law. Brother, Jack Hayden, is now located at Orange, conducting a service station, and still interested in army matters.

JIM GRAY, D Coy, came up to the Executive and thanked them for a terrific day. Recently we saw Jim's photo in the Red Cross newspaper, making his 40th donation of blood to the bank. Jim has now completed his 50th donation of blood. Congratulations, Jim, and we do appreciate your kind thoughts on our behalf.

KEN STUART was moving from group to group, conversing with all the boys. Ken mentioned he was flying to France that week to attend a data conference on equipment for his firm, Qantas.

CLARRIE PIKE, Junior, approached Albert Barton, committeeman, at the march and was immediately enrolled as a member. We were immensely proud of your late father, Clarrie, and the same feeling is extended to you for your gesture in marching in your father's place.

DICK GOLDRICK at the piano in the top bar, did a terrific job entertaining the boys with a bracket of songs from the war years. Bluey Walsh compered the show and the members were indeed very grateful to these two lads.

• ARNOLD VEARING (B Coy.) was down from Goulburn. Arnold has spent intervening years in the permanent army and is now due for discharge following on which he will return to Goulburn. Arnold has been co-opted on to the Committee and intends rounding up all Pioneers in the area. For a country smoko, he recommended Griffith and hopes we can arrange one here.

• The Lower Bar at the Sussex comprised some A Coy.—Uncle Kerr, Tich Turnbull, Joe Roberts, Snowy Keeble, Ned Calderwood, George Windybank and Harry Allen, all of whom were batting steady and talk was not only of current affairs.

• "Things that happened in faraway lands" was the topic of conversation of Frank Gillian, Tom Crossman, Jack Hyde, Bill Tasker, Brian Kybert and Bert Holmes, and many were the happy laughs as Alf Carter passed by to gather news from Bob Lake, Joe Bird, Jim Butler, Ron Sinclair, Mick Dodson and Joe Taylor—football was the topic—and elbow bending was the exercise . . . and of course, Lakey was the speaker.

• Another group who proved that time has not impaired their ability to talk and drink comprised "Bull Green, Charlie O'Neill, Norm Chant, George Stafford and Ernie Hayden. Ray Horne, Allan Stutchbury, Wally Page, Gordon Walsh and George Sheehan had a little corner to themselves and Gordon, the Prince of Storytellers, had them vastly amused.

## CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

Members of this association are invited to submit letters, constructive criticism or news for publication in "Pioneer News."

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR PAPER,  
YOUR VOICE!  
USE IT!!

## ART UNION

Books are due on 22nd July, 1960. Please assist by sending in your book

**NOW!**

## Co-Editor's Report

On Anzac Day we honour and march for our mates who are no longer with us . . . to perpetuate and honour our memory of them . . . and so another Anzac Day has come and gone.

So far as our Association is concerned, you will agree with me that it was as successful as ever.

It was most gratifying to note the strong support given by members, both by their services and their attendance. Might I express thanks, firstly to all members who turned out, and secondly, to Alf Carter, Max Herron, Doug Shearston, Jack Westwood, Jack Henderson, Bob Lake and Committee members who helped make the day so successful.

To our members who were sick and were unable to attend I offer regret with an added command of "get well," and trust you will be with us next year.

As part two of this report I wish to join with the State Council of the R.S.L. and other ex-service organisations in voicing protest against the University students' continued misbehaviour in the Cenotaph area and also the references in April's "Honi Soit" to ex-service personnel and Anzac Day.

The Chancellor of the University said he "regretted extremely" the Anzac attack . . . nevertheless there was no direct apology and any further utterances or actions against ex-servicemen from this (or any other quarter) merit stronger individual and collective protests.

—Vic Whiteley

## Country and Interstate Committee Members

At the Annual Meeting of the Association held on 23rd April, because of the many keen country and interstate members, I suggested it would be an excellent idea to have these members represented on the Association Committee.

Consequently, Mr. Peter Bell, of Kyogle, was elected as Vice-President at this meeting, because of his keen interest in this Association and soldiers in hospital in his area.

I realise that these members would seldom be able to attend committee meetings, but would probably be pleased to represent and work for their particular area in the country.

### REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

I would welcome any comments from country and interstate members on this idea. We would especially welcome any volunteers to be representatives.

As Max Herron, the Secretary, is a busy man with the art union, I have asked his permission for you to address your letters on this matter to me.

I will see that your views are expressed at a subsequent meeting.

DOUG. SHEARSTON,  
Hon. Treasurer,  
24 Tarilli Street,  
Beverly Hills.

## 2/2 REUNION AT ST. PETERS

After the march a Re-union was held by the 2/2nd at the usual hall in St. Peters and here Dick Kennewell and his helpers did the customary work and had everything prepared for a super day.

Everyone was unanimous in their praise of the organisation put into this great function.

Padre Claughton, on behalf of the boys, made a presentation to Dick Kennewell, in appreciation of his work over many Anzac Days. Up to date, no Pioneer had ever seen Dick stuck for words, but the presentation was such a surprise to him, it took quite a while too for him to respond. As usual, Dick came good with the right words.

### VISITORS WELL TO THE FORE

Country and interstate visitors were as follow: Jack Morgan (Adelaide); Col Shea (Melbourne); Nev O'Connor (Ballina); Harry Sullivan (Dubbo); Stan Sullivan (Dubbo); Jim Commins (Spring Hill); "Speed" Gordon (Warren); Arthur Kelly (Temora); Bill Hood (Port Kembla).

Later in the afternoon, quite a few of our boys visited the 2/1 boys at the Sussex and we were made very welcome. It was here that we finished the day in a most enjoyable manner.

### 2/2nd NEWS JOTTINGS

(Reported by Allan McInnes)

• WAL BEARD has had another visit to Ryde Hospital, but not nearly as serious as last time. We understand this was mainly a check up and he has gone home again. We all hope Wall has no need for further hospitalisation.

• HARRY HUGGARD was visiting "Normanhurst," a private hospital at Ashfield recently, and met Frank Aryden (C Coy., 2/1), who wanted to hear the news from the Pioneers and asked to be enrolled with the Association. Frank sends regards to all his mates. Thank you, Harry.

• ROBBIE missed out when the chocolate was unwrapped in Martin Place on Anzac Eve—the boys are wondering why!!

• PAT EGAN has migrated to Sydney from Canberra—must have been too cold in the winter for Pat.

• DICK WAKELEY has taken up a new appointment with his firm, Bergers Paint Coy. Dick has been transferred from Newcastle as Metropolitan Sales Manager.

With Jim Drummond as Advertising Manager for British Paints it will confuse Pioneers as to which brand to use and maybe if we get both their sides, we will paint with Taubman's.

• KEITH "Clackers" CLARKE (H.Q. Coy, 2/2), of Melbourne, was recently sent to Brisbane for a bone graft operation on his leg. Keith is a bricklayer by trade, but because of his bad leg, has had to give up his trade and put his hands to other jobs. Keith paid Allan McInnes a visit and Mac was able to

give him addresses and news of the boys. Keith has now settled in Sydney.

• JACK HENDERSON, as in past years, carried out the thankless task of collecting subscriptions for the Association, at the march and then later at St. Peters. Jack is a very ardent Committeeman and is doing a terrific job for he is on the Welfare Committee, the "Pioneer News" Wrapping Committee, the Social Committee and the Art Union Committee. So all told, Jack is holding his own as a 2/2 on the Association. Thank you, Jack, for a job well done, and we are very grateful for your interest on our behalf.

• All members were very sorry to hear of the passing of Jack Laurie, who had been in Concord Repat. Hospital after a long illness. Jack was Sergeant of the Intelligence Section and, therefore, was known to all members for his wonderful fellowship and his adaptability in doing a good job. To his relatives we extend our deep sympathy. Our President, Mr. A. McInnes, attended the funeral and laid a wreath on behalf of the Association.

## R.O.T.A.

The above initials stand for Rats of Tobruk Association, and any member who served in Tobruk during World War II can join this worthwhile association by writing to the Secretary, R.O.T.A., c/o Memorial Hall, 77 Regent Street, Redfern, Sydney.

Membership fee is only 15/- per annum, which entitles members to amenities supplied in their clubrooms, Regent Street, Redfern, and the receipt of their monthly journal, R.O.T.A.

Co-Editor, Vic Whiteley, is the Treasurer of R.O.T.A., so you can be rest assured your money will be in good hands.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

The Social Secretary, Mr. Jack Westwood, is investigating the possibility of holding the Annual Picnic at Kurnell.

One thing is definite, and that is the date—Sunday, 25th September. So make a note of it and make sure you are there in force.

The committee has decided to forego the car trial aspect.

Full details as to place and times will be given in the next issue.

## VALE: MRS. LILLA O'MALLEY WOOD

Members of the Pioneer Association will be grieved to hear of the death on 20th May last, of our Patroness, Mrs. O'Malley Wood. With her death we have lost a very dear friend, and her country a great Australian lady.



This is how every Pioneer will remember our beloved "Mother"—smiling, gay and a kind word for everyone. Photo taken at the 1958 Re-union, with some of her "boys."

Before the funeral left for the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, a service was held at St. Mark's, Darling Point.

The number of "boys" who attended to pay their respects would have made her very happy.

When the 2/1 Pioneer Battalion was formed early in 1940, Mrs. O'Malley Wood kindly consented to organise the Comforts Fund for the unit, and later the 2/2, being closely associated, was taken into the fold.

### FOREVER IN HER DEBT!

Her drive, enthusiasm and organisation of such a capable and hard working committee, made the Comforts Fund such a success.

We are greatly indebted to her for the moral support while the members were overseas, knowing that the families at home had a friend looking after those in need, and her sympathetic approach to those suffering.

Since the war ended, Mrs. O'Malley Wood has been the Patroness of our Association, always being ready to help in any way. She had a marvellous capacity for work, being the President of the Feminist Club, and the President of the Australian Women's Movement.

She endeared herself to all who became associated with her, especially her "boys."

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her family in their sad loss.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary was shocked to hear of the passing of its beloved Patroness, Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood. We had been in constant touch with her daughter and "get well" cards had been sent from the Auxiliary.

Colonel Geoff Graham passed on the sad news to us and we are grateful to him for his kind thoughts in notifying us.

The Executive and several of the Committee members attended the funeral at St. Mark's, Darling Point, and a wreath was sent on our behalf.

To her daughter, son and their families, we extend our very deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

RAY GRIGGS (2/1) was visited in hospital with a gift of cigarettes and books. A week later the hospital notified us of his passing, and we were able to arrange for Padre McIlveen to present a wreath on our behalf.

Mrs. BETTY HORNE, wife of Ray Horne (2/1) was also visited in Sydney Hospital, and we are pleased to report that she is now well on the road to recovery.

BOB "Baldy" BALDWIN (2/1) was visited at his home, and appreciated the visit, and a small parcel from the Auxiliary.

JACK LAURIE (2/2) passed away after a long illness in Concord Hospital, but visitors were not allowed. The President of the parent body attended the funeral, also on our behalf.

JOCK FERGUSON (2/1) was visited in hospital and was looking forward to seeing us again. He thanked the Ladies' Auxiliary for the gift of cigarettes and sweets.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Auxiliary was held on Friday, 24th June, 1960, in the Board Room of the R.S.L. Club. Our thanks to Association President, Mr. A. McInnes, Secretary, Mr. M. Herron and to Mr. J. Olliffe for their attendance and help.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. M. McInnes; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. M. Olliffe; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Montague; Secretary, Mrs. P. Herron; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. J. Huggard; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Westwood.

These ladies, together with Mesdames D. Sweeney, D. Hammond, E. Dodd, I. Hill and J. Bertram, form the Welfare Section.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

The Association's financial year commences on 1st APRIL and ALL subscriptions are due on that date.

Be a financial member and help your Association have a bumper year by sending your subscription NOW!

### "PIONEER NEWS"

"Pioneer News" will be published in the months of September and November. Copy must be at the Editors five weeks prior to the first of these months.

## ART UNION

Books are due on 22nd July, 1960. Please assist by sending in your book

## NOW!

### ADDITIONAL ART UNION BOOKS

The following members have requested further art union books and we would like to thank them heartily.

The figure in brackets denotes number of books called for:

Messrs. D. Austin (2), R. Lee (1), T. Dolling (10), D. Lewis (1), J. Marshall (2), J. Bye (1), H. E. Riley (5), B. Reiners (1), J. Williams (4), J. Olliffe (6), I. J. Garnon (2), A. Ronan (1), G. Edman (2), N. Woodham (1), A. McInnes (2), V. Whiteley (1), R. Lake (1), J. Henderson (1).

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the Rats of Tobruk Hall, Redfern, on Saturday, 23rd April, 1960.

The meeting was chaired by the President, Mr. A. McInnes, and 24 members were in attendance.

The President thanks the Executive and Committee for the wonderful work they had done over the past twelve months.

After the President gave his report we heard reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and Social Secretary, and the members were unanimous in the praise of these comprehensive reports, and stated the affairs of the Association were in very capable hands.

### OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1960-61

The following are your officers for the ensuing year:—

President: Allan McInnes.

Vice-Presidents: Bob McGregor and Peter Bell.

Secretary: Max Herron.

Social Secretary: Jack Westwood.

Treasurer: Doug Shearston.

Joint Editors: Vic. Whiteley and Max Herron.

Publicity Officer: "Monty" Montague.  
Auditor: Arthur Watson.

Pioneer News Reporters: 2/1st, Alf Carter; Joe Olliffe, Bob McGregor; 2/2nds, Allan McInnes, Jim Field and Jack Henderson; Hon. Advisers, Geoff Graham, Tom Crossman and Frank Allen.

To the following new Committee Members, we extend a very hearty welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the future committee meetings, dates of which are published elsewhere in this issue:—

Messrs. P. Craig, W. Moore, R. Smith, G. Edman, A. Vearing, A. Barton, I. Garnon, N. Woodham, J. Collis.

### COUNTRY SMOKO

At the last committee meeting it was suggested we hold a Smoko in the country. To do this, we would need to depend on country members to organise the show, such as the hall, catering and attendance.

If anyone has any propositions on this matter would they please pass them on to the Secretary.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting is to be held on Friday, 19th August, when the art union will be drawn.

The following committee meeting will be held on Friday, 28th October. Both these meetings will be held in the Board Room of the R.S.L. Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

## VALE: ARNOLD BROWN

Australia has lost one of its most gallant soldiers by the death of Lieut.-Colonel Arnold Brown, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. During World War I, he served with great distinction with the 28th Bn., a Western Australian unit, on Gallipoli and the Western Front.

He was wounded on two occasions, and for his bravery was decorated with the D.S.O. as a Lieutenant — a very rare distinction for this rank. He was also awarded the M.C., and was six times mentioned in despatches. He rose through the ranks to his majority, being second in command of his unit.

Upon the declaration of World War II, Col. Brown immediately volunteered, and in 1939 was appointed second in command to 2 Garrison Battalion, remaining with them until the formation of the 2/1 Pnr. Bn.

### COMMANDER 2/1 PNR. BN.

He served as second in command, and commanding officer of 2/1 Pnr. Bn. in the Middle East and New Guinea. For his service in the Middle East he

received the Order of the British Empire. Leaving the unit in New Guinea, he was posted to "Bulldog" as Area Commander, after which he was sent to Selheim in Queensland as C.O. of the Transit and Training Depot.

After the cessation of hostilities with Japan, Col. Brown was posted to Malaya as a member of the Reception Group, to receive and tend to our P.O.W.'s. Upon his retirement from the Army, Col. Brown was appointed Director of an Immigration Camp near Windsor, being responsible for the welfare of thousands of New Australians, but in recent years, in view of his failing health, he was forced to relinquish this position.

To Mrs. Brown and her family, we send our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

## WELFARE SECTION — ART UNION No.1

In an endeavour to obtain funds for the combined Association and Ladies' Auxiliary Welfare Section, we have launched an art union, consisting of a book of ten tickets at one shilling per ticket.

Total amount of prize money is £78 — with a transistor radiogram as first prize.

One book of tickets was sent to the 900 members on our mailing list early in May, but so far only 150 have been returned. We plead with members to send their books in NOW, whether sold or unsold.

If you send your book in promptly now, do not think another book will be sent to you, as it is our intention that only one book be sent to each member.

### EXTRA BOOKS IN DEMAND

We have had many requests for extra books and these have been complied with from the many books returned with the envelope marked "Address Unknown."

The very first book returned was from a Scotchman—Robert McGregor, which only goes to prove those tales we have heard so many times about Scotchmen cannot really be true. Congratulations, Bob, on your effort.

Recently joined members were not sent a book, but there is still a chance for them yet, and if they really want a book they can ring the Secretary at UL 5491 and he will oblige.

### TAKE NOTE!!

When returning books please take note of the following points:

- (a) No exchange is needed on cheques;
- (b) Not necessary to register letter, send cheque, postal note or money order;
- (c) Fill in particulars on front cover.
- (d) Fill in information slip provided. (This is most essential, in order to bring our records up to date.)
- (e) Ensure all tickets sold are extracted and that a name is entered on the butts. Keep your tickets in a safe place, as the winning ticket must be presented.

Although tickets must be in by 22nd July, the drawing does not take place until Friday, 19th August. This is a rule laid down by the Chief Secretary.

The drawing will take place on this date in the Board Room of the R.S.L. and members are invited. A cordial invitation is to be extended to the Ladies' Auxiliary to attend.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR ART UNION BOOK NOW!**

★ **Reminder: Are You Financial for 1960?** ★

# From the Mailbag

• **HARRY TOPE** (2/2), of Pymble, sent along a very welcome donation to funds and news of former Pioneer, Doug. McKewen. Recently, while in Queensland, Harry spent an enjoyable few hours with Doug, and as he has not been receiving copies of the News, we have placed his name on our mailing list. After a spell in civvy street, Doug went back into the army as a captain with a N.S. Training Btn., and has really put some work into training the boys—loving every minute of it, too. Thank you, Harry, for your letter and Doug's address.

• **SAM BRITTEN**, of Loftus, sent a short note along with his art union tickets, wishing the Association every success. Sorry to hear you have been on the sick list, Sam, and trust you are now fully recovered and back at work.

• Forsaking the country for the bright lights of the city is our old friend Geo. Nichols (2/1), now of North Sydney. George apologises for not making the march on Anzac Day, but hopes to make it for our next get-together. Many thanks, George, for your good wishes.

• We are indebted to Col. Geoff Graham for the brief histories of Mrs. O'Malley Wood and Colonel Brown, reported in this issue. Thank you very much, Geoff, for your co-operation and help, also for your generous donation to our funds.

• From Kilkenny, in South Australia, came a welcome letter from Max Law, well known to all readers. Max was in Sydney recently for a conference, but did not have the opportunity to contact us. As from the beginning of July he takes over the South Australian branch of Sisalkraft as State Manager, following the retirement of the present manager, due to ill health. Max mentions having met up with Brian Allman recently, and also had been in contact with Ernie Haydon. Congratulations, Max, from us all on your appointment and very glad to hear your new home is nearing completion. Your message to the boys on the Committee will be passed on and we look forward to more news from you later.

• Now on the "Apple Isle" of Tasmania. From Lindsay ("Lofty") Gale, B Coy. 2/1, came a letter and a welcome donation to the News. His last copy was passed on to another ex-member of the 2/1, who also lives in Tassie, John Bannister. Would you supply us with his address, Lofty, and future copies of the paper will be sent regularly. Lofty is employed at the Hobart Technical College, and he extends a cordial invitation to any Pioneer visiting his State to look him up.

• It's a long way from the "Apple Isle" to our next letter, from Hamilton, N.S.W., and a newsy letter from Peter Seddon. Thanks for your donation, Peter. We certainly missed you on Anzac Day, along with Jack Griffiths, and we hope you can make the Smoko

in November. Steve Clark was in Sydney for Anzac Day, and is now stationed at Yass. He really enjoyed himself, too. Your regards to him are passed on through these columns, also to the rest of the boys. Peter mentions recently having seen Tom Connolly, B Coy, and his address has been noted for future issues of the paper; also the address of Cliff Frazer. Neither were on our mailing list. During a recent business trip to the Gosford area, Peter "ducked" into the Ettalong R.S.L. Club to see Jackie Coates. Needless to say they had a long natter about old times.

• **Bob McTaggart** (2/2), from Gosford, sent along a welcome sub. to the News in a brief letter. Thank you, Bob, for your good wishes and we hope to see you again very soon.

• Out to Gilgandra next, for a letter from Arthur Brown, Don Coy 2/2, and a subscription on behalf of himself and George Tomlinson, also of D Coy. Many thanks, Arthur, and we hope your young son is now well on the road to good health.

• Very pleased to hear once again from 2/1 Sig. Lieut. Leo Ferris, from Lynch's Creek, via Kyogle. Thank you, Leo, for your News sub. and your donation of art union tickets. These we have passed on to a Pioneer's widow and trust this meets with your approval. At the moment Leo is in the middle of the usual "end of trading year worries," but hopes to get down to Sydney one of these days. We would certainly like to have you with us.

• Many thanks to the following members for sending in donations to the Association, subscriptions to the "Pioneer News," and for the many congratulatory notations contained with art union books: Eric Reynolds, Jim Fairlie, Geoff Cheal, J. D. Raine, Bill Tasker, Steve Clarke, Silas Todd, Andy McClosky, John Taylor, Eric Face, Arthur Brown, George Tomlinson, Wal Roberts, J. McCracken, M. Wilson, E. Daley, Mick Basket, Fred Callaway, Les Nicholls, C. Handley, W. Fleming, Arthur Dowling, Ted Dolling, Dave Austen, Bob Lee, Leo Morris, Ken Coller, W. H. Jones and G. T. Bates.

• Just as the letters are placed . . . From Bill Mace, of Erina, via Gosford, comes news of an intended voyage to England via the Panama and return via Suez. Bill and family hope to leave Sydney on 13th August and return 19th March, 1961, and, should the trip eventuate, Bill, as "Pioneers" we wish you Bon Voyage to yourself and family. Thanks for the prompt return of art union book, Bill, and your donation.

• No contact for 15 years, says Charlie Wilby (2/1st H.Q. Coy), now residing at Moree, and Charlie thanks Merv Rees for passing on his address. Charlie and visitor, Bill Nicholson, could not think of the hygiene sergeant's name—owner of Monty the cat—George "Dig-a-hole" Rhind. Charlie is batting

well, four boys and three girls—Charlie puts it down mainly to bully beef and channel swimmers—but then . . . we know, Charlie!

• Mick Tassell was working in Sydney for a few years after the war, and then returned to Hay (as far as we know) and has not been heard of since. "Wagga" Grice was on deck this last Anzac Day—his first appearance for many years—while Jack Pearce is a regular "local" boy whom we see often. Thanks for the donation, Charlie.

• Down to North Essendon for word of a 2/1 member, Senior Fireman Ken Coller. We mentioned Ken and family in our last issue, but of course we were not to know then that Ken would be the recipient of a citation for bravery in recognition of his action in rescuing a man whose car had stalled in the path of a scrub fire. ". . . Senior Fireman Coller showed considerable calmness in the face of danger," said the citation, which was presented to Ken during a parade, with uniformed firemen as a guard of honour. The true Pioneer spirit! How the newspaper cuttings came into our possession is a secret.

• From Alf Ballard (ex 2/2) comes news of a trip north, and on stopping at Taree Alf was surprised to meet Bernie Daly, who is a local of that district, being a dairy farmer at Dumaresque Island. Bernie made Alf welcome at his home—which brings out a strong point, reflected through our News, comradeship. We had it once, when we were reliant on one another, and the basis of correspondence and personal contact show that we still have it.

• From Fawkner, in Victoria, we have news from H. Heywood (ex 2/1), who passes on news of seeing Sgt. Budge quite often. Of Sgt. Budge we have no address, so could we request same? This applies, chaps, to ALL members who see others, if they are not a recipient of our News, please forward on their address.

• The eyes have it, blue for preference . . . which brings us to note a letter from Jim Rhodes (ex 2/1). Jim these days conducts a mixed business at Cowra. No news in the letter, Jim, probably more next time, and thanks for the donation.

• To our North Coast once again to acknowledge a letter from Jack Coates. Jack is a permanent hand at the Ettalong War Memorial Club, Ettalong Beach, and requests that any visiting members in the area to contact him should they be desirous of a cup of tea. Over the summer holidays Jack has met Tubby Broughton (A Coy 2/1) and "Strawb" Dale, from Port Kembla.

Other news in Jack's letter tells of Lofty Barlow farming at Ourimbah, and of Gosford-ites Harry Hamer and Nip Kearsley. According to the local paper, Clive McLoughlin has sold his service station at Gosford and now resides at Canberra. Thanks for the information and donation, Jack.

• Should the Mailbag in this issue be mainly from 2/1st, please don't

# In Passing . . .

• ALEX "Gunga Din" McCALLUM was up from the South Coast for the Anzac Day weekend (the guest of yours truly) and I venture to say Alex remembers as much as any member of the Association I have spoken to about army days. When we get around to writing the 2/1st history, don't forget to call on Alex—a truly remarkable memory.

• BERT MOORE recently visited Victoria, where he met S.M. "Quack Quack" Gregg and also the Secretary of the 2/2nd Pioneer Association in Victoria, and states he was really entertained by our southern contacts.

In the Middle East there was a story circulating about a certain S.M. (I don't know that it originated from our S.M. Gregg or not and have no wish to offend, but only to pass on the story). Anyway, the S.M. was dismissing his troops after the day's training and as the troops were clearing the parade ground all took up the cry of "Quack, Quack." The astute S.M. quickly recalled the men and on lining them up, said, "Go and get your 'pack, pack' and be 'back, back' here in three minutes. I'll give you 'quack, quack.'" They were rewarded with another hour's drill.

• FRANK GILLIAN (A Coy., 2/1) is employed as a plasterer. Frank now resides at Bondi Junction and is the proud father of two bonnie boys.

• HARRY O'BRIEN (B Coy., 2/1) is back with Hardie Rubber Co., following a severe illness. Harry has recently moved into a new home at Kurnell.

• NORM CHANT, also B Coy., 2/1, is in business with a garage and truck spraying plant in Concord.

• JACK NORTON is a plumber with the Naval Department at Watsons Bay. "Curl the mo," says Jack.

• RUPERT ROWE was recently discharged from hospital, following a surgical operation and would like all his mates to know he is now progressing satisfactorily.

• ALF CARTER did a terrific job at the March collecting subs. to the "Pioneer News," and donations to the Association. On our "rounds" we overheard someone remark, "There he goes, Alf 'Vulture' Carter, bleeding more funds out of the stalwarts. He could even get backsheesh from a Wog."

At a recent Committee Meeting, Alf was praised and thanked for the tremendous effort and amount of work he has put into Pioneering. The Editors would like to join the Committee in saying "many thanks, Alf."

• FRANK GRAVENMAKER is a taxi driver, stationed outside the Royal Hotel at Grenfell, and sees quite a few of the boys. How about being one of our representatives, Frank, and send in names and addresses of members, also any news from them.

• NEVILLE SCHAFER (2/1) is doing a mighty job on the Welfare Section of the Ryde R.S.L., and our source of information states he is very highly thought of. Perhaps you, too, may like to send along information regarding any of our boys you may contact, Neville. Anyway, we are pleased to hear about you, Neville.

• TED SKOYLES (2/1) came to the Annual Meeting with a friend—all the way from Wollongong—and we were very pleased to see you in attendance, Ted.

• FRED CALLAWAY met Steve Clarke in Yass, and Steve stated he had a wonderful time on Anzac Day and his only concern was the poor attendance of his fellow officers at the Sussex Hotel after the march.

• WALLY PAGE appeared to have a grand time on Anzac Day—in fact, we heard he made too good a thing of it and now owes Bill Tasker and Ray Wiseman a schooner each for having to escort him home—anyway it was good to see you so happy, Wal.

• BILL McKIE (2/1), of Euabalong West, was recently on holidays in Sydney, and, on calling at the Sussex Hotel, asked the barmaid if any Pioneers were expected in during the afternoon. Bill was quite pleased to have Bob Lake pointed out to him, sitting in the bar having lunch. We have heard on good authority that Bob crawled into his "dog box" at approximately 8 p.m. on his arrival home.

• JOCK FERGUSON (2/1), who was company sergeant-major of five different companies, then regimental sergeant-major, and left the battalion at Julius, now wishes to send regards to all the boys. Jock was recently visited by the Association and Ladies Auxiliary at a convalescent home, and was indeed very pleased to hear about the doings of his old mates. Jock is very proud of his son, who is M.L.A. for Fairfield.

• TERRY JONES (Signal Platoon 2/1) is a new member, thanks to Doug Shearston. Welcome, Terry, and from Doug we hear you have a very good hardware business at Bexley North. We hope your custom increases from this free plug, for there are quite a few Pioneers around your area, Terry.

GEORGE TOLMIE passed on the following information to us last year, but was inadvertently omitted. Mrs. McLeod, mother of John (18 Pln D Coy 2/1) and wife of a digger from two world wars, came to Sydney especially on Anzac Day, 1959, from Queensland, to see the Pioneers marching. It gave her a thrill to see her son's battalion (2/1) swinging along the road, with heads held high. We were very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, Mrs. McLeod, and we do appreciate your kind thoughts on our behalf—per medium of George Tolmie.

# From the Mailbag . . .

blame the Editor. Come on, you 2/2nd's, let us hear from you and your contacts. Searching through the remaining letters I cannot find one from the 2/2nd.

• Our travelling salesman, Phil Cramsie (except the Pioneers, we don't know whom he travels for) reports on meeting Mine Host at the Ayr Hotel, Ayr, North Queensland. None other than ex-Capt. Harry Ellis, A Coy. 2/1. Harry has been all over North Queensland "mine hosting," and welcomes any Association member at Ayr. Our Hon. Secretary has already forwarded back numbers of our papers, and at this stage we must acknowledge subs. from Harry, who sends regards to all the boys.

• From Steve Clarke, who was stationed at Parkes and Renmark, S.A., over the past years, is now located c/o Commonwealth Bank, Yass. Steve provided many addresses of chaps during his Anzac Day visit, amongst them Ron Merriman, of "Merryvale," an outstanding personality in the stud sheep breeding circles. We have to thank Steve and Ron for donations. Steve also passed on news of Bob Blackburn and Ken Knight, 2/2nd.

• From Goulburn we have news of "Snow" Vickery, ex B Coy 2/1st. Snow works with the Pastures Protection Board and has requested back numbers of the News. Snow met Tommy Budd in Wagga last January, but rarely meets any Pioneers about Goulburn. Thanks for the cheque, Snow. Not much news, but nevertheless "contact" with Arthur Dowling, of Cardstone, via Tully, who wishes to be remembered to all, and thanks, Arthur, for the subs.

• From far north to far south, to acknowledge a letter from Bern Reimers, of Corryong, Victoria. Bern mentions meeting Bob Gash while in Melbourne, and in turn Bob had news of sig. officer, John Cummings. Neither of these two chaps are on our mailing list, Bern, so we request addresses of both.

• From Codrington, via Coraki, we have a newsy letter from Jack Bryant (D Coy 2/1), also a cheque. Thanks, Jack. Jack is dairy farming on his own farm and, apart from his seven day a week job, is Secretary of the Coraki R.S.L. Sub-branch. Bill Hoffman, of Kyogle, is the local Pioneer News-hound, and residing in the district is Harold McDowell (Mandrake), also Charlie Richardson, Jim Ireland, Ted Stratford, Terry McGuire and Bob Lehman. Jack enclosed a roll book of No. 9 Section: Corporal Bryant, L/Cpl. McCoy, Privates Cullen, Wiseman, James, Gardiner, Watts, Auld, Cox, Curran, Miller and Stuckey (Owen and rifle numbers available on request.)

• JACK HILL (8 Pln. A Coy. 2/1) jotted down a few lines on his art union slip to say he would send us news of the South Coast boys at a later date. That is very good of you, Jack, and we certainly will appreciate it.

# In Passing . . .

ALBERT BARTON came from New Guinea on long service to attend the Annual Meeting, Wreath Laying Ceremony and the March. Albert is a missionary worker in the Islands and looks extremely healthy. He has been co-opted on to the committee and promised to send along news of any lads with whom he comes in contact. Thanks for your offer, Albert, also for your attendance at the three functions.

• BILL TASKER sent along an article on Col. Arnold Brown, taken from the recent issue of "Reveille," and all Pioneers should be quite proud to see this full page write up on our late Colonel in such a renowned publication. Thank you, Bill, for your thoughtfulness in sending this cutting—it is small gestures like yours which make our task worthwhile. Also, many thanks for Ron Macfarlane's change of address and your most generous donation on Anzac Day.

• JACK GLOVER, D Coy., 2/1, supplied four blocks for the "Pioneer News" and we are deeply grateful to you, Jack, for your generous donation.

• Many thanks to Frank, son of Mrs. O'Malley Wood, for his gift of four photo albums to the Association.

• Donations are acknowledged from Athol McLeod, Brian Smallhorn, Tommy Pendlebury and John Bannister. Only very short letters, but nonetheless welcome. Thanks again.

• From TED JENSON comes news that he has now moved into a new War Service home at Doonside and is busy settling in. Good luck to you, Ted, and we hope to see you at future functions:

## LAST POST

We are indebted to "Reveille" for the following information regarding former members:—

VX55058 Cpl. A. J. Richards, 2/2  
NX25409 Cpl. R. J. Maclaren, 2/1  
NX46034 A. J. Bigelow, 2/1

Our sympathy is extended to relatives of the above members, also to the relatives of the following:

Mrs. L. O'Malley Wood (Patroness)  
Colonel A. Brown (2/1)  
Raymond Grigg (2/1)  
Harry Floyd (2/1)  
Lofty Broad (2/1)  
R. King  
Jack Laurie (2/2)

We would also like to extend to Bob McGregor (2/1) our sympathy, on the recent loss of his brother, Gordon.

## 2/1-2/2 PIONEER BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL ACCOUNT—Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st March, 1960

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Car Trial .....	44	6	2	To Car Trial .....	36	0	9
" Launch Picnic .....	10	10	0	" Launch Picnic—Sale of Cordial .....	12	2	
" Bi-Annual Smoko .....	24	2	0	" Bi-Annual Smoko .....	30	7	6
" Cricket Match, Terrigal .....	11	0	0	" Donations .....	84	5	0
" Rent, Rural Bank .....	492	18	0	" Rent .....	612	0	0
" Wreath Cenotaph (two) .....	7	11	0	" Bank Interest .....	6	16	9
" Anzac Day Catering .....	20	0	0	" Balance being Excess, of Expenditure over Receipts carried forward to Balance Sheet .....	39	16	9
" Annual General Meeting Supper .....	3	0	0				
" Hire of R.S.L. Board Room .....	5	0	0				
" Caretaker's Attendance re meetings .....	1	10	0				
" Xmas Gift, Mrs. O'Malley Wood .....	1	13	9				
" Audit and Accountancy Fee .....	15	15	0				
" Hon. Secretary .....	25	0	0				
" Hon. Treasurer .....	10	10	0				
" Material for Banner .....	11	11					
" R.S.L. "Reveille" Sub. and Advtg. .....	5	5	0				
" Printing Honorary Life Memberships .....	2	0	0				
" Advances to Welfare Fund—Cash (Re Art Union) Stamp Duty .....	10	0	0				
" Purchase of Addressograph Machine Stencils, Ink, etc. ....	2	0	6				
" Purchase of Duplicator and Parts .....	71	2	9				
" Duplicator Stationery Supplies .....	12	7	6				
" Petty Cash—	5	19	8				
Telephone .....	7	7	9				
Postages .....	9	8	9				
Fares .....	1	5	9				
Printing, Stationery .....	9	1	4				
Gift, Bugler .....	11	9					
	27	15	4				
	£809	18	11		£809	18	11

### GENERAL ACCOUNT — Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1960

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 1/4/59 .....	265	19	8	Cash at Bank .....	225	17	3
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the period as above .....	39	16	9	Petty Cash in Hand .....	5	8	
	£226	2	11		£226	2	11

### "PIONEER NEWS" ACCOUNT—Statement of Income and Expenditure for 12 months ended March 31, 1960

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Newspaper Printings .....	61	16	6	To Subscriptions .....	71	7	6
" Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure carried forward to Balance Sheet .....	12	4	6	" Bank Interest .....	2	13	6
	£74	1	0		£74	1	0

### "PIONEER NEWS" — Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1960

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds at 1/4/59 .....	39	10	5	Cash at Bank .....	51	14	11
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure for period as above .....	12	4	6				
	£51	14	11		£51	14	11

### WELFARE FUND ACCOUNT — Statement of Income and Expenditure for Period Ending 31st March, 1960

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure carried forward to Balance Sheet .....	34	3	7	To Advance from General Account .....	10	0	0
	£34	3	7	" Receipts from Ladies' Auxiliary .....	23	18	9
				" Bank Interest .....	4	10	
					£34	3	7

### WELFARE FUND—Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1960

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 1/4/59 .....	34	3	7	Cash at Bank .....	34	3	7
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure for period as above .....							
	£34	3	7		£34	3	7

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the books and accounts of the 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battalions Association for the year ended 31st March, 1960. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required, and in my opinion the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet is 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. \*

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## ANNUAL PICNIC — KURNELL

On Sunday, 25th September, the Association will hold its Fifth Annual Picnic at Kurnell Picnic Ground and a cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends to attend.

The Committee have decided to forego the Bus and Car Trial aspect of the picnic this year, and leave it to members to come how and when they like.

Kurnell picnic ground is very picturesque, as well as historic, and we suggest you arrive about 10 a.m., so as to move around and meet all your friends, probably go on a pleasant walk together, have lunch, and then witness the running events at 1 p.m.

### PICNIC GROUND FACILITIES

A pavilion has been booked for the day, and this is adjacent to the area roped off for the sporting events. Entrance is through the main gate, and there is abundant space for parking. Ask Allan Fielding at the gate and he will direct you to the picnic spot. There is a very well equipped kiosk on the ground, at which the following can be purchased: soft drinks, milk, pies, sweets and ice-cream.

### 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 follows: 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 not so young.

### LAST POST

We are indebted to Reveille for the following information regarding former members:—

NX88266, Pte. K. J. Hall, 2/2.  
VX21072, Pte. W. Grimshaw, 2/2.  
NX70028, Pte. S. L. Varley, 2/1.  
NX25409, R. J. Maclaren, 2/1.

Our sympathy is extended to relatives of the above members.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to the family of Dick Hanson in their recent loss.

### DAY OF FUN, FREE OF COST

There will be no charge on the day, so bring all the family and your friends and have a day of fun.

### INFORMATION DESIRED

To facilitate catering arrangements, the Committee would appreciate notification of attendance by ringing any of the Committee men, who will be only too pleased to record your information: Doug. Shearston (LY8374), Bob Lake (XF4696), Allan McInnes (XM6292), Max Herron (UL5491).

### YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED

The Committee of this Association views with great concern the increasing number of members who are forced to seek further medical attention.

As the years go by, the hardships endured during the war years are taking their toll. This, of course, can be expected. But the trouble is that this Association does not get to hear of members being in hospital until after they have had treatment and returned to their homes.

It would seem a simple enough task. Just the name and address of every person who has to receive treatment. But despite every effort by this Association, the problem remains unsolved. Numerous and various ways have been investigated, including Repat. Padres and other people at the hospital, but without result.

We, of the Association, would welcome any suggestions or ideas from any member to solve this very pressing and important problem.

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WHEN? Friday, 25th November, 1960.

WHERE? Sussex Hotel, corner Sussex and Liverpool Streets, Sydney.

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

TIME? Same as always — 7.30 p.m.

COST? 5/- at the door for cost of supper, and pay for refreshments at bar prices.

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

SEE YOU THERE? Of course!

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Art Union was firstly a financial success, insofar that the Association received a considerable amount in donations, in addition to the Welfare Section gaining a good profit.

Secondly, it was a success in that the response from hitherto unheard of members was beyond all expectations. Perhaps many members felt obliged to drop a line with their returns, and it was these few lines and kind remarks that rewarded us for the many nights spent in keeping the books up to date.

Some of these notations came written on art union books, information slips, shop display signs, business cards—in the latter stages we would not have batted an eyelid if we had received a few words on the type of streamer paper we hung out the windows of troop trains.

### MANY THANKS TO MEMBERS

On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Association, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members for their kind words of praise in this venture. It was our intention to thank every member for writing even a few words per medium of the columns of this paper, but in the latter stages the list grew to such an extent we had to abandon the idea. Anyway, we do appreciate the kind thoughts on our behalf.

In the next issue we will publish the art union balance sheet, as supplied to the Chief Secretary. At this stage details are not complete.

### HOSPITALISATION

Located in Yaralla Hospital is Des "Tiny" Field, from Gundagai, receiving treatment for an old war wound and it could be some time before "Tiny" sees the green fields of Gundagai again.

Des is not used to being confined in the one place and found "Yaralla" somewhat tedious, but is now settling down and would welcome any Pioneer to have a chat about old times.

Another with a spell in "Yaralla" was Jim McQuirk. Jim has had a bad spell for some time, but has now been discharged and wishes all the best to members, and the members, in turn, Jim, wish you well.

Joe Taylor (ex A Coy., 2/1st) has also been ill in "Yaralla" (and indeed is there at time of writing).

Stalwart Alf Carter passed on the hospital news where he has been a regular sick visitor (Editor).

# ART UNION RESULTS

By "MONTY" MONTAGUE

As scheduled, the drawing of our Welfare Section Art Union took place at the R.S.L. Headquarters Clubroom on Friday, 19th August, 1960, in the presence of a very representative gathering, including members of the Committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary of this Association.

Sgt. T. Sullivan, from the Police Licensing Headquarters, represented the Chief Secretary's Department, and Mr. Miller, the Manager of the R.S.L. Club, kindly drew the winning tickets.

The results were . . .

**First Prize.** Ticket No. 6659: Pye Stereo 4-Speed Record Player. Won by Mr. J. Trynier, c/o Sears Heating and Ventilating Co., Loftus Street, Arncliffe, Sydney.

**Second Prize.** Ticket No. 7697: Sunbeam Large Frypan. Won by C. H. Stanley, R.M.B. 44, Nelson, Riverstone, N.S.W.

**Third Prize.** Ticket No. 2249: Hot-point Automatic Toaster. Won by F. Hepburn, 41 Moncur Street, Marrickville, Sydney.

**Fourth Prize.** Ticket No. 8372: Sunbeam Steam Iron. Won by Norma Collier, 12 Kerferd Street, North Esendon, Victoria.

Max Herron, our Honorary Secretary, tabled his report on this new venture, and stated the art union was a success, both to the Welfare Section and to the Association.

The account was very good, but let us pause and see what made it possible and so bring the facts before your notice.

As our Welfare Section has been accepted and registered under the Charitable Collections Act with the Chief Secretary's Department, application was made over three months ago to this Department to conduct this competition and you can well visualise the amount of correspondence and personal interviews which transpired over this project, until permission was finally approved.

## TWO WEEKS' HARD TOIL

Then came the printing of the tickets, typewriting of envelopes, indexing the numbers and a list was compiled of the ticket numbers despatched to each member. This alone took two weeks of hard toil. Replies started coming back immediately and attending to this mail was a colossal task, as every ticket and all monies had had to be accounted for to the Department.

The Secretary and a few helpers were working very hard every night at his home, sometimes after midnight, sorting out the mail, checking letters, reconciling money with the returned butts, thus keeping a most businesslike ledger and inquiring into letters returned intact marked, "Moved, no forwarding address," or "Unknown."

Next was to secure a barrel for the raffle and again our friend, Laurie Pearse, of the Bankstown Ambulance Station, came to our assistance in loaning their barrel.

On Wednesday evening, 17th August, First-Class Sgt. T. Sullivan and Sgt. Cook, of the Police Licensing Headquarters, were invited to represent the Chief Secretary's Department at the Secretary's home to inspect the empty barrel

and witness the inserting of the ticket butts.

## ART UNION BARREL INSPECTED

When this lengthy task was completed and the law officers were satisfied with the proceedings, Sgt. Sullivan locked the lid, kept the key and sealed it with a special sheet of paper which bore his signature.

On the night of the drawing, the barrel was transported to the R.S.L. Clubroom where it was inspected by this same Police Officer to ascertain that his signed seal was intact. Everything being to his satisfaction, he announced that the draw could now take place and Mr. Miller came forward to do the honours.

Whilst the result is most gratifying, we can only thank our Hon. Secretary for the capable fashion in which he performed such a tremendous task. The hours he gave most unselfishly, with his wife and the band of helpers was a superb effort and very much appreciated by the Association.

## PRESENTATION TO PEG HERRON

By "MONTY" MONTAGUE

At the Association Meeting which was held last April, it was moved and seconded that a presentation be made to our Hon. Secretary's wife, Peg Herron, for the outstanding work she has performed in assisting this organisation.

On the 19th August, at the R.S.L. Clubroom, after the winning tickets in our competition had been drawn, the President called the gathering to order and on behalf of the Association presented a beautiful wristlet watch, suitably inscribed, to Mrs. Herron, and expressed thanks and esteem for the grand job she had done and was still doing.

Peg was absolutely dumfounded and, strange as it may seem, could not find enough strength to talk, which is particularly odd for any woman, and even Max stated it was the first occasion he had seen her speechless.

## PLEASURE TO WORK WITH PIONEERS

However, when the good lady did reply she explained it was one of the greatest surprises of her life. She was thrilled with the gift and said it was a pleasure to be associated with the Pioneers, and at all times she was glad to help, with no thought of any reward.

To achieve the present-day standard of the Association much work and long hours have been necessary and our Secretary has been helped continuously by his wife and the Committee.

Peg attends to quite a large amount of the clerical duties, including the addressing of all newspapers, and is also Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Therefore, the gift which the Association presented to her is a very small token of thanks and appreciation for the meritorious service she had rendered on our behalf.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

2AY, Albury.

The Editor,  
Dear Max,

I'm an unpunctilious swab for not having written before, but I do so now. Enclosed you will find a contribution to the funds I should have made years ago, and the contents of an envelope which turned up at my pub long after the draw had been over. I have no excuse to offer, apart from the fact that mail has a tendency to stack up, and gets forgotten. I should have written before, as I've said, but life is busy down here, and things get a bit confused at times. I'll bet that's no new experience for you, in coping with the many duties of daily life and those of the Association.

I'll be in Sydney in September, and I hope to see some of the old team.

I think all members of the old team will lament the passing of Dick Hanson, our old Postal Sergeant. A letter from my sister carried the news yesterday. I think everybody remembers him as a quiet joker whose job was to get the mail through, and did it with a superb competence that made the boys of the old 2/1 remember him always with kindly affection. He left a family behind — and I feel sure a kindly inquiry about their welfare would be appreciated by his widow. But appreciating the care and interest of the Association, I'm pretty sure this has been done already. Anyhow, all I can say is God rest his soul, and the old mob has lost a good team-mate. I knew intimately the care he took about the mail, the essential ingredient of a lonely soldier's life, and if ever there's to be an epitaph on his grave, there should be a footnote to cover the fact that old Dick Hanson always got the mail through.

Well, Max, I've read the "Pioneer News" with deep interest, and as I've said, I'm darned sorry I didn't write before. Fred Callaway is in the area, and Eddie Paine is the bloke at the bank who tenderly administers my overdraft. I met the 2/4 boys when they were here, and I warmly recommended Albury as the scene of a possible 2/1 and 2/2 Pioneer re-union and conference. The 2/4 have a powerful set-up — but I think they'll admit that it's no more powerful than ours.

I noted the news of the death of Mrs. O'Malley Wood. She was a grand scout, and you couldn't pass at the drop of a hat the number of people she comforted and helped. The world has lost a noble woman whose sense of goodwill, charity, and love of mateship passes most angles of human understanding.

Well, I have waffled on enough. But if chance offers when I'm in the old Steak-and-Kidney, I'll be looking you up, and as many of the boys as I can find time to see. In the meantime, my best wishes go to the Association. It's doing a mighty job.

And if you see old Monty, ask him how much of that valuable medicine, Stinko, which the pair of us sold in Julis, is now on the local market.

Most sincere fraternal greetings from . . .

JOHN HARNETTY.

# FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

• From MICK ROBERTS, of Leeton (B Coy., 2/1st) comes news of himself and other members of the Association. Mick wishes to be remembered to B Coy. members and mentions the 2/1st full-back on the Tablelands, Alf Geltch, who is now at Murrumbidgee, N.S.W. Mick has met up with Johnny Osborne, Logs Clark and also Watty Carruthers (Q Store). "Watty" drew a block up Tumut way, but could not pass on anything definite as regards his address. Atherton cricketers will remember Watty for his devastating bowling. In conclusion, Mick passes on his regards to Max Law.

• Our latest news from BEAU HANNAFORD was of an address at Kew, Victoria, where he is engaged on business for his firm David Lynn Ltd. Beau passes on his regards to all.

• "I have not heard any news of Wally Simmons, Dolly Green, Bill Chisholm or Gus Hunter," states JIM THOMAS, of Barellan. Jim is farming (and has been since his discharge) and would like to be remembered to Brian Smallhorn and George Stockton.

• The Association extends its regards to GORDON RICHARDS who has been battling somewhat of late. Gordon is located at Armadale, Victoria, and his hardest job at the moment is trying to resign from the Association—not accepted, Gordon. You will read this "News" and have every facility this Association offers or your troubles will be added to.

• From CHARLES RICHARDSON, of Lismore, come a plan to form a Sub-Branch in that area. There would be nothing at all to stop you, Charles, and we could supply you with names and addresses of Pioneers in the Lismore area and no doubt help in other ways. Think the matter over a little further and if it is decided to form a Sub-Branch, write formally to the Association. (I suggest this move not knowing our legal outlook on being a charitable organisation and taxation commitments, etc.—Editor).

• TED JENSEN writes from Doonside. The Jensens are quite satisfied with their new War Service home in Taworri Street.

• From Dumaresq Island comes word from B. DALY (2/2nd) who is very much interested in reading the "News." Butch Ballard spent a night in January with the Dalys and looks better now than when he had to eat his own cooking.

• Old Koreelah via Woodenbong, is the location of JACK BOYD, who hopes one Anzac Day to visit the "Smoke," and see the old faces. Jack asks news of Bert Fletcher and Bill Moore, of 5 Platoon. Bill drives a truck for Tanner & Middleton (Timber Merchants) in Sydney, while news of Bert I cannot recall offhand. Jack sees "Dead-Eye" Duncan in his area and in closing, sends regards to all members.

• From ARCHIE McTAVISH, "Bunyarri," Curlewis, comes a change of address and passes his finding in the April issue of the Tamworth R.S.L.

paper of the death of R. J. Maclaren, who passed away on December 21 last. Archie will be in Sydney in August and our next official function, Archie, will be the Picnic in September. Sorry it won't coincide with your visit, Archie.

• NATILE BOYD writes on behalf of husband, CHARLIE, who is busy with their new property at "Tel-Aviv," Bribbaree, which is about 36 miles from Young. The Boyds are recent arrivals from Weedallion and as this is a new venture we wish them all the best.

• A well-known Association member, BILL JOLLIE, writes from Bellingen. Bill is stationed there with the Rural Bank, having lately forsaken the Wild and Woolly West. Bill has made the acquaintance of Fred Wheaton, Slim Holland and Merv Rees.

• IAN KIRKWOOD (ex C Coy., 2/1) writes from Mount Colah. Thanks for the particulars, Ian.

• From Concord West comes news of GORDON KITCHING commending the Association and its activities. Gordon also forwards two new names and addresses of members who, with Gordon, work at the Water Board office.

• From "GLIDO" JACK GRIFFITHS—a staunch supporter at Newcastle, comes news of many Pioneers in the northern area. Firstly, news is passed on of BOB SCOTT (H.Q., 2/1st) who is hotel manager of the Costa Brava Hotel at Wallarah Creek, near Wyong. Any Pioneer in the area or any passing through—meet Bob.

Bob once again—this time BOB STEVENS (ex C Coy., 2/1st) who conducts a hairdressing salon on the Pacific Highway at Beresfield (opposite the Crematorium Gates). A pretty dead outlook, quotes Jack.

JOCK RUSSELL (C Coy., 2/1st) works at Lysaghts—is still a bachelor and has a full-time hobby of trout fishing.

SANDY ABERCROMBIE, although from the same Coy. has a different hobby—in training racing greyhounds.

MERV PHIPPS has a motor repair business in Cardiff.

TED SIMPSON (ex A Coy. and H.Q., 2/1st) is still one of the district's leading grocers despite the advent of chain stores and (as a free plug) when in Newcastle make your visit to Simpson's Super Market in Derby Street, Cooks Hill. Recently Ted became a grandfather for the sixth time.

VIC WALMESLEY (Captain, U.K.1) sends his regards to all the boys.

A recent northern city visitor was Cpl. TOM CONNOLLY (ex B Coy.) who is farming at Wallabadah Station, Wallabadah.

• From W. E. (Jim) IRELAND, postal officer at Wardell, North Coast, comes news of ALBERT MALLET, who is poultry farming and is the local greengrocer, whilst others in the district are NEVILLE O'CONNOR (2/2nd) and DON MCGILL (D Coy., 2/1st) who is a linesman on the P.M.G. at Woodburn.

• From Dubbo comes news of GORDON (Dubbo) HACKNEY. Gordon states as far as he knows, PODGE SULLIVAN and TOMMY CULKIN are the only Pioneers in Dubbo—quite a difference to twenty years ago. Gordon has not been in the best of health lately and enjoys reading the "News."

We subscribe to "Reveille," the official R.S.L. Journal and all ex-service personnel who pass on are listed with their units and army number. So, Gordon, as we have no notice of the passing of the chap you ask about, it is most likely a rumour. (He is not on our mailing list).

• From the Apple Isle—at New Norfolk, Tasmania, we hear news of WES CROSSWELL. Wes is employed by the Australian Newsprint Mills situated on the Derwent River about 20 miles from Hobart and suggests to any Pioneers visiting Tassie it would be interesting for them to visit the mills. Wes enclosed the address of JOHNNY BANISTER (ex 9 Platoon, A Coy., 2/1st) whom he sees often. Thanks for the subs., Wes.

• Back home (Brr!!) to welcome a letter from JACK COATES, of Ettalong. Jack enclosed a snap of JIM HALL, JACK CLARK, "Snags" SINCLAIR and EDDIE DONAGHY, taken Christmas, 1941, and refers in his letter to CES PEAK and the Yike over dividing up of the It'i pigs (purchased, no doubt!!) at Giovanni Berta. FRED WHEATON had the job of carving for three platoons, so no doubt he would remember. Jack entertained DICK SEDDON, of Newcastle, at his "club"—the Ettalong-Woy Woy Memorial Club, and welcomes any Pioneer visiting to look him up.

• From Line Foreman in the P.M.G. we have news of CHAS. KERR (Ex 2/1 Platoon). Charlie is stationed at Maryborough, Qld., and has a son and daughter. A 2/1st Pioneer officer, Lt. W. G. MORROW, resided in the district until recently and was C.O., 47th Infantry Battalion, with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

• While on the "Performing Seals," Sydneyite WAL PARSONS welcomes receiving the "News." A bit more news from your end next time, Wal. We, in turn, like to hear news of members.

• JACK ALLEN (H.Q., 2/1st) has recently forsaken Darwin for Holland Park, Brisbane. Jack conducts a B.P. Service Station on the main Pacific Highway at Holland Park. Thanks for the subs., Jack.

• We acknowledge letters from BILL GRAINGER, of Moondarra, Vic., MONTE REID, Cessnock, S. ABERCROMBIE, Mossman Park, G. HOBLEY, Nyabing, W.A., FRED SCANES, Cooma, JACK BANISTER, Bellerive, Tas., ATHOL McLEOD, Ararat, Vic., B. SMALLHORN, Armidale, BILL TASKER, Bexley Sub-Branch, R.S.L., ALLEN JENSON, S. BOOTH, Manley Vale, D. McLENNAN, Como, A. S. JONES, Petersham, KEN COLLIER, North Essendon, Vic., WALLY COE, Cooks Hill, L. CRAIG, Mosman, BOB DIXON, Merrylands, JACK GROGAN, Cabramatta, J. BRAYE, Waratah, E. MILLER, Petersham, and J. SCOVELL, Redfern.

# FROM THE MAILBAG . . .

● From the School of Survey at Balcombe, Vic., we hear from W.O.II E. C. HARPS. "Harpsy" has now completed 20 years of continuous service in the Army and rarely does he see any Pioneers.

● The Welfare Section is to be commended quotes Capt. BOB EGAN, who sends his regards and a donation. Thanks, Bob.

● From VIV (Big Hearted) PARKINSON comes a donation — the first news of Viv for some time, considering he was once a regular, but now he has found the pen again no doubt we will hear more of Viv.

● From the Palm Beach R.S.L. Sub-Branch Club some news of BILL THOMAS, who is Secretary-Manager of the Club, and has been for the past three years.

Bill welcomes Pioneers to drop in and praises the "News" as a most interesting publication.

● From TOBY HALE (Kyogle) comes a newsy letter. Toby has recently been working with JIM HALL. Jim is looking forward to a holiday in Brisbane during Showtime, where his daughter does show riding. Toby apparently is a keen gardener as he is entering in the local garden competition and expects his to be a show place on 27th August — the day of judging.

● While we are at Kyogle, from CES BLANCH comes a short not passing on his regards to all — and while on the Blanch's we acknowledge a letter from brother, JOE, who now resides at Beaudesert, Qld. Joe works for Super Service and Engineering and invites any member passing through to call in for a yarn and fill up with Caltex. Joe's son, Bill, works in the Commonwealth Bank, Kyogle, but is being transferred shortly to Glen Innes.

● From BERT MOLLOY, Loxton, S.A., comes a plea that he did not know the address for the return of his art union book. The address, Bert, was on the cover and on every art union ticket as well and a great deal of mention of our Secretary's address in the "News." However, the book in turn came to Sydney, was re-addressed to Adelaide — once again to Sydney from the Dead Letter Office and was finally addressed to the Sussex Hotel. Such is fame!!

To refer to Bert . . . he has a 26-acre fruit block with Pickers' Quarters which are only in use in March and April for pickers and "Wog" welcomes any Pioneer desirous of spending a holiday two miles from the River Murray and Loxton township, 164 miles from Adelaide with plenty of fishing available. Box 232, Loxton, is Bert's address.

● From Armidale, ENOS R. WILLIAMS sends his regards to mates, especially with a mention of "B" Coy., 2/1st, 12 Platoon. Enos is now a T.P.I. and hopes to make an Anzac Day visit to Sydney.

● ALBERT BROWN, of Marayong, via Blacktown — one of the "Ackies" and formerly of Kyogle, forwards his subs., also those of TED FELTON (was Ted down in Sydney-). Don't worry about making the meetings, Albert, as

the members realise and appreciate your position.

● We must make a mention in our news of TOMMY PENDLEBURY who kept us busy supplying him with art union books. Nice work, Tom.

● From the Victorian Alps snow country comes news of BERN REINERS — not too completely snowed in to forward us addresses of Pioneers he meets down south.

● BOB MORROW sends regards to his battalion mates and would be very pleased to hear or see any of them. Bob mentions the MacGREGOR BOYS and JOHNNY MAXWELL — don't forget the Bi-Annual Smoko, Bob.

● RON McFARLANE (ex H.Q., 2/1st) has been busy removing trees from around his new home at Blacktown. Ron is in the P.M.G. at Blacktown and sees JIM HADFIELD and ALBERT BROWN during the course of his duties.

● From ALEX GEORGE, of South Lismore, comes news of many Pioneers around the northern area. HAROLD BUCKLAND is doing well as a driver in the Public Works Department; TERRY McGUIRE is the proprietor of a service station at Lismore. (Thanks for his address, Alex). Alex also forwarded news and the address of BILL LOWE. Bill is a T.P.I. and always keen to hear of his mates, so he will now be a recipient of our "News."

● DICK GOLDRICK has not been enjoying the best of health lately, and recuperating after 19 weeks in Green-slopes is VICTOR KING (ex C Coy., 2/1st) and now of Redcliffe, Qld. Victor passes on his regards to "Baldy" BALDWIN.

● CYRIL AMES, in business in Victoria Road, West Ryde, sends his regards as also does ARNOLD VEARING, of Goulburn. Arnould is now employed as accountant with the Goulburn Gas Company.

● "I must confess I have been out of touch with the unit," writes FRANK NORTON. Frank was in Capt. Richardson's Company — he has been President of the Bronte Surf Club for six years and many more years a member.

● An interesting letter from CHARLIE ROCK, who reckons his army years were the best of his life and a privilege to be associated with chaps he met in the unit. Charlie recalls "Punchy" BANNISTER'S debut in Company Football and Kairi. "Punchy," playing as lock, broke from the first scrum like a thunderbolt, but had the misfortune to barge into "Snowy" LLOYD. After the smelling salts had done their job, "Punchy" heard the name he was consequently known as — "On and Off" Bannister.

● PETER SEDDON, of Hamilton, had first-hand news of our Sydney Anzac Day as ERNIE HAYDON visited Peter the following day. Peter sends his regards to all and asks after STEVE CLARK. Thanks for the names and addresses, Peter.

● From COL. A. BUCKLEY we were very pleased to have a brief note on his art union book, and a very generous fine for late forwarding. Thank you, Colonel, and we would appreciate a letter from you of your doings when you can find the time.

● CLANCY SCHOLES, H.Q. Coy., of Casino, was very apologetic, too, for late return of his book, but enclosed a nice donation to funds, so is forgiven. Very glad to hear from you, Clancy, and we look forward to seeing you in Sydney at Christmas. Clancy mentions meeting up with Jack Boyd, who is working at a stockman on a big property at Woodenbong, still single and looking well.

● To the Port Motel at Port Macquarie and a letter from BILL MILLER. Thanks for your donation, Bill, and your kind remarks about the "News." We have no information at all on "Spino" O'Connor or Georgie Scholes, neither are on our mailing list, but perhaps someone may know of their whereabouts and drop us a note.

● JACK GRIFFITHS has been busy rounding up Pioneers and has passed on the address of Tom Wallace, A Coy. 2/1, for our mailing list. Tom is a brother to Jack and the late Len Wallace, who were also 2/1sts. Tom is at present a TV salesman and doing quite well. Thanks for your letter, Jack, and Tom's name and address have been added for future copies of the "News."

● North now to Woolgoolga, and a long, newsy letter from Allan Crute, Sig. Pltn. Allan ran into Norm McEvoy from Woodburn on a recent trip north and also had a visit from Doug. Shearston, which was very much appreciated. Pleased to see you and your good wife, Beulah, and son, Denis, are coming to Sydney for the Scout Jamboree, Allan, I feel sure that it will be quite an experience for you all.

## 2/2 NEWS JOTTINGS

### By Courtesy "Pioneer Despatch"

Bill Tilney was recently in Melbourne on a caravan trip from Brisbane. Bill is still serving on Northern Command.

Ted Aitken sent the following news: "When in Rabaul recently I saw Barry West. He was Acting District Commissioner. I also saw Horrie Niall at Lae. He is the District Commissioner there. Quite a number should remember him with the native train from Tsilli-Tsilli to Kirklands. Lae is now a magnificent place.

Word from Canberra that Jack and Margaret Templeman were the proud parents of a son. Jack is a lieutenant-colonel on the staff of the Engineer-in-Chief.

Colonel J. M. Williams, O.B.E., E.D., was present in Melbourne over the Anzac weekend and attended his first Melbourne re-union. He led the march on Anzac Day.

## HOSPITAL LIST

In hospital (R.G.H.): J. Raven, G. Smart, B. Williamson, Col. Sutton.

George Smart, who has been an inmate for many weeks, has just been operated on and is now in Ward 2.

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## BI-ANNUAL SMOKO

On Friday, 25th 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. Sausage rolls, fish pasties, sandwiches, biscuits and cheese will mainly comprise the supper. To cover the cost of supper, there will be a small charge of 5/-, payable on entrance.

The Sussex Hotel is now under the management of Stan Duke, who has promised to do his utmost to assist in giving our boys the best smoko yet.

We would certainly like to see an extra good roll up of members and friends, for Stan has guaranteed us another good day for the 1961 Anzac Re-union at the Sussex.

### ASSIST CATERING ARRANGEMENTS

A lot of work goes into making these smokos a success, and the only reward the Committee seeks is your attendance — we know it is much nicer to sit at home watching TV, but we are sure you will have an enjoyable night out with your old mates.

Members and friends (you can even bring your father-in-law as an excuse for a leave pass) who are desirous of attending can help the Committee in catering arrangements by ringing the Secretary at UL 5491, or Bob Lake, at XF 4696, and state the number in their party.

## SMOKO MEMORIES

By H. Montague

They say history repeats itself . . . so beware and take care!!!

### LOST TRAIN TICKET

After the last Smoko at the Sussex, one of our members who had just had one too many, scrambled aboard the train at Town Hall and, on making himself very comfortable, immediately dropped into deep slumber.

Very shortly he was woken by a ticket examiner, but after a very exhaustive search could not find the required ticket. Upon questioning, the examiner found our friend was a fellow "Rat," so told him to return to his forty winks.

### PIONEER'S MISSING TICKET

The examiner resumed his duties, but upon completion of the inspection of the train, returned through the compartment only to find our Pioneer friend still busily going through his pockets looking for the missing ticket.

The examiner told him again to forget the matter, but our friend said, "No, I must find that dratted ticket."

The examiner then wanted to know why was it so important. "Well, if I don't find that blasted thing, how in the heck will I know where to get off," said our friend.

### LIGHT THE WAY

Returning home from the Smoko, two very merry Pioneers found the way a little dark, so on finally reaching the home of No. 1, he told No. 2 not to worry as he would go inside and get a lantern to light the way. In time he returned, gave the lantern to No. 2 who went happily on his way.

Next morning No. 2 was awakened by his "sweet" wife who inquired as to how he got home and who had brought him. He readily told her how No. 1 had loaned him the lantern to make the going a lot easier.

Naturally the dear one wanted to know where the lantern in question had been left, so No. 2 said he remembered quite distinctly leaving it on the kitchen table.

### EXPLAIN PLEASE, DEAR

The dear wife then went to investigate and after some time returned and started asking a lot of questions, such as "who gave it to you, was it heavy, could you see with it, etc."

No. 2 replied that the lantern shone brightly all the way, and wanted to know why all the questions.

Mrs. No. 2 then asked him to come along to the kitchen with her and have a look at the great lantern . . . slowly he entered the room and looked dumbfounded at the object on the table—a small, empty COCKY'S CAGE.

## BATTLE HONOURS

The following honours have been applied for by the two Associations:

### 2/1 PIONEER BATTALION

Defence of Tobruk: 8th April to 10th December, 1941.

The Salient, 1941: 30th April to 4th May, 1941.

Kokoda Trail: 22nd July to 13th November, 1942.

Ioribaiwa: 10th July to 28th September, 1942.

Borneo: 1st May to 15th August, 1945.

Balikpapan: 1st May to 9th July, 1945.

A claim for recognition of the campaign in Milne Bay for D Coy. has been lodged.

### 2/2 PIONEER BATTALION

Syrian Frontier: 7th to 8th June, 1941.

Merjayon: 9th to 27th June, 1941.

Damour: 6th to 12th July, 1941.

Lae-Nadzab: 4th to 16th September, 1943.

Lae Road: 11th to 15th September, 1943.

Liberation of Aust. New Guinea: 18th September, 1943, to 8th August, 1945.

Kankiryo Saddle: 19th to 31st January, 1944.

Borneo: 1st May to 15th August, 1945.

Tarakan: 1st May to 15th August, 1945.

Balikpapan: 1st to 9th July, 1945.

The claim for recognition of the campaign of Java is still under consideration.

### FORMING UP PLACE

## Sussex Hotel

(Lower Bar)

Corner Sussex and Liverpool Streets, SYDNEY

**Starting Time, 7.30 p.m.**

**D-DAY, FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER**

Personnel required for this DUTY

**EVERYONE**

Under the command of your Committee **BE THERE!!**

Ring UL 5491 or XF 4696 for further particulars.

# Annual Picnic at Kurnell

On Sunday, 25th September, the Association held its Annual Picnic at Kurnell, and although cold and windy, our picnic area was quite sheltered and really very nice.

This year the emphasis was on a real family gathering, with no set routine. This proved quite successful, with all families sitting together on the lawn under the trees, cooking barbecue meals, chatting about old times and really having a good lazy day.

At the conclusion of the sporting events, we had intended the members to return to the family gathering atmosphere, but at this stage the children took over and organised their own programme.

Each game they introduced found Mum and Dad joining in, and the children were hard to compete with, especially in the broad jump, where Trevor Henderson, 13-year-old son of Jack, beat all comers, both young and old.

## VOTE OF THANKS

The Social Secretary, Mr. Jack Westwood, thanked all members for their attendance and co-operation. He also thanked the Ladies' Auxiliary for their donations of sweets and their assistance on the day, and the Committeemen who assisted, not only on the day, but prior to the picnic, and their reward was the perfect day for all.

To mention a few of those we noticed: Messrs. Frank Hepburn, Wal Page, "Casey" Brown, Laurie Pearse, Roy Jardine, Jack Pearse, Taffy Lawrence, Des Lawrence, Doug Shearston, Jack Westwood, Vic Whiteley, Max Herron, Jack Henderson and Bill Chisholm.

## SPORTING EVENTS

Age	Girl	Boy
3 and under .....	1. Patricia Henderson	
4 to 5 years .....	1. Janice Henderson	1. Robert Greentree
6 to 7 years .....	1. Lee Pearse	1. Ross Page
	2. Barbara Fairley	2. Robert Westwood
8 to 9 years .....	1. Julie Greentree	1. Gary Henderson
	2. Lynne Herron	2. Colin Pearse
10 to 11 years .....	1. Kerrie Shearston	1. John Hepburn
	2. Lena Hepburn	2. Paul Chisholm
12 to 14 years .....	1. Helen Jardine	1. Trevor Henderson
	2. Carol Chisholm	2. Terry Page

## 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, 1960

## PICNIC PRATTLE

Many thanks to Frank Hepburn and his good wife for the job of issuing drinks, Paddle-pops and sweets to the children. They certainly kept you busy.

The Committee men were very grateful to the members who worked on the day—the Secretary was heard to say it was the first picnic he had been able to enjoy. This came about by having no car trial results to work out.

"Casey" Brown and his friend had a very enjoyable day. "Casey" must have eaten too much for lunch, as he did not run as fast in the men's open as he did when playing five-eighth.

Jack Westwood was seen having a good old arm bending session with his brother, Keith—in fact there were quite a few little groups doing just this.

Doug Shearston was the chief cook over his barbecue fire, with Wally Page giving plenty of advice. In another corner was Vic. Whiteley, doing his cooking over THE HOT PLATE. You should have been there, Lakey, for this time the hot plate did arrive.

Jack Henderson, our very keen committee member, was buzzing around like a busy bee, doing all the odd jobs. Looking at the results of the sporting events, the heading should have read "Henderson-Shearston Sporting Results." Well done.

## RELATIONSHIPS

A young lieutenant joined an Indian regiment.

"What's your name?" asked the colonel.

"Chonmondeley, sir," answered the lieutenant.

"Any relation to Cholmondeley of the 62nd?"

"Son, sir."

"Delightful. Married, Cholmondeley?"

"Yes, sir. My wife was a Miss Falkingham."

"Oh, indeed. Falkingham. Any relation to Falkingham of the 68th?"

"Daughter, sir."

"Splendid. Have you brought your wife with you to India?"

"Yes, sir, but she's in bed with cramp just now."

"What? Not Cramp of the 71st?"

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

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

We are indebted to Sam Britten for ringing the Secretary and informing her of the Pioneer inmates at Yaralla recently.

Consequently, the Secretary, Mrs. P. Herron, and the Treasurer, Mrs. L. Westwood, visited the hospital with a parcel from the Welfare Section to the following members, Sam Britten and Jim Hadfield. The ladies intended visiting "Tiny" Fields and Joe Taylor, too, but both these members had been discharged.

The Executive and Committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Association and its members . . .

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## AN APOLOGY

The Editors would like to apologise to all members who were inconvenienced by the late arrival of the last issue of the "Pioneer News."

Although details of the picnic were published in the previous issue (June), we realise another early reminder is necessary. But in this instance the lateness was caused by pressure of work at our printers, and we know they made every endeavour to have it reach us prior to the Wednesday, but it was just not possible. Sorry, folks!

## APPEAL TO MEMBERS

This article is only intended for members who have not paid their 1960 subscription of 5/- and those members who did not fill in the information form provided with their art union books.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members who have paid their subscription this year, and would like to state that this year's subscriptions have been the best on record

### BUT

there are still some members who have not sent in their subscription

### SO

how about indulging in the Christmas spirit of giving

### AND

send along your subscription, a newsy letter and the information slip.

## NEWS FROM . . .

### "2/2 PIONEER DESPATCH"

#### HOSPITAL INMATES

H. Johnson, A. Ostram, G. English, G. Haldane, W. Linterman, J. Raven, P. Webb, Mrs. N. Aspinall (widow).

#### Recently Discharged

S. Baade, A. Neilson, E. Corrie, W. Summerfield, Sgt. F. White.

• After a long illness, George Smart passed away on 7th July, 1960, at R.G.H., Melbourne, where he had been for about four months.

• Bill Bayley died suddenly on his way to work on 18th August, 1960. Bill will be remembered by all of the battalion, and especially by his old company, where he was affectionately known as "Flipper." Bill was employed by the Victoria Railways.

# SILVER CITY—GRETA

## VIVID MEMORIES RETURN

By H. Montague (2/1)

Whilst passing through the village of Greta recently, I decided to visit our old camp site at Silver City, Greta.

The main thoroughfares, the huts and various administration blocks are still standing, although twenty years have passed, with much water flowing under the bridge. All this brought back vivid memories to me.

With a lump in my throat and a heavy heart, I closed my eyes and recalled events and identities; in fact, I re-lived the past, back to the day when it was a main centre of activity.

On alighting at Greta our large party was welcomed by the villagers, when we "marched" up the long trail to the Silver City. As I struggled along, it seemed to me as though I would end up back at Sydney.

Then we reached a spot where stood a heap of silver huts, and lined up were quite a few lads in uniform who, strangely enough, were saying, "You'll be sorry." At the time I did not understand their remark—but next day it hit me with a bang.

### FAMOUS FIGHTING UNIT

Anyway, we were given a real reception and after formalities had been dispensed with, we found ourselves to be in the 2/1st Pioneer Battalion Training Camp. This was the foundation of a famous fighting/engineering unit, which was truly respected everywhere it went.

This was also the foundation of the comrades-in-arms atmosphere which banded together as such men who previously were complete strangers.

It did not take us long to settle down to army life and overcome all those teething problems—in fact, in the record time of three months we achieved outstanding recognition from the Governor when he inspected us on parade at Greta.

### UNIT BAND BEST IN ARMY

Under the expert leadership of Jock Armour, the Unit Band won the praise of all as the best in the army. The changing of the guard, with the band in attendance, was a highlight of the day's activities, and not a day went by without it being witnessed by Col. Macgillicuddy, Capt. Tom Ledgerwood, and R.S.M. Bob Sellick.

On approaching the H.Q. Administration block, the orderly room door was open and faintly I visualised John Har-netty and Ces. White sitting there working out figures and making out leave passes. Next I passed on to the postal room and took off my hat in remembrance to the most popular and the whitest man of them all, the late Dick Hansen, who did a colossal job as postal corporal.

### ATTENTION TO THE SICK

From here I passed on to the office which housed the R.A.P., and on closing my eyes for a brief moment I could see Capt. Stan Goulston, with Sgt. Ward,

going about their business of tending the sick. Then next visit was to the office of Frank Wakeling, our Pay Sergeant.

Next on my tour of inspection was the H.Q. Coy. lines, and immediately I thought of Charlie Main, "Pop-eye" Edwards, Bob Egan, and quite a few of the boys.

Then across to A Coy's lines and my mind flashed back to the day when Major Harold White was O.C., with Lt. Geoff. Hewson in the orderly room, and remembered names like Garry Pike, George Horder, Gordon Finlay, Frank Barrett, Frank Allen and many more good scouts.

### SCHOOLBOY FROM DUBBO

Time was marching on, so moved on to B. Coy., when Major Nugget Neal was O.C., and remembered how the boys held him in such high esteem. My mind flashed back to the day when we marched through Dubbo, with Major Neal in the lead. (Col. Macgillicuddy stood down to allow Major Neal, who was a schoolboy from Dubbo, to take over). The Mayor of Dubbo said:

"We know you are tough men and are going to be tougher by the time Fritz meets you. As our guests, we welcome you, just as we welcome other guests. We know you have left many good friends behind at Greta. We know you talk of the Greta dust, but we can assure you that the dust is just as good at Dubbo."

On looking over C. Coy. lines it brought to mind pleasant memories of Major Geoff. Graham. Ray Lester, the Morahans, "Porky" Graham, Tom Loy and many others. From here I went on to D Coy. lines, and thought of Major Tunbridge and his terrific bunch of boys.

I deeply regretted having to leave this camp of memories, but darkness was falling. So, very reluctantly, I pushed on but determined to return once again—for I really treasured those memories of my training days with the 2/1 Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

### MEMORIAL TO 2/1 PIONEER BTN.

I believe a satellite town is to be erected there, and when it is I really believe representations should be made to have a memorial dedicated to the 2/1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are deeply indebted to "Monty" for this flashback of news—and we would like to thank him for the effort he went to. We would also like to thank Ivor Garnon for the news cutting supplied, from which some of our information was taken.

We would certainly welcome a similar article from a member of the 2/2nds, as we are very keen to avoid making this Association a one-sided affair.)

## From the Mailbag...

● From Bathurst we have news of Ted Cox . . . thanks for the donation, Ted, and we are looking forward to receiving a more newsy letter next time.

● Jack Wilkie writes from Ivanhoe, Victoria. Jack is an ex B Coy. member and states he may be seeing us in the "near future."

● A post card from Port Adelaide indicated that Jack Coates was enjoying his "annuals." The post card is of Birkenhead Bridge, which will be remembered by many, as adjacent to the bridge was embarkation point. The red painted wharf shed is now in disuse and overgrown with weeds. Jack's holiday also included Broken Hill.

● From the Riverina town of Leeton we acknowledge a letter and sub. from Jack Painter. Thanks for the family effort and pleased you enjoy reading our News.

● Len Hope writes from Toukley and Len inadvertently failed to forward the art union book in time for the drawing. Nevertheless we were pleased to receive it. Len is a building contractor at Toukley.

● Frank Gravenmaker conducts a taxi service at Grenfell. Frank mentions Jim Redbeck as shearing at Temora, and of Athol Boyle as being in the vicinity of Grenfell. Frank welcomes any Pioneers for a yarn. He meets all the East-West Airlines at Cowra and the cab rank is in front of the Criterion Hotel.

● Neville Hall writes in and promises to be on deck next Anzac Day—we will be very pleased to see you, Neville. In answer to your query, all you owe is 5/- for 1960.

● Thanks to Roger Coogan, B. Coy 2/1 for his letter and welcome sub. Roger is with Station 2SM, Sydney, and has offered to "plug" our functions over the air. We'll certainly take advantage of your kind offer, Roger, and we are pleased to see the News brings back happy associations.

Roger mentions working with John Harnetty at the "Sun," nearly 30 years ago, and would be pleased to hear from John any time he is in Sydney. Your kind regards to the boys are passed on through these columns, Roger, and let us hear from you again soon.

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

Do Not Forget the

## ANNUAL SMOKO

at the

**SUSSEX HOTEL**

on

**FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1960**

at 7.30 p.m.

## In Passing...

● "Hard Luck Story Bureau," for soldiers with grievances:

"A 'Hard Luck Story Bureau,' where soldiers can air their grievances, will be a feature of a new soldiers' hostel, which is to be opened in Melbourne next month. Requesting the help of the A.I.F. Women's Association, Maj.-Gen. E. C. Plant told the Association's annual meeting yesterday that 75 per cent. of men who went A.W.L. did so for domestic reasons."

This is an extract from "Guinea Gold," "In the Field," Saturday, June 26, 1943.

All right, you Melbournites, is this place still open or isn't it?

● An extract from the same publication on the same states:

"Before a record crowd, Leggerini (R.A.A.F.) defeated Hourigan (A.I.F.) for the welterweight championship at the U.S. stadium last night, but because he does not intend to fight again, Leggerini did not claim the title."

With the "Guinea Golds" on hand, there is not one with mention in of the 2/1 champ., Lofty Jackson, but no doubt the fight fans would remember the above welterweight contest.

● The latest figures released by the Army Medals Section, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, show that more than one million war medals and stars have not yet been claimed. The Army would like to see more ex-servicemen apply for their awards and this statement is endorsed by the committee of this Association, who, apart from considering it a privilege to have and wear them, think it would show more uniformity on the Anzac Day march and other functions.

● We would like to acknowledge a donation from Harry Corby per medium of Harry Mostyn over a few drinks at the local. Thanks to the both Harrys—how about dropping us a line sometime, Harry C.

## SINCERE SYMPATHY

To Peter Bell, of Kyogle, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in the recent sad loss of his mother.

## ANZAC DAY, 1961

As this is the last issue of "Pioneer News" until March or April, 1961, we would like to point out that Anzac Day falls on Tuesday, 25th April, and perhaps country members may take the four days as a holiday and come down to see all their mates.

Anyone desirous of doing this and requiring accommodation, let the Secretary know and he will arrange accommodation with one of our members.

### WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On Anzac Eve, Monday, 24th April, 1961, 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 ceremonies.

On both occasions, we request all members to wear their medals. If you have not yet received yours, write immediately to the "Medals Section," Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. On receipt of same, it is a good safety measure to have them mounted on a bar at Christies in Pitt Street, Sydney.

## TAKE A HINT

The bloke was admiring the shine on his friend's car.

"How do you get such a shine on it?" he said. "Mine is a newer car than yours, yet it is dull compared with the glow yours has."

"Well," replied the pal. "After I wash it down I always polish it with an old pair of my wife's panties. They're the best thing in the world to bring up the shine."

"But I haven't a wife," the other replied.

"You have a girl friend," said his pal. "Why not ask her?"

The following night the second fellow was out with his girl friend and asked:

"What do you do with your old scanties when you wear them out?"

"Wear them home again," replied the lass. "If I can find them."

## 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Bns. Association Welfare Section Art Union

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Dr.		£	s. d.	Cr.		£	s. d.
To Prizes, invoice value ....		63	2 3	By Sale of Tickets—			
„ Printing and Stationery .....		13	15 6	5987 @ 1/- each .....		299	7 0
„ Postage .....		28	1 9	„ Excess Exchange on			
„ Stamp Duty .....		2	0 6	cheques received .....		6	0
„ Telephone .....		10	5				
„ Publication of Results ..		3	1 4				
		110	11 9				
		189	1 3				
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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Welfare Fund Account .....		189	1 3	Cash at Bank .....		189	1 3

I have examined the books of account and vouchers in connection with the 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battalions Association Welfare Section Art Union, and hereby certify that the above statements are in accordance therewith, and correctly set out the result of such art union.  
10th October, 1960.

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