



Action Front

2/2 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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President Steps Down —

David Donaldson, President of the Association since 1969 has decided to vacate the Presidency owing to pressure of business and also the desire to let another member occupy his place before old age creeps up on all of us. David has carried out the job with enthusiasm and dedication, and has devoted many hours to the welfare of the Association.

Our thanks and best wishes follow his decision.

Under the Constitution of the Association, the Senior Vice President, in this case R.K. (Bob) Taunt was elected by your Committee to fill David's place. Bob is an original enlistee in the Regiment, to which his VX984 testifies. He served throughout the Second World War and was a gun sergeant with 3rd Battery. He was an extremely competent and respected member of the Regiment and is one of the longest serving members on the Committee, so has an impeccable background for the position of President of the 2/2 Field Regiment Association.

With these top moves, John Chapman has moved up to Vice-President.

We would like to pay tribute to a retiring committeeman in Alby Willcox, who did not nominate for the committee this year after thirty years on the job. Alby would have to be one of the most likeable blokes who ever served with us, and has more than pulled his weight over the long period of time he has been on your committee.

Another vacancy on the committee was caused by the retirement of Syd. Charman who has done a magnificent job for the Association, particularly in the field of Repatriation.

Len Clayton and Barry Hall were elected to fill these two vacancies.

The Regiment's last serving soldier, Brigadier K.V. Rossi, OBE, has retired from active participation in Army affairs and now goes on to the Reserve. Congratulations go to Keith on a magnificent span of service. He is, as you all know, the Hon. Secretary of our Association.

Noticed that Brigadier R.T. Eason was a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Does he wear it on the left, the right or on his Brass Helmet.

At the 1977 R.S.L. State Conference two Country Districts had very distinguished representatives, Seymour by W. (Bill) Kinsman and Lakes Entrance by W.W. (Bill) McKay.

Also pleased to record that Harell Day has been made a Life Member of the R.S.L. for services rendered to the Kew Sub-Branch. He is also Secretary of the 17th. Brigade Group of Unit Associations.

A very important motion was passed at the Annual General Meeting, and members who were not in attendance at the meeting are asked to give this consideration " That members be offered Life Subscription to the 2/2 Field Regiment Assoc'n. for the sum of twenty dollars. (\$20.00)."

The meeting overwhelmingly passed the motion and 31 members were signed and paid up before the meeting ended. Any member who has paid their 1977-78 subscription will have this amount credited against the \$20 if paid before April 24th. 1978.

And congratulations 2/2nd. 82 members turned up at the Annual General Meeting and twice that number for the march next day.

Spare a thought for Frank Wood, he took advantage of the \$20 life subscription and later on in the meeting was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Association for long and continuous service in his capacity as a Trustee of our welfare administration. Refused to take his \$20 back too. Congratulations Frank from all the members.

N.S.W. Notes

New South Wales members are asked to note that Ernie Hinton, 32 Cross Street, Kogarah, 2217, is now the official "Action Front" scribe for New South Wales Branch. Ernie takes over from Peter Hastings who has retired and moved to Kiama.

I would like to personally thank Peter for all his efforts and co-operation in producing the New South Wales notes for the last six years. We all wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

Puckapunyal Pilgrimage

The annual Pilgrimage to Puckapunyal will be held in 1977 on Sunday 23rd. Oct. Assembly time is 11.45 hrs. at the 2/7 Btn. Memorial Shelter.

This short service is conducted by the 2/7 Btn. Association in co-operation with member units of the 17th. Bde. Group of Unit Associations who are guests of the 2/7th. Btn. Association.

The service starts at 12.00 noon and a wreath will be laid on our plaque during the course of the ceremony.

Afterwards facilities will be made available at the Gun Club for barbeques and lunch, but bring your own food. Refreshments are available at the Gun Club.

For those requiring transport, busses will leave the 39ers. clubrooms, 105 Palmerston St., Carlton at 0900 hrs. returning at approx. 1900hrs. (7.00pm). Bookings for the busses MUST be made through the 39ers. Association only. (Phone 347-3939).

Over the previous couple of years we have been embarrassed by the lack of attendance by 2/2 members so try and make up our numbers this year, thereby supporting the work of your committee.

Annual Dinner

The 1977 Annual Dinner will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Victoria, 215 Little Collins Street, as in past years, on FRIDAY 4TH. NOVEMBER. Your committee spend a considerable amount of time trying to arrange the best possible arrangements for your enjoyment at this function and they would like the encouragement of your attendance.

The cost this year is set at \$14.00 per head all found. Attached is a tear-off slip for your reservations. All members intending to roll up for this function are requested to send their forms in as soon as possible as by so doing you will greatly assist Keith Rossi in the arrangements for the catering.

We ask all members who can possibly make it to attend what is becoming our best function of the year. Members may bring their sons or male guests who will be made very welcome. Sound out your friends from other Unit Assocn's., even " THE SULLIVANS ".

Phil Wortham.

Phil Wortham,
Editor Action Front.

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I will be attending the Annual Dinner at the Victoria on Friday 4th. November
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1977.

I will be accompanied by _____ guests and enclose \$ _____ being entrance fee for the evening at \$14.00 per person.

Signed _____

Please return to : Mr. K. V. Rossi,
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