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Received from the Hon Secretary

Random memories occasioned by a few of the names in the current "Vale":

Ken Jorgenson

An original who served in the desert and Greece with the Regimental Survey Party. Ken's epic escape from Greece with Fyie Donald and others in a rowing boat has featured in an early issue of "Kibble's Post".

After returning to Australia Ken went to O.T.C. and returned as LT, to serve with 51 Bty in the last New Guinea campaign managing to be "wounded in action-remaining on duty". That last quote typified Ken, a quiet, reserved, courageous man of high intelligence who knew his duty and did it well.

In more recent years he served as Treasurer in tandem with me as Secretary – an association I still treasure. His "marching out" left a gap, filled however by Ossie Pearce with the same relationship now existent (thank goodness).

Ken – first class as a soldier and as a man.

Keith Boaz

Joined the Regiment on the Tablelands in the Survey Party. Keith always said his main claim to fame was the construction of the “log cabin” (Officers Mess) at Mapee.

Subsequently he moved to New Guinea for our last “show”, where he performed with courage and efficiency.

He loved his time with the Regiment – an affair which lasted up till his last days. As a committee-man and as President he was always enthusiastic with plans up to 2010/15. As I would have been 95 my reaction was a raised eyebrow!

The Newcastle Club (now disbanded) and the Sydney Club owe him a great debt.

We miss him.

D.A. Jack

Only ever known as “Steve” – hated his given names.

Steve Jack was the quintessential gun No. 1. Big, burly with a strong voice, a great sense of humour and a well-developed knowledge of men and how to command them in a gun-pit.

Steve is pictured in the War History having early Xmas dinner with his gun-crew before moving up in the desert. That photo is classic Steve Jack – a big grin and getting “stuck-in” to his “mungaree”. Calm in action, Steve was one of so many of our gun-sergeants who were the mainstay of the Regiment.

The No. 1 and his gun-crew are after all the basic structure of an artillery regiment.

Steve served with courage and efficiency in the desert, Ceylon and our two New Guinea campaigns. A good man and a great friend.

E Jowett

One of the last three standing in Melbourne (the others Harry Pike and Keith Godfree).

I think Ernie Jowett was one of the gun sergeants transferred from other units.

What little I know of him is that he overcame the awkward situation created for those chaps and served in the last campaign with courage and efficiency.

Alan Milne

Alan was an executive with a steel company in Port Kembla and was thus a “reserved occupation”. Somehow he managed late in the war to enlist – how we never quite knew.

At the Training Regiment Alan was convinced by the training staff that the 2/1st was the field regiment “par excellence”. He thought all the officers were decorated, the “Acks” were senior wranglers from Cambridge University and the gun crews were 6 feet Adonis’s.

Unfortunately arriving at Loftus (during our wharf labouring spell) one Saturday afternoon he was received by “Ocky” Campbell (the C.O.’s driver). “Ocky” was a good driver – but suffice to say, Alan began to have some doubt. Subsequently on the Tablelands Alan’s doubt increased when on a “beer night” a member of a football team struck another team member with a frying pan full of sizzling sausages and then was placed under arrest by the orderly officer (one “Tiny Hewitt”).

However, Alan with his beautifully modulated vowels and impeccable manners became a popular member of “E” troop and served well in the last New Guinea show.

He died at 99.2, bitterly disappointed he missed Don Bradman’s 99.64. Remembered with pride and a great deal of affection.

Hon. Secretary’s Note: Space does not permit reference to the other names listed but we would appreciate any comments from those who knew them.

ANZAC DAY 2007

Assemble at the usual spot at the corner of King and Castlereagh Streets at 9.00 to 9.30 am.

Admittance tickets for the Reunion will be on sale at the march site.

The Luncheon will be held at the restaurant on the ground floor of The Marque Hotel (**formerly Country Comfort Hotel**) at Railway Square on the corner of George and Quay Street, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. No steps or stairs – by train easy access from Devonshire Street Subway and escalator to George Street. Cars can set down and pick-up in Quay Street.

One significant change this year – the Committee wishes to warmly welcome female relatives and friends.

Charges will be \$30.00 per head for members and member's wives/widows, and all other visitors, male or female, will be \$45.00 per head.

Anzac Day, 2006 – Standing: Ossie Pearce, John Hynes, Seated: Norrie Jones, Marshall Currie

1939 – Ingleburn

Back Row: Bill Cobson, G Fricke, F Okeley, J Cobson, P.C. Martin

Centre: J Bennett, A Bell, G Morrison, Bill Nobbs, W Clarke, R Martin

*Front: T Warner, Steve Penberthy, Laurie Van Baerle, J Freeman, **Jack Stewart***

MAILBAG

Letters from Jack Stewart:

12 Gilbert Crescent
WARWICK QLD 4370
31.03.06

Dear John

Another year down the track, and in spite of the Ode "Age Shall Not Weary Them", I'm afraid that in my case (and indeed to many of our old mates and comrades) age has caught up with us and our aches and pains make life difficult. However the recent arrival of Kibbles Post has brought back some nostalgic (and sad) memories. Our ranks are certainly thinning out, and like so many of the W.W.2 clubs, groups are close to having to fold up, no-one to carry on the job.

My wife of just on sixty years recently 'marched out', and going through her war time memorabilia and informing her old Army mates had been limited to just a few. They had to close their 2/9 A.G.H. Association, no-one left to carry on the club affairs. Vida served with the 2/1 A.G.H. at Gaza, 2/7 at Rehovit, 2/2 at El Kantara, on return to Australia was transferred to the 2/9 A.G.H. and was among the first nurses to go to New Guinea and finished the war at Morotai.

I am now a War Widower and have recently had eye surgery to remove cataracts and my vision is worse now than before, but the M.O. assured me it would improve once I get new glasses (three weeks time) so excuse the errors in my one finger typing.

Have a good reunion, my regards to the boys, I will be thinking of the good times the Regiment had and try to gloss over the sad ones.

All the Best, Jack Stewart

12 Gilbert Crescent
WARWICK QLD 4370

Dear John

Among my bits and pieces, I have picked out a few old photos, some of which may be of some use should the 2/1 Field Regt. Club and Kibbles Post last a few more years. If we fold up then perhaps there will be some sort of archives that they can go to or maybe to the W.P.B.

Also in the heap is an old paper cutting (see below for article), in relation to the boys that went to Abyssinia. Now onto a different track, perhaps this might confirm or deny whatever the Club records have alongside my name, if not of relevance then dump it in the W.P.B.

I enlisted at Victoria Barracks, with the hope that the Artillery would be horse drawn and I would be in a mounted unit. The only thing about horses on that day was the harness hanging on the walls of the rooms where we signed up. Along with the others, I was sent to Holsworthy for a few days, then on to Ingleburn, where I became a driver (learner) in 1 Battery H.Q.

On arrival at El Kantara, I was detailed to stay on board, and go onto Port Said to assist unloading our equipment and drive the vehicles to Palestine. I remained in B.H.Q. until I became part of Y ACK ACK unit. Finished the stint at Port Terwfik.

Eventually back to the 2/1 Field Regt. In due course, was paraded to Lieut. Col. Barker, when he took over and along with several others, who the C.O. spoke to individually was transferred to R.H.Q. as the Survey Party. If I recall correctly Lieut. Cromie became the Survey Officer. My job was to drive the lead survey vehicle, a Ford utility, in which the survey officer traveled, no others. Survey was out of this world, all we had was a Director, compasses, and the vehicle speedo. A lot of our calculations were arrived at by noting change of compass direction combined with the reading of the trip meter of the speedo. Lieut. Cromie had to go back to hospital at one stage and the R.S.M., Ted Resuggan took over as Survey Officer for a time. At times the C.O. could send for me and he would be my passenger. On one occasion we were traveling flat, I enquired of Co. Barker where is the front line - the guns and Regt. were strung out behind us. His reply, we are the front line, this vehicle is the front line.

On a few occasions I would have to report to DOAG, sometimes early morning or late afternoon, and we would take off out into the desert, the object to look for alternative gun position, or advance position. On one of these forays we stuck our nose over a sand ridge and were on the receiving end of shrapnel shells from an Italian position.

After Bengaza, Lieut. Cromie was back from hospital. He was one of the few Officers, along with me as driver detailed (or whatever) to follow up the Italian retreat to El Agheila. We went on one or two patrols looking for German troops, but as history records found nothing.

On return to Alexandria, and then to Greece, I became a general transport bloke, on the train to Larissa, in view of the fact that I had had a bit to do with steam engines in civvy street. I was one of the water carriers when our boys took over driving the train. On the outskirts of Larissa, the C.O. sent the Intelligence Officer, myself and another gunner to find out where we were. We came across a farm, the residents no English, us no Greek, however they gave us each a boiled egg, and we got the information we were one side of Larissa, the Germans the other side. On reporting back to the train we moved out south until we caught up with our guns. I acquired a motor bike and became a Don R, until it was hit by a bomb splinter or a bullet and caught fire and burnt, did several driving jobs, as needed, and finally took over driving Col. Harlock, in a Tommy station wagon that he had acquired. I drove him each day when he had conferences with all sorts of Yugoslav, Greek, and other ranking army officers. Red Robbie was just about always at the meetings, he apparently took over when General Blamey left after his short visit. Major Peters was somehow injured, he too became one of the occupants of the Tommy station wagon.

After arrival at Kalmatta, Col. Barker had me drive him and Major Peters down to the jetty, with instructions to make the vehicle non-drivable. I ran it into the ocean from the beach and reported back to the C.O., he told me to go back to the olive grove, BUT Major Peters intervened with the remark that there would be room on board the destroyer ECHO for me, so I scrambled on board. We were taken out to sea and transshipped. Were bombed next morning, and if I recall pulled into Crete for a few hours to repair whatever the near miss bomb had done. Then onto Alexandria, where we were identified, given a meal and entrained for Palestine.

I took ill on the train, the boys located the Doctor, Rex Becke, who had me transported to 2/1 A.G.H. when we arrived at Khassa. On arrival at the A.G.H. I was informed they wanted my papers, my reply that I had just arrived back from Greece and the M.O. and did not have any papers threw the whole place into activity. I was placed on a stretcher, had several orderlies, Nursing Sisters and Doctors around me as I was the first casualty to the hospital that had come out of Greece. For a couple of days I had a constant stream of visitors, including when I was being prepared for surgery (ruptured appendix) enquiring about other units and individuals. Some of the Sisters had sailed with us on the ORFORD.

After a week or so I went to a convalescent camp and then back to Khassa, where the 2IC Col. Young had been promoted and taken command. I did all sorts of training jobs with the new reinforcements in the transport section and was sent for by the C.O. who informed me that he and a couple of the Officers were going to purchase a private car, and he wanted me to look it over, and to be the driver. This I did and would drive the C.O. or the other owners when they went to the Officers Club in Gaza or to Tel Aviv. Only pulled up once by the M.P's, always had a work permit and could park at the M.P. depot in Tel Avid. On one of the several occasions that I drove to the Police Forts, I stayed in the car, inside the Fort, one of the Police came out to me and said "you are invited also" and was taken to the dinner and seated alongside a Tommy Army Major, a pleasant evening for me, a Lance Jack at the time.

Had a couple of trips to Lebanon (Baalbeck) and the second trip I think was sent to Syria, where we were given the second and final tot of RUM (the first one was in the desert). It was so cold, snow all over the place, we had taken some of our guns, but did not fire a shot. Was paraded to Col. Young who informed me that I was up for promotion to transport sergeant, but Fife Donald has also been recommended. Fife got the three stripes, was then told by Col. Young that I would be promoted on the understanding that I would be transferred to the training Regt. I chose to stay with the 2/1 Fld. Reg.

Next big move was we were coming back to Australia (or maybe we were headed for Java and off loaded at Ceylon). Got a motor bike again and did minor repair work on whatever vehicles ran into deep water that caused the fan to smash to radiator, eased the problem by removing the fan belt before entering deepwater areas.

Eventually arrived in Melbourne, train to somewhere, and in due flat top rail trucks to Sydney, and some leave. I got four days before a telegram called me back, up to Brisbane then a Liberty (USA) ship to New Guinea.

Survey party did not function, I became the explosive Bombadier in R.H.Q. The rumour being that we would be using one gun only in any action, my job to blow down any tree in the line of fire (no chainsaws in those days), perhaps blow a gun pit, or the top of a mound that was in front of a gun. Was never called on to use my supply of gun cotton. I took ill with a skin condition, admitted to 2/9 A.G.H. then sent home on the MANUNDA being marked UNFIT FOR TROPICAL SERVICE. Applied to transfer to Air Crew in R.A.A.F., knocked back, health reasons. The C.O. of the Training Regt. was no other than Lieut. Col. Young, was paraded to him on request, related my tale of woe, and no doubt in view of M.E. service he scrubbed my unfit papers and I was on the next draft back to THE REGT in New Guinea. Back at Moresby I requested a transfer to the guns, which was granted to E Troop. Was flown back to Australia to attend the SCHOOL OF GUTS (Artillery School) at Holdsworthy, graduated, returned to the REGT. was given a gun, became a No. 1, and held that post for the rest of the war. Finished up in the Cape Wom area at wars end.

After discharge became engaged to one of the Nursing Sisters that cared for me in the 2/9 A.G.H., and was married in 1946. My wife Vida, originally from Newcastle area passed away in January this year (2006).

I am not trying to rewrite history, just some memories that stay with me, if they are of any use so be it. Please excuse any errors, my eyesight is worse than just crook and glasses do not help much. That plus the fact that a few years back I had a stroke, now unable to write longhand, so I do my correspondence on the typewriter, a one finger job.

All the best to those of us that are left.

Regards, Jack Stewart

Editor's Note: Jack you did a wonderful job of typing – it makes my job so much easier – thanks for your effort with the one finger!.

Article from The Sun, Friday, January 24, 1941

FOUR NSW PALS IN ABYSSINIA

Residents of Sydney and Newcastle declared today that they had “positive proof” of the identity of the five Australians who have volunteered for a hazardous mission with the new Abyssinian regular army.

Basing their belief on letters which they had received and from “other information”, they declared that the five men are: Lieutenant Brown of Hay; Sergeant Ron Wood of Manly; Sergeant Ted Body of Trangie; Sergeant Ken Burke of Newcastle; Sergeant Bill Howell of Longreach (Q).

Descriptions of the five men, published in a cable yesterday, which said that the party of Australians promised to provide this war’s counterpart to the exploits of Lawrence of Arabia, fitted perfectly the men they knew, it was declared.

“We have had letters that leave little doubt” said Miss Peggy Lamb, of Learmonth Avenue, Balgowlah, fiancée of Sergeant Wood.

“Ron, Ted Body and Bill Howell have been companions since boyhood and they went together to The King’s School.

“Into the Blue”

“They have often spoken about one another, and the cabled descriptions tally exactly. Ron, for instance, was a rubber planter in Papua, as the cable says, and Ted Body was a grazier at Trangie. We all know that Bill Howell was a station overseer at Longreach. They often spoke of Ken Burke, of Newcastle, as a very fine chap”.

“I am certain” said Mrs C.H. Wood of Manly, mother of Sergeant Wood. “Apart from other things, I had a letter just recently that said they were going “out into the blue”. They have been friends for years and have always been together.

A military officer in Sydney, who knows Sergeant Burke well, declared today: “The description in the cable fits him like a glove. I am prepared to bet anything that it is he”.

The cable published yesterday said that one of the sergeants was a Newcastle business man, who had taken part in Rugby trials for Australia as a full-back

Rugby Union Rep.

“I don’t know anybody that that description would fit better than Ken Burke” said the officer. “He is very well known in Rugby Union circles in Newcastle and Sydney. He first played at St. Joseph’s College, and later he played representative Rugby Union for New South Wales. He took part in trials for the New South Wales team for abroad in 1927. Later he played in trials for the Australian team.

“He is in his 30’s, and is just the type for a mission such as this”.

Sergeant Burke's mother, Mrs M. Burke of Church Street, Newcastle, said she was sure that the man referred to was her son. He had told her in a letter some time ago that he and four other Australians had been transferred to an English command. In a letter she received on Tuesday, he had suggested that he had "some difficult work to do". Jocularly, he added that his circumstances had improved, because "I have a black boy to clean my boots and prepare my food".

Burke left Australia in January last year with the first contingent. Apart from representative football, he was one of the most prominent members of the Wanderers' Club when it was formed by past students of Great Public Schools then living in Newcastle

Relatives and friends in NSW believe that these are the four Australian sergeants who, under the command of a lieutenant from Hay, are leading and training the new Abyssinian Army for action against the Italians. Picture, taken in Cairo last September, shows (from l to r) Sergeants Ken Burke, Ted Body, Bill Howell and Ron Wood

Comment from Hon. Secretary

Re the Abyssinian "Show". In past years I had correspondence with an Englishman endeavoring to write a Biography of Brigadier Orde Wingate, the controller of the effort to help Haile Sellasie, the Abyssinian Emperor. He informed me that Lt. Brown (later Major – OBE) known to us as "Shaky Joe" had been recommended for a Military Cross but Blamey had refused to support because it was a British recommendation – typical Blamey bastardry.

The four Sergeants were all commissioned and went to 16th Brigade units. We had only spasmodic contact with them. I last spoke with Ken Burke at Sanananda with 2/2 Battalion when he gave me a mug of tea, black as black, but in my condition was "nectar of the Gods".

Letter from Betty Brown (widow of Keith Brown)

Dear John

I was visiting my daughter and saw this photo and story in the local paper and as you always want news about members I'm enclosing Mick and wife's article for you.

Betty Moroney told me that the President of Kibble Post passed away last month. Sorry to hear that another good man has left us.

Keith and I would have been 60 years married this year (June 2006) and Betty and Alec Moroney had there 60th in April.

Hope you and your wife have a happy Xmas and keep well in the New Year.

Yours, Betty Brown

Letter from Bob Edwards re winding up of Newcastle Club

49 Douglas Street
STOCKTON NSW 2295

Dear John

Enclosed copy of article and photo taken at the dinner.

Thanks for your help in finalizing winding up problems of Newcastle Association.

All the best for the future in Sydney.

Regards, Bob Edwards

Letter from 30 Squadron RAAF as follow-up to “Norrie” Jones description of 1st Battery at Wau

9th November 2006

Dear Os

Great story and well told in a most descriptive manner so long after the event.

As a postscript to the story I spoke to Fred Cassidy, an office bearer of “30 Squadron Beaufighter Association” and member of Kingsgrove RSL Sub Branch.

Fred said this particular attack by Beaufighters in support of the infantry at Wau was carried out by two Beaufighters of his 30 Sqd.

The action is detailed in the Squadron official history “Whispering Death”.

The plane that was nearly blown out of the sky was crewed by Sgt. Ken Downing (pilot) and Sgt. Danny Box (navigator).

This particular aircraft arrived back at base with sixty holes in the fuselage caused by the flying debris from the exploding shack that was full of dynamite and other explosives.

This Squadron in company with United States bombers and fighter bombers went on not long after to destroy eight transports and four destroyers in the Battle of the Bismark Sea. The Jap convoy was heading from Rabaul to Lae loaded with troops. Over three thousand enemy troops were lost in this action.

Fred told me that the plane crewed by Downing and Box lost an engine in the Battle and limped back to the coast on one engine. It crashed into the jungle near Poppendetta and Box was severely injured.

Both airmen survived the war however are both now deceased.

Fred said he enjoyed the story and added he had only the highest admiration for the Australian troops on the ground slogging it out with the Japs in at the most times atrocious conditions.

For the record Flt. Lt. Fred Cassidy and his pilot Flt. Lt. Mos Morgan, D.F.C., flew three sorties during the Battle. General MacArthur went on to describe the combined operation as the “decisive aerial engagement of the war in the South West Pacific”.

If you can get hold of a copy of a book published in 1991 titled “Battle of the Bismark Sea” by Australian author Lex McAulay it’s a good read.

Kind personal regards,

Barry S

Letter from Les Walker

4th October 2006

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Dear John

Find enclosed the two snaps I mentioned in our telephone conversation of a month ago, and I am sorry I have taken so long. Since then, to conclude the treatment, I have had to undergo for the elimination of this aggressive cancer (the surgeon's words) which had fixed itself to my forehead, I had to travel twice to Brisbane, twice to the Gold Coast and once to Lismore. In between Shirley talked me into going with her to the Melbourne Writer's week do.

I had been there in 1942, or was it 43, when Eric Killen and I were granted weekend leave from Seymour, where the regiment were camped. The weather was as I had expected, cold and wet, but I must say I enjoyed my week there. When Eric and I were last there, we spent quite a lot of our leave, in one of Young and Jackson's warm, and comfortable bars, drinking rum laced tall drinks, to keep the cold out, and studying the finer details of Chloe, hanging on the wall above us. I remember, at the time thinking when the time comes for me to choose a mate, Chloe would be the ideal shape to look for, and of course if one had to live in Melbourne, then one would have to broaden his search to include those who were perhaps a little heavier. Say along the lines of a Breugel model. It's a subject matter that one could dwell on and on, but I must finish this, and take my Schnauzer for his walk.

A month ago he emptied his lower bowel on a nasty lady's lawn and she verbally attacked me and demanded an explanation. I said he was a German terrier and was learning English. I had pointed to her grass and commanded him to "sit" and he got it wrong. Her answer was not good English.

Talk to you later, John

God bless you and those who depend on you, Les W

Left - Khassa – Palestine 1941 Right - Ken Jorgenson – Sinai Desert
Padre Balmer & Poss Beck, ?, ?, Bill Manning, Eric Killen, Jack Lauder, ob Baker, ? Roy
Charlton, Fred Huntriss, ? Jack Stewart, JackGrogan, Tassie Tilbrook, Sid Hughes,
Last ? Jack Stanley -

Letter from Jean Hammond

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Dear Mr Hynes

I wish to report the passing of my dearly beloved husband, Donald Hammond, who death occurred on 23rd July 2006. Sorry I have been so long contacting you.

Don and his brother Reg joined up on the 3rd November 1939 and left for the Middle East, January 1940. After serving 2 ½ years over there in Greece and Crete etc. he returned to Australia to be sent up to New Guinea for 1 year, came back and we were married September 4th 1943. Our son Paul was born August 1944 and Don had a fortnights leave to see his son and then back to Itape and Wewak. Lost his arm (right) 7th May 1945, discharged from A.I.F. 26 February 1946.

He has been a wonderful husband and father to his son Paul and daughters Robyn, Kathleen and Lynne. He did more with one arm than many can do with two. After almost 63 years of marriage is sadly missed.

Sincerely, (Mrs) Jean Hammond

From Hon Secretary:

I mentioned Don Hammond in the last "Vale" but thought the letter above might be worthy of inclusion in the "Post".

Letter from Anne Monten, daughter of George Monten, ex 2/1 ("reo?"1943, New Guinea)

August 30, 2006

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Phone: (08) 8276 7294

Dear John

Since receiving Anzac Day 06 *Kibbles Post*, which is always a fascinating read, I have intended to send the small donation enclosed. In that issue I was surprised to see a long letter from me published, where I mention marching in Adelaide with 2/3 Field Regiment, where sadly the veterans still able to march are now outnumbered by the handful of 6th Division Veteran's middle aged children.

Bob Fothergill, who might be known to some 2/1 members, is president of the 2/3 Australian Field Regiment Club. Since meeting him and other members, along with some wives and widows, my mother and I have much appreciated being invited to the Regiment Memorial Service (followed by lunch) at the Repat Daws Road Hospital Chapel which 2/3 arranges each year, on the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day.

This year, Bob Fothergill writes that he would like “a good turn up” as he thinks this year’s service could be the last he’ll organize, “as age is catching up”. He included a 1945 media clipping I am enclosing, heaping praise on the 6th Division Artillery for “exceptionally accurate artillery support” in the battle for Wewak.

None of the 2/3 survivors, that is the four who marked in 06, expect to march in 07, but the same was said in 05. There’s uncertainty about whether surviving family members can, so to speak, carry the flag, or whether when the last WW2 vet standing “marches out”, nothing signifying past wars will be part of all that.

I wonder what 2/1 members think, seeing 2/3 has welcomed those of us who have turned up, meaning we have been privileged to march with these now few who can still manage what has become a shortened route in Adelaide.

I hope you are keeping well, and my mother and I wish everyone part of 2/1 al the very best, with thanks for what you all did that has meant so much for Australia.

One thing I am curious about, is Atebrin, because from what I have heard and read, it was controversial, turning those who took it yellow, and maybe seeing it was withdrawn (due to toxicity in humans, a toxicologist informed me), thus not to be a postwar treatment to combat malaria. Has anyone any Atebrin anecdotes, including about Japanese propaganda apparently suggesting it could cause infertility?

Again, hope you are well, and my mother Jean sends her regards,

Sincerely, Anne Monten

Letter from Norman Healey

14th March 2006

PO Box 236
WARREN NSW 2824

Dear John

Hope you have a good Anzac Day and I’ll watch you on TV. Bill and Betty Curry give me quite a lot of news and I keep in touch and phone regularly, also Ron White.

Good health and best wishes. Included is sub and thanks for “Kibble Post”

Norman Healey

Letter from Bernadette Kennedy

25th January, 2007

20/158 Alison Road
RANDWICK NSW
Phone: 9399 5030

Dear John

I have been meaning to send the enclosed for some time, however, better late than never.

Dick is 87 now and an invalid as well as his asthma being very bad. I am 84 and partial invalid, of course we are both housebound. But I should say we are lucky to have each other and still be in our own home.

I don't think he ever received the War Medals from Greece, he has the other 6. I must find out how to go about getting them.

Wishing you all the best John and pray you have good health.

Regards, Bernadette Kennedy for E.A. Dick Kennedy

From Hon. Secretary

The medals matter has been resolved.

Letter from Elizabeth and Christian Thurston

29th May 2006

Dear John

As usual Anzac Day 206 was a most memorable and moving occasion. You continue to organize it so well and Christian was so pleased to join you all for lunch after the march.

Thank you so much for welcoming us again this year. It never fails to leave me overawed with emotion.

Please take care and congratulations for keeping the Regiment so spirited even with the decreasing numbers.

Kindest Regards, Elizabeth & Christian

From Hon. Secretary

1. It was intended that I should prepare a précis of Lionel Hyam's thoughts on the future of the Regiment Club.
2. I have just re-read Lionel's comments and have concluded that they are worthy of inclusion in their entirety – with some comment from me in summary.
3. His first comment is – “are we a Club in the normal sense as we have a Constitution, accounts and initially a membership fee?”
4. The short answer is “no”. We are simply a loose grouping of men who once were members of 2/1st Field Regiment and attached troops.
5. The term “Club” was adopted in late 1944 by members discharged relatively early e.g. repatriated P.S.O.W.; illness or required for essential civil work. At that time there was a proposal that those members be invited to take over the Gallipoli Legion Club in Loftus Street, Sydney.
6. This proposal did not eventuate but the cognomen “Club” remained.
7. Lionel answers his own question to some extent with “as it is at present the Club is no more than a group comprising yourself and others who organize Anzac Day Marches and maintain contact with former members of the Regiment”.
8. Our main form of contact is, of course, “Kibble's Post”, a newsletter issued twice a year.
9. The other contact is made through the Reunion Luncheon (and Annual General Meeting) each Anzac Day.
10. In “Kibble's Post” of 2003 our then Treasurer, Ken Jorgenson, drew attention in great detail to the cost of “Kibble's Post” and the Anzac Day Luncheon and the fact that both endeavours were conducted at a loss.
11. This continues to be the case – Anzac Day Luncheon 2006 showed a loss of \$885.20. The other significant factor on Anzac Day is the drop in numbers of members attending.
12. I would emphasise in this context that our only source of income is donations from members and most particularly from deceased members' widows and/or families.
13. These donations have enabled us to keep going but our mailing list continues to show a falling off in numbers. Attached are details of our current list.
14. Currently we have an Executive of three (President, Secretary and Treasurer), a Vice-President and a Committee of three (can be seven). We are all in mid to late eighties (nineties?). We and the Club are in the late days.
15. Turning from this somber tale – we have the other main point raised by Lionel – the Regiment's parade on Anzac Day each year.
16. I use the term “parade” advisedly for as far as I am concerned and involved (very much so!!) **it is the Regiment** which marches up George Street just as it did in 1940, 1942 and 1944, the last time with bayonets fixed, a tribute from our well-beloved 16th Brigade.
17. In recent years we have been joined by relatives of members deceased or infirm and unable to march.
18. We have readily accepted their participation but together with the March organizers (N.S.W. RSL) we have become concerned that the limited number of actual members of the Regiment marching are markedly less than the non-members marking. The Anzac Day March should not become a matter of “bread and circuses”.

19. In 2006 we had ten members march (2 in wheelchairs) and future years will not see an increase in numbers.
20. I have had discussions with the N.S.W. RSL and with Colonel Tait (President of R.A.A. Association) and Colonel Piercy (Colonel Commandant R.A.A.).
21. From the RSL emerged the following:

ANZAC Day March – Planning Committee – ANZAC House – 2 Feb 06

1. Policy Guidelines. Appendix A
2. Relatives, sons, daughters, grandchildren etc: WW1 now has an organized Association “Dependants’ Association” with banner. The March at the end of the March. It is anticipated that WWII similar Association will be formed. They too will march at the end of the Column, in front of the Marshals. “The older you get the closer to front of the March you should get!” The veterans should not be obscured/outpaced by youngsters.

ANZAC DAY – DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF WWII

Descendants of World War II veterans are encouraged to form an Association with the view to marching at the rear of the ANZAC Day March in Sydney. Descendants of World War I veterans already have an association and, with strict protocols, behaviour and dress regulations, are providing for the ANZAC traditions to not disappear. Anyone knowing of the existence of any World War II descendants’ association should speak to the State Secretary’s Department on 9264 8188.

22. From the joint venture at North Fort (R.A.A. National Museum) it has been Indicated that under a Deed of Gift we can hand over our Regimental Banner for safe keeping at North Fort (North Head, Sydney).
23. At our request the Banner would be readily available for parades, luncheons, etc. if required, with colour party.
24. Currently that Banner is held at Sydney Boys’ High School Armoury and brought out to be paraded by the School Cadet Unit (our colour party each Anzac Day).
25. For Anzac Day 2007 it will be “business as usual”. However during 2007 we (members, members’ families) should consider the Club’s future.
26. For 2008 I envisage the possibility of our Regimental Banner being held at North Fort Museum and paraded on Anzac Day with a group designated “6th Division Artillery”.
27. We now have the disbanded Newcastle Club’s banner (re-furbished by Ossie Pearce). If a “Descendants’ Association should be formed they can March behind the Banner.
28. Food for thought in 2007. Any ideas? If so, let us have them.

John Hynes, Hon Secretary

From Hon. Treasurer

DONATIONS 2006

Mrs B Hanson	Mr A Ausburn	Mr J Hynes	Mr H Oldenberg
Mrs P Kitchen	Mr G Ballantine	Mr H Johnson	Mr G Pazzi
Mrs P Salter	Mr B Beale	Mr N Jones	Mr O Pearce
Mrs E Thurston	Mr K Boaz	Mr E.A. Kennedy	Mr D Shepherd
Mrs P Weeks	Mr M Currie	Mr M Lardelli	Mr J Stewart
Mrs A Fuller	Mr R Elliott	Mr A Moroney	Mr E Sutton
Mrs J Wallach	Mr N Healey	Mr E Miles	Mr W Wade
Ms A Monten	Mr F Hodeson	Mr A Noble	Mr E Wood
	Mr G Horwood	Mr A Nutt	

**Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the Year ended 30/06/2006**

2005		2006
\$		\$
2050.00	Donations	2285.00
27.49	Bank Interest	37.64
<u>2355.00</u>	Anzac Day Ticket Sales	<u>1590.00</u>
4432.49		3912.64
	Expenditure:	
-	Legacy	100.00
20.00	6 Div. Association Fee	20.00
-	Wreath	58.00
2662.50	Anzac Day	2475.20
200.00	Donation SBHS	200.00
<u>736.95*</u>	Newsletter	<u>323.80</u>
3619.45		3177.00

*Newsletter expenditure 2005 includes \$258.50 repair to copier machine

	Anzac Day:	
1798.00	Catering	1770.00
794.50	Liquor	605.20
<u>70.00</u>	Gratuities Staff	<u>100.00</u>
<u>2662.50</u>		<u>2475.20</u>

Anzac Day Deficit \$885.20

Cash Book Summary

O/Balance 2005	7041.61
Plus Income	<u>3912.64</u>
	10954.24
Less Expenditure	<u>(3177.00)</u>
	<u>\$7777.25</u> Credit

Bank Reconciliation

Pass Sheets	\$7777.25 Credit
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Kibble's Post Mailing List 2007

Members:	80
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"Friends"	57
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Total:	137
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State break-up of Members:

NSW	62
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VIC	9
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QLD	6
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ACT	1
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TAS	1
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WA	1
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Total:	80
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State break-up of "Friends:

NSW	47
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VIC	2
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NT	1
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ACT	4
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SA	1
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QLD	2
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Total:	57
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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Combined Services Club, Barrack Street, Sydney on Monday, 10 April 2006 at 1300 hrs.

Present: Ted Baker, Vince Egan, Bert Halcrow, V.E. Hallinan, Bill Jenkins, Ossie Pearce, Bill Reeves, Frank Rowell, Ron Scott, Ross Tattam

Apologies: D.O. Magee, Bert McGrath, Ron Hartmann

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 20 Feb 06. Distributed, adopted and confirmed

Business Arising

Applications for Greek Cross Class 3 have been lodged with Greek Consul. A new ambassador is not expected in Canberra for several months.

Correspondence In:

1. Letter dated 23 Feb 06 from Australian Defence Credit Union advising new schedule of fees. Brochure included
2. Letter received 31 Mar 06 from 2/1st MG Bn enclosing subs.
3. Letter dated 1 Mar 06 from Combined Services RSL Club Co-op Ltd advising bookings from Meeting Room confirmed for 2006.
4. Letter received 7 Mar 06 from Central Coast Group – 6 Aust Div. Invitations to 17 Mar 06 Tuggerah Lakes luncheon.
5. Letter dated 20 Mar 06 from UNSWR confirming band arrangements for Anzac Day
6. Advice from AVADSC concerning matters of outstanding concerns (Part only incl. in Minutes) schedules 29 items. Available after meeting.
7. 11th Edition 23 Mar 06 from AVADSC “List of Concerns” (also available after meeting)
8. Letter of thanks for \$200 dated 1 Mar 06 from Ron Brown
9. Letter from Mr Chris Hayes concerning Ingleburn area future

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter dated 28 Feb 06 to Greek Consul enclosing Greek Cross Applications
2. Letter dated 22 Feb 06 to National Servicemen’s Assn enclosing Donation of \$200 for Bardia Day
3. Letter dated 27 Mar 06 inviting Maj.Gen PA Cullen to become Association Patron
4. Letter dated 21 Feb 06 to Combined Services Club requesting Bookings (NB 18 Dec 06)
5. Letter dated 19 Feb 06 to Mr Chris Hayes Member for Werriwa Concerning Bardia Barracks Memorial

Reports:
