



Action Front

2/2 FIELD REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Vale Len Creed _

It is with the deepest regret that the Association has to record the death of past President, Len Creed.

Len, VX1070, was an original member of the 2/2nd Regiment, enlisting as a Gunner, and rising through all ranks to that of Lieutenant in 1942. For a short while he served as Aide to Major General Whitelaw. While he will be remembered as a fine soldier, it was for his activities in post-war years that most members of the Regiment knew him by. He was instrumental in three major projects which laid the foundation of the Regimental Association as it is today.

The compilation of the Unit History was a major task, and with his profession of journalist Len was most suited for creating it along with Brig Cremor. Simultaneously, the 2/2nd Regiment Association was formed and Len moved on to the Committee, eventually succeeding Col Adam as President, and serving in all for 32 years.

The third task undertaken was to continue the editing and circulation of "Action Front", the first unit newspaper printed in World War II.

Thanks to Len's untiring efforts "Action Front" is very much alive today. In his profession, Len met many people in the sporting world, and thus crossed paths with many members of the Regiment, in all walks of life. His personality and warmth touched every one with whom he had contact, and it is a sad day for all of us to record his passing. To his wife, Lillian, and family we extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of a fine husband and father, and above all, a real man.

The Annual Re-union, held at the 39'ers clubrooms proved, once more, a great success. Many interstate members, in their retirement, now find time to come to Melbourne around April 25th. One such caller was John Hannington, stirred into action by a visit from Kanga Hale, and coming from Maroochydhore to join in the Re-union and later the Anzac Day March. John was pleased to meet up with Des Cox, both as fellow Poms but coincidentally they went to the same school together in England.

John is tipping that Lin Parkinson will return to Melbourne shortly, as his mate, Norm Whitelaw has already done. Norm is now living at 13 Mary Street, Beaumaris.

Our Anzac Day March turn out was particularly good, despite threatening weather, and poor crowds, the boys made the Regimental ranks swell to a respectable size. Two members to show up were Ross Easdown, recuperating from an operation and all the way from Perth, and Bill Hull who has returned from Queensland.

A welcome sight over the Anzac weekend was Keith Duncan, who came from Sydney to stay with Bryan Hogan for a few days; I don't know who displayed the most stamina. After the march Keith joined Bryan and myself at Batman Avenue and we had a nice gentle session. On his return to Sydney, Keith posted me a photo taken of Don Troop, in the Middle East. I served the whole six years with Don Troop, but do you believe I was not in that photo. I will return it to you shortly Keith; thanks for your letter and thought.

Two other noisy visitors from Sydney for the Re-union and March were Bill Swalwell and Slumber Hustler.

An informative letter From Harry Powell who marched with the Regiment in Sydney was very welcome for news content. Padre Bob Marshall led the Sydney contingent safely through the march and then on to a King's Cross Park. Norm Glover carried the banner and giving support was Secretary, Ernie Hinton, Pros Austin, Fred Smith, Ian Fraser, Jim Turner, Geoff Harps, Alan Bracken, Barry Kelly, Charlie Gardner, Graham Montgomery, Sid Clare, Ray Watts, Norm Taylor, Doc Doyle, Russ Doney, Sam Langford, Arthur Howard, Ian Leech, Ross Fuller, Tom Buckley, Roy Flew and Reg Fitzgerald.

Keith Rossi tells me that 6th Division will lead the Anzac Day March in 1981 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the campaign in Greece.

Owing to indifferent health, John Donovan has retired as a Committee member after many years of service. His place has been taken by Maury Etccl, who is currently Vice President of Beaumaris R.S.L. and Editor of "Beachhead", the journal of that Branch. His acceptance of a place on the Regimental Committee is welcome and is indicative of the response we get when a job has to be done by someone.

A letter from Allen Bronson, VX 1065, asking for whereabouts of Ross Easdown - this has been supplied.

Tom McCaw, now living at Sorrento also wrote to express his sympathy for the family of Len Creed.

Another member in happy retirement is Alf Wright, who lives on Flinders Island, address, Martin Street, Whitemark 7255. Alf is Secretary of the local R.S.L. the Masonic Lodge, and former Secretary of the Bowls Club, so he has settled for a fairly busy retirement.

When Alf celebrated his 40th Wedding Anniversary in March last year, his Best man, Alf Bickell made the trip to join in the celebration.

Former Association Secretary, Neil McMillan has had a spell at Heidelberg, but is well on the mend and should be home shortly. Best wishes from all our members Neil.

Pete Geddes, on tour around Australia from Queensland to the West, called in on "Shiny" Schienpflug up north, and stayed with Bill McKay at Lakes Entrance for a couple of days.

Sid Charman, 206 Long Street, Pialba QLD 4655, send his regards to all members; Syd attended Anzac Day celebrations at Hervey Bay R.S.L. along with brother, Gordon and Ted Offner. Ted has recent contact with Bod Denham who lives at Southport. Gordon has been living next door to a gentleman for 12 months, and saw him without his glasses on recently; it turned out to be Miles Upton, small world.

Victoria's Head Fireman, Richard Eason, Chairman of the Country Fire Authority, has decided to retire at the end of September. Dick has recently had some health problems and is taking the right step. He was appointed to the position for three successive five year terms, which is sufficient testimony to his dedication and efficiency. This journal offers its congratulations for a well done job.

Obituaries -

It is with deepest sorrow we record the passing of these old comrades -

J.F.K. Flannery	VX 818	J.T. Duncan	VX 87
L.C. Creed	VX 1070	G.T. Dowling	VX 15404
H.R.B. Hillis			

We also extend our sympathy to Gordon Charman who lost his Son and to both Sid and Gordon on the loss of their Mother.

Puckapunyal Pilgrimage -

Sunday, 22nd October, 1978

Assembly : 11.45 am at the 2/7 Bn Memorial Shelter

Service : A simple service, led by 2/7 Bn Association in co-operation with member units of 17th Brigade Association will start at 12 noon.

Barbeque : Facilities of the Gun Club, in Blamey Drive, opposite the Memorial are available for family picnics. Refreshments are available, but bring your own food.

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

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

Annual Dinner -

Friday, 3rd November, 1978

Venue : The Victoria, Little Collins Street

Time : 6.30 pm

Cost : \$15 per head (this has been heavily subsidised from Association funds.)

Application Form : Please complete the form and send to Keith Rossi promptly so that booking arrangements can be finalised.

Male guests and sons of members are welcome.

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Annual General Meeting & Re-union 1979

The Re-union next year will again be at the Thirtyniners Clubrooms, Palmerston St, Carlton, commencing at 6 pm on Saturday, 21st April, 1979.

Annual Dinner 1979

The Victoria has been booked for Friday, 2nd November, 1979, in case we have our own Regimental Dinner next year. 17th Brigade Association is investigating the possibility of holding a grand Brigade Dinner in October or November 1979 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the raising of 6th Division. If this move is successful, 2/2 Fd Regt would join the Brigade Dinner at some venue that would accommodate 600-800 people. We will keep you posted.

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I will be attending the Annual Dinner at the Victoria on Friday, 3rd November, 1978.
will not

I will be accompanied by ----- guests and enclose \$ ----- being entrance
fee for the evening at \$ 15.00 per person.

Name (print please) -----

Names of Guests -----

Please make cheques payable to 2/2 Field Regiment Association; cross and mark
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