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## EARLY HISTORY OF PIONEER NEWS

By Max Law, Original Editor  
BEAUMONT, S.A.

Dear Max and Bob,

I was very glad to receive the latest issue of the Pioneer News. In fact I have been waiting for it since my return from Sydney, following the visit there for Anzac Day.

First of all Max and Bob, may I say how happy I was to be able to attend the Annual General Meeting, the March and of course the reunion later in the day. It was the first attendance in eight years. No need to say how delighted I was to meet so many of the boys again, even though some of us are now looking a little older than just "boys."

As you know, George Hobley from W.A. travelled across to Adelaide in his "Komby," arriving a day or so after my departure for Sydney by car. George had previously phoned me and arrangements were made for a key to be left in a suitable place and George of course, spent a couple of days at my home and placed his "Komby Van in the car port. Later he flew to Sydney and of course was in attendance for Anzac Day.

On our return, I arranged for George Hobley and his wife May, together with Ernie Hayden and his wife Win, to join my wife and myself for a meal and a few drops of the doings. We had quite a time going through some old photographs of the war years.

### THE ORIGINAL PIONEER NEWS

As promised, I have pulled out a couple of copies of the original Pioneer News. Enclosed are copies of the first six issues and I trust that you will find them of interest. I further trust that if you do not have such copies that you will accept them on my behalf for the Archive. As you will see the Pioneer News was born in December of 1952 and was really the brainchild of the then committee but with an extra recommendation from the newly elected president of the year - Hec Page (Major, 2/2). This first issue was to have been on foolscap paper but at Hec's suggestion we folded the paper in halves and then turned it around to make it in the form of a news letter. Compared of course to the present day issues, our efforts were fairly old fashioned but we believed at the time it would serve a useful purpose.

If you are interested in a little history, the membership at that time was very low and it was decided that we would start some sort of a publicity campaign to get former members of the two units together. Subsequently, as secretary, I wrote to just about every group of newspapers in Australia (and I mean "Australia"). In almost every case our hand

written plea for a little assistance in publicising the 2/1 - 2/2 Pioneer Battalion Association was acknowledged and we were given space in country and city newspapers alike. As a result letters were received at our rooms at Hunter Street and quite a list of new members were enrolled.

### THEN CAME THE PIONEER NEWS

Frank Cheal (2/2) was elected Assistant Secretary and Assistant Editor and between the two of us we began to gather some information which would enable us to publish Volume 1 No. 1. Out of the next few issues as letters began to pour in to us, we kept reminding members that whenever they met an ex-Pioneer they should pass on the message that the "Association needs them." I, at that time, personally hand wrote all of the information and took excerpts from the letters as they came in over the next few months.

We attempted to get enough news to continue printing the magazine each quarter. Frank enlisted the aid of a lass in the Commonwealth Bank where Frank worked and for two nights each quarter this lass worked without charge and typed the contents onto a rough prepared sheet. We then added or deleted as space would allow. The lass then cut the stencils and processed to run off the roneed sheets. As I remember the imitation of our two coloured patch, was drawn by hand onto the first stencil of each first issue.

After our first three issues I received an offer by two good friends of mine who were not connected in any way with the Association, but who were printers, to set up and print our magazine quite free of charge. This arrangement carried on for quite some time and as you will see from issues 4, 5 and 6 the Pioneer News began to take on a much neater look. Apart from a break of three issues (I cannot just remember why there was such a break) we commenced again and there has not been a break in the printing of the paper from that time on.

### WRAPPERS HANDWRITTEN

Referring back to the actual printing and distribution of the early issues, Frank and I used to hand write wrappers for each issue and as the membership increased, so of course did the work load. Frank and I averaged about five nights working together prior to the posting of each issue.

Of course there were others who contributed in many ways and helped us to establish the Pioneer News. I would particularly mention Alf Carter who used to "stand over" the boys at every function we organised and at the Anzac Day

March to bully them into paying 'a few bob' to keep the Pioneer News going.

So Max and Bob, although there is a lot more which could be said about the early history of the beginning of the News, I will not bore you with the details. Those connected with it in those days I know, enjoyed working at it as an effort to achieve something, and I know that they would support me right now in saying that the efforts which are being put in by you and the committee are more than ever, truly appreciated.

In closing, my congratulations once again to Mick Dodson as our new President and to the members of the Committee.

Please find enclosed a small donation to assist with expenses.

With kind regards, Sincerely,

MAX LAW.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A Remembrance Service will be conducted by Padre Stan Claughton, at his residence, 64 Victoria Road, West Pennington Hills, on Sunday, 4th November, at 3.00 p.m.

This is a 2/2nd Pioneer get-together, but 2/1sts are also cordially invited to attend with their wives.

Ladies are requested to bring a plate for afternoon tea. Any enquiries, please contact Peg Herron (Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary), Telephone 759-5491.

In the past the Remembrance Service for our fallen Comrades has been attended by 2/2 and 2/1 at Stan Claughton's Church, at Leichhardt, but as the Padre has retired, he has graciously offered the use of his home so as to carry on the tradition.

## NEWCASTLE SOCIAL

A Social Get-together of 2/1 and 2/2 members and wives is to be held at the Cardiff R.S.L. Club, Macquarie Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, 2nd March, 1974, at 7.00 p.m.

A Smorgasbord Dinner will be served and the approximate cost will be \$3.

Notification of attendance is required by Friday, 22nd February, 1974, so as to arrange catering. Sydney members to contact Bob McGregor, 120 Glamis St., Kingsgrove, Phone: 759-0313 and Newcastle and Country members, Jack Bertram, 90 National Park Street, Hamilton.

It is suggested all members arrange their own accommodation.

## BOB LEE, 2/2 TRAVELS TO CAIRNS AND ATHERTON

Dear Editors,

Thought I would pen a few lines which may be of interest to a few 2/2, particularly those of H.Q. Coy. - so if considered appropriate you may wish to convey through "Pioneer News" some of my ramblings.

Last month, my wife Joan, and youngest daughter, Adrienne, were fortunate enough to take a trip to Cairns. This had been looked forward to for many years, as I wanted to again see some of the sights almost forgotten since the war years.

Our first stop was at Proserpine which took priority on the itinerary as there I was able to look up a really first class soldier - Vic Norman of 5 Platoon fame - in fact, I'm proud to say, from my Section.

The last time I saw Vic was in Balikpapan at the end of November, 1945. Perhaps like us all, he is a little older but he still looks the same to me except that he is slightly heavier.

It was lovely to meet his wife, Sally, who was known to us all as "our gal Sal," and his daughter, Sandra, who is far better looking than her father ever was!

Vic also has two sons, one a Bank Officer, married and living in Townsville and the other was away during school holidays, so we didn't see him.

Vic was anxious to hear about those whose names he could readily recall -

Monty Reid, Arthur Daldy, Pat Egan, Jim Fields, Butch Phillips, George Thuel, Jim Cameron of our Platoon and many others too numerous to list here.

However, he asked me to pass on his good wishes to all Pioneers and expressed the hope that one day he may get to Sydney and see a few.

Vic's address is 25 Ann Street, Proserpine, but it is for incoming mail only, as Vic suffers from "crampitis" of the writing hand. I can say that here, where he can't have a shot at me.

After going to Hayman, Daydream and South Molle Islands, we continued our trip up to Cairns, where we enjoyed looking around at local sights, up to Atherton, Mareeba, Port Douglas and Mossman.

Our old camp site near what was known to us at Trinity Beach is quite undistinguishable as it is now a cane farm.

### PALM COVE LANDING PRACTICE

The beach, which during the war we used for landing practice, is known as Palm Cove, there are quite a few holiday cottages and it is a most popular spot, looking out onto Double Island. Seeing Double Island brought back many memories, as it was there that our old departed, but not forgotten mate, Norm Phillips, together with Pat Egan and myself, built a hut which was used as our headquarters for week-end fishing excursions. We had the hut well stocked with food, hand grenades, gelignite (for

fishing) and anything useful which could be moved and rowed over in a boat.

We continued our trip going up to Cooktown by boat from Cairns and returning to Cairns by bus. This was quite an experience, a bit rough, but well worth doing once!

Unfortunately, our trip was only of 12 days duration but it has served to freshen memories and as an inducement to go again as soon as circumstances permit.

The scenery, climate and steady pace of living is a far cry from the rat race conditions which many of us Southerners put up with, so to anyone contemplating such a trip, I can only say - do it, you'll enjoy it.

I thought last Anzac Day's function at the Castlereagh was quite good. It was a bit unique having Joan's cousin, Jack Collis, serve my lunch, although I think he had his thumb in the gravy deliberately. He must have gone early as I didn't see him during the latter part of the afternoon.

Well, I've rambled on enough for this session, Max, so will finish off wishing you and the Committee well and adding my appreciation for efforts in fostering the comradeship of our Association.

Kind thoughts,

BOB LEE,  
5 Plat., H.Q. Co.

## DONABABU (N.G.) R.A.P. PARADE

By LAURIE (3 Course) KELLY

On listening to the Editor's pleas for each one of us to relate a humorous incident in our army career, my thoughts went back immediately to one R.A.P. parade at Donadabu, in New Guinea.

Mould was prevalent in the jungle - tobacco and cigarettes were mouldy, clothes and boots were mouldy. Even the human body was mouldy with fungus or tinea.

Well, I copped tinea on the most tender part of the body. Some bright spark suggested I try that issue of mosquito oil. I used a full bottle of this, plus two tins of issue tinea powder, but all to no avail. Then another bright specimen suggested that I visit the Armory Sergeant as he had some beaut rifle oil, that would cure it. Half a pint of rifle oil certainly lubricated certain parts, but it left me with practically no skin on the posterior.

The time had come, I said to myself, to go on tinea parade at the R.A.P. It was a Sunday morning and when I reported to the R.A.P. I was told to strip off all except boots, hat and a towel around my waist. About twenty men were on parade in the same condition. Jack Collis came out and told us to line up in two ranks facing each other and said "When I paint each man with this green tinea paint, the man opposite will fan with his hat the effected part. This stuff is very hot."

### GREEN FIRE OF HELL

All went well, with the opposite rank, when we fanned like hell. Then it came to my turn to be painted and remember I was red raw from previous "treatment." I took off my towel and Jack hit me with that green fire. My God, then it happened. All the naphtha dropped on Vietnam or those German flame throwers that broke through the Salient had nothing on that fiery brush you had in

your hand, Jack.

With only one thought in mind and that was to put out the fire, I dropped hat and towel and raced like fury for the river. Lucky it had rained the night before, otherwise I would have set the dry grass on fire.

On my flight towards the river some 200 yards away, I passed Colonel Graham and the Padre and heard the Colonel say "my God what is wrong with that man." I was told later the Padre replied by saying "well he is going the wrong direction to our Church Parade."

### ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Anyway, I broke all records getting to the river and although the bank was 10 ft. high, I put Tarzan to shame in the dive I made. I remember the water boiling around me and they tell me that for months after they were catching crocodiles with skins boiled from their bodies. Who made that liquid fire, Jack?

Was it a man by the name of De Sade or was it the beast of Belsen?

I have often thought a lot of money could be made if one was to go to a dog track or a racecourse and with a little dab with that brush and presto - a winner.

Perhaps we could give some to the Olympic Games runners and be sure of Gold Medals!

I am fairly sure the main ingredients would be as follows: One tin green army paint, one gallon white phosphorous, one gallon naphtha, one gallon sulphuric acid. Miss all together and issue to the R.A.P. Corporal.

Anyway, Jack, three parades later I was cured, if only by psychological effect. You know you could have sent that green hell up to Vietnam. One little dab on those A.R.V.N.S. tails and you would have the best soldiers in the world.

Goodbye for now.

## WELFARE REPORT

Through the kindness of those good friends of ours in the office at Concord Repatriation Hospital, I receive advice about noon each Thursday regarding members of the Association who are patients there and their respective Wards, so that when doing the rounds during the evening, I have all the information on hand.

Only the medical history and the last Unit or Battalion from which one was discharged from the Army is kept, and no regimental particulars whatsoever. So if you did transfer to any other mob from either 2/1 or 2/2 Pioneers and have to go to hospital, and would like a visit, write or phone me at the following address: Welfare Officer, Harry Montague, 46 Pomeroy Street, Homebush, 2140. Phone: 76-6657.

## LAST POST

It is with the greatest regret that I report the deaths of two old originals from the 2/1 Pioneers, Stan Barling "D" Co. and Jimmy "Titch" Young, "B" Co., recently.

Deepest respects were paid on behalf of the Association to their next-of-kin, and we have lost a couple of cobbers who will always be remembered.

H. MONTAGUE.

## OBITUARY

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mr. Claughton, Sr., father of our esteemed Padre, Stan Claughton, of the 2/2 Pioneers.

This old gentleman was most highly respected by all who had the honour to know him, and we of the Association join with the family and their many friends in paying our deepest respects to Stan and Jean Claughton.

H. MONTAGUE.



Start of another issue of the Mail Bag and the first letter to hand from an old stalwart of the 2/1, Ken (Mum) Kerr, writes a letter per medium of his good wife, June, that although ailments are at times a severe problem, he manages to continue with interests to keep him out of trouble and happy at his ripe old age of 72. Ken and June are residents out in the Lane Cove area and he really enjoys the doings of the Association per our little paper. Ken also enclosed a cheque and this is in the hands of the Treasurer. Thanks for your letter, June and for the subscription.

**JOE HOCKEY**, that master of trouble in his younger days, has slowed down a bit with the passing of time, but still manages to keep smiling, and keeping the Newcastle boys constantly on the alert. Joe has not been enjoying the best of health and has not attended a Tobruk Day at Newcastle for four years. However, Joe wishes to be remembered to all the mob and a special mention to C. Co., where he did most of his damage earlier in life. Thank you for the subscription, Joe, I can assure you that Doug knows just what to do with it.

**JACK WILLIAMS**, 2/1 and now at Sefton, Sydney, sends a short note mainly acknowledging our Treasurer's appeal for outstanding subscriptions and sends a nice cheque to keep the old paper above water. Jack does not say what he does to keep himself occupied so am afraid that we cannot pass this information on, many thanks, Jack, and Treasurer has the cheque where it is doing most good.

**AUB BRAZIER**, Hon. Pioneer and our official bugler at all occasions sends a thank you note for his good time at Anzac Eve and Anzac Day and the information that he has spent some time working in the Casino area since that time. Did happen to pass through Kyogle on a few occasions where Bill Hoffman is in command, however the local baths, which are Bill's particular baby, was closed and not knowing Bill's address, could not see him. Just shows you don't know much about Kyogle Aub, any dog or cat could have taken you to any of the Pioneers in that town!

**MONTY MONTAGUE**, our Hospital and Repatriation man that parades nightly at A.G.H. Concord, sends a short note with subscription from Alf Jakins and Bert Brittain, both patients at time of Monty's visit. At the time of going to Press, Monty reports that Bert had passed away. Our sincere sympathy to his family.

**GEOFF CHEAL**, 2/2 and now with the Bank of N.S.W. at Moama, N.S.W., don't bother with the maps, Moama is on the N.S.W. side of the Murray River, near Echuca, Geoff enclosed that information to stop us from going grey, however, he has sent a cheque comprising of half his life savings to help us on our way. Geoff quotes that on writing from the Queen City of the Riverina, and that it must be a pretty good place because, besides Magpies, Kookaburras, Tiger Snakes and Galahs, there are a few other Pioneers

there also. Ted Grumley of the originals, Archie Sinclair and Bill Fallon were three. As Geoff writes, quote "How we who reformed the unit at Wagga hated these originals, during training, we just about had our guts pulled apart in an endeavour to emulate the Originals, such emulation of course being forced upon us, the story being, if they could do it, we had to. Have met one or two of the originals since and you know they turned out to be quite human and not bad blokes at all." Unquote. I thought this a very entertaining letter and the extra copies of the News will be posted accordingly.

**COL SHEA**, 2/2 and now at Footscray, Melbourne, sends along a substantial cheque to keep things rolling, but did not write very much news with it. I suppose with Footscray out of the big time down there in the Aerial Ping Pong season, Col is a bit disappointed and not feeling his usual self. Cheer up though, Col, it must get better, for years now I have had to swallow the fact that most of the Committee of this Association hails from the St. George district and they used to kill us at football, but the worm has turned and its my turn now, maybe your turn will come next year. Jokes aside, Col, thank you for the subscription, I can assure you it must do good.

**FERGUS ROBERTSON**, 2/1 and now at Mosman, N.S.W., sends along a cheque and a few words of news, claims he is getting a bit long in the tooth for marching these days, but will try to get along to town next year. Fergus' cheque came with the apology that it would have been more, but that is all Mr. Crean has left with him. Fergy has been in hospital at Concord and passes his sincere thanks along to Monty for his visitations while he was a patient, and that he did also meet Jock Armour at the Repatriation Centre not long ago. Thanks for the letter Fergy and the cheque is in Doug's little hot hand.

**ERIC (COONA) LINDSAY**, of Coona-barabran, N.S.W. sends a cheery note with a subscription for the Treasurer and a cheerio to all his mates, some of whom he has not heard from for quite a while. Eric speaks of fellows, Jimmie Darra, Bob Fred Bellingham and Speed Gordon, who have not been too strong with the pen. Eric has taken up bowls and is looking forward to travelling around a bit so is hoping to contact a few of the blokes in his wanderings. This will be at weekends and holidays, as he hasn't made retirement as yet. Thanks for the letter Eric, and hope that some of those mentioned above get the message.

**CYRIL AMIES**, ex-2/1, now with a printing business at West Ryde, sends a short note and a subscription to Doug's appeal, but does not say a great deal, but apparently still enjoys seeing the News. Many thanks for the cheque Cyril, can assure you it will do most good.

**KEN BOWDEN**, 2/1, now at Balgowlah, is much along the same lines at Cyril, a very short note with a cheque. for the Treasurer and very little else written on the page, I suppose this is to be expected

from the Brig. who made great use of those field service cards to his sisters during the war years. Good luck Ken, and thanks again for the support.

**MRS. LUCY CREIGHTON**, of Chatswood, sends a thank you note for the receipt of the News at each edition and also enclosed a cheque for the Treasurer with very little other information. Thank you Mrs. C., glad that you enjoy our little paper.

**MICK BYE** of Goodooga, and boss of the Brahman Stud, sends along a letter with a little news. Mick is a pretty regular contributor to the paper with his letters and we are very thankful to him for same. As he quotes, he does not get away from the property very often and therefore his meetings with the boys is strictly limited, however, he does do a lot of work for Legacy and this does bring many familiar names to his attention. A Gymkhana is held on the property each year in the effort to support and raise money for Legacy, while Digger's Day at the Bowling Club is also hived up for the same reason. It is on this one day that Mick meets up with Bob Molyneux, who still lives at Lightning Ridge and is also a very keen bowler. At time of writing the Stud is enjoying a very good year and this makes a welcome change from the few previous ones that have been a bit rough. A good letter Mick and can assure you that the cheque is where it is doing the most good.

**DES MARTIN**, 2/2 now at Wodonga, sends a cheery note and a sub to the Treasurer and remarks that since his old mate, Red Jones is not around to keep him up to scratch, finds that finance matters are inclined to be a little lax. Des remarks of the problems of droughts and bad prices, plus the declining health of the old digger, are all adding up to a bit of a problem, however, he is still riding the range after cattle, as he remarks, people die in bed and he always hated walking. Wishes to pass along the information that the old colours, Grey, Purple and white triangle, purple cap are registered colours with the V.R.C., won a steeple race in July, however the writing is a little bit hazy here and I do not know whether Des owns the horse and the colours or whether it is a relative of his. Sorry, Des, just can't work these last two lines out. However, many thanks for the letter and cheque and hope that the colours go on to bigger things.

**H. A. HUTCHINSON**, of Woy Woy writes a line that he enjoys the News and doings although illness has taken the course that he cannot attend any of the functions any more, and must always venture out with a companion to accompany him. However, should any of the boys be up that way his address is 154 Burge Road, Woy Woy, he would love to see them. Many thanks for the letter old mate and cheque is with the Treasurer.

**LARRY ROBSON**, 2/1 and regarded as our Newcastle coast to coast relay man, writes a good letter of his last trip up the North Coast. I think Larry does this trip all the time, although I sometimes

## MAIL BAG (continued from page 3)

wonder when he gets time to take any orders. However, here is the trip, Ted Eather known to all as "Bluey," on the Kempsey Kid, was contacted at the R.S.L. for a few hours on "Squash" — not both of you?? And Blue looks the goods. For those that don't know Blue is the Saw Doctor for the W. & G. Mill at West Kempsey. Fred Wheaton back at Coffs, fully recovered from the Anzac Day Reunion and working with his brother, Jack in the butcher shop at Coffs Harbour. Allan Crute of Woolgoolga, sends his regards, however Tom Morrow was not at home, out loading bananas. Next was Grace Leese at Grafton, wife of the late Harold, and she sends her regards to all she knows and still enjoys the "News." Caught Terry McGuire at the South Lismore Bowling Club, where the big bowling Gala was the main topic. Also spent half an hour with Alex George and wife Jean, where Alex has been made a Life Member of the R.S.L. for services rendered as Treasurer to the Sub-Branch. Alex Cameron was next, still with the D.M.R. and in working hours (if any Pioneer knows what that is, other than our Secretary and Treasurer) can be found anywhere between Woodburn and Cowper, sends his regards to all. Bill Payne has a gift shop in the main street of Maclean, Bill still plays his tennis and looks remarkably fit. Jim Casson was also on tack and is occupied with the worries of the Tick Control Office. After reading through this list, do you get what I mean about orders!! Larry has also got a special note for all Newcastle members, plans are in hand for another Smoko at the Cardiff R.S.L. on the 2nd March, 1974. A smorgasbord at about 7.00 p.m., mixed night, so bring the lovelies with you. It would be appreciated if you could let Larry know of your intentions so as to help with the catering. There is no excuses necessary, remember even if you don't drink the amber fluid, there are a lot of blokes the same way these days.

Larry also passed on the sad news of the passing of **Don Cotton** in March.

**Jack Bertram**, 2/1 of Newcastle, writes to say the Newcastle team have organised an informal get together at the Cardiff R.S.L. Club on 2nd March, 1974, and would be glad to see as many of the Pioneers and their wives as possible to make the night a success. When the date was mentioned to Peg Herron, she said to Bob Lake "that's our wedding anniversary week-end, so Max and I can live it up." At least you'll have two starters that week-end, Jack.

Jack states he has not seen many Pioneers around lately — Dick Seddon is enjoying his retirement and Jack Griffiths is as busy as ever.

Thanks for your letter, and keep us posted about the Newcastle get together. I'm sure you will have quite a few starters, if the Greta Show is any indication.

**Allan McInnes**, our well-known 2/2, and his wife, Mary, made a short visit to Sydney recently and our secretary and his wife were able to catch up with some of the news since Mary and Mac left Sydney in January. Mac's health had improved since his move to the Gold Coast and they were really enjoying their leisure hours.

Allan sends his best wishes to all and hopes one of these days to be able to join up for our Anzac Day functions.

**Mary Lloyd**, wife of Jack Lloyd, 2/1, was at the time of writing still holidaying in Ireland and from all reports to Peg Herron having a truly wonderful time. Thanks, Mary, for your lovely cards, they certainly made us very envious.

**Graham "Sailor" Witham**, 2/1, is also still overseas and enjoying a very peaceful holiday with friends in Lincolnshire, England. He sends best wishes to the Committee for a happy reunion in October.

**John Hunt**, "A" Coy., 2/1, of Cherm-side, writes in to say "it takes a reminder to spur us laggards on." He was pleased to receive the last issue of the Pioneer News and in particular, to see the photographic insert — he states "who are all those baldy and grey headed blokes — surely not the young fellows we knew so long ago."

John was in Glen Innes for a day of his holidays last month (August), but as usual, Tom Manual was out when he called.

John is leading a busy life, even though he only has his youngest son, Garth, at home. Garth was chosen as Captain of St. Paul's School, Bald Hills, Brisbane. We send congratulations to you Garth on achieving such a high honour. John's daughter is now a doctor at Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth. If all goes well, John said he would be down for Anzac Day, 1974.

Many thanks for your newsy letter, John and also for your donation.

Well that's about it for this issue fellows, glad that the response to the Treasurer's appeal was so good, it does go towards making our paper possible and I think you all agree, it is a good one.

LAKEY.

## STREAMLING ANNUAL MEETING

At the October Committee meeting it was proposed that the Annual Election of Office Bearers be streamlined to fall into line with modern meeting procedure, thereby saving members time at the Annual Meeting.

The Constitution states the Annual Meeting elect the President and Committee and the Committee nominate their Office Bearers. Therefore the Committee are called upon to nominate Office Bearers for 1974 at the March Committee meeting.

At the Annual Meeting the Chairman will call upon the Secretary to read the name of each nominated Office Bearer — the proposer and the seconder. Then at the completion the Chairman will call for any further nominations — if any he will put them to a majority vote — if no further nominations he will declare the nominations as made to be elected — and carried with acclamation.

Any member objecting to this change in procedure may write to the Secretary.

## NEWCASTLE SOCIAL

2/1 - 2/2 MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND WIVES

### CARDIFF R.S.L. CLUB

Macquarie Street, Cardiff

SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1974

At 7.00 p.m.

SMORGASBORD DINNER \$3.00

Notify Social Secretary by 22nd Feb., 1974

## NEWS ITEMS

● Whilst at Concord recently, I discovered old **Jack Hurst**, who was one of the originals of the 2/1sts at Greta, and after so many years what a meeting it was. We had quite a session and Jack immediately joined the Association. His legs have been anything but good, and after long treatment he was returned to the "Little Sisters of Joseph," Market Street, Randwick, which is his permanent address. Jack requests that if any of his old Battalion mates are ever out that way to call at the home — he would appreciate their visit.

● Also in my weekly visits to Concord, came across **Stan Pye**, of "D" Co. Stan had been at Nambucca Heads since returning to "civvy street," but is now living in Sydney. During our talks he was interested in news of his old cobbbers and certainly anxious to renew acquaintances with old Don Coy, mates.

● **Ted Skoyles** brought the good wishes and regards from one of our ex-R.S.M.'s, Arthur Smith, who has a chemist shop in Bong Bong Street, Bowral, to all members of the Association. Arthur always leads the Anzac Day March at Bowral, which prevents him being with us on this occasion, but he hopes to get down for our next reunion.

● Met up with that old pal of the 2/2nd, **Frank Cole**, who resides in Warrawong, while he was also a patient in Concord. This fellow never misses a reunion or gathering of our Association. Frank requests that any of the members who are down that way call on him, and I can personally guarantee they will be made very welcome. Thanks, Frank.

● One of my old mates from 8 Plt., "A" Coy, 2/1, who marched into Greta when we were first formed, **Harold Adams**, was also in Concord. After not seeing one another for many years, it was a great pleasure to sit and talk about old times. Harold has retired from work, does a bit of fishing, housework and gardening, and has a nice quiet residence in Coolangatta Road, Berry, on the South Coast.

He would appreciate a visit from any old Pioneer who might be down that way, and I am sure Harold some of the old timers will certainly accept your invitation.

**CLIVE McLACHLAN**, "C" Coy, 2/1, is now the "Mine Host" of the Tourist Hotel, Queanbeyan, and would appreciate a visit from any Pioneer.

**DON LAWSON**, 2/2 and Vice-President of the Association, has been at Concord Hospital for nearly a month but is quite cheerful and sends regards to all his friends in 2/1 and 2/2.

**TED CROKE**, son of the late Jim Croke, 2/2, is now the Assistant Manager of the Homebush/Strathfield R.S.L. and would be pleased to welcome any 2/1 or 2/2. Also on the Committee of this R.S.L. is another member, "Ossie" Byrnes, "A" Coy, 2/1. So no doubt you would get quite a reception for afternoon tea. Any enquiries, please

H. "Monty" MONTAGUE.

## CORRECTION

Caption on some photos of last issue were omitted as follows: No. 13 Vic. Whiteley. 14, Jack Griffiths and "Curly" Bentley. 15, "Our girls" at the Greta Barbecue, 1972. Photos may be obtained by writing to Paul Wiggins, 218 Connells Point Road, South Hurstville.