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### Vice-President's Report

This month has been a very important one for the Fellowship not only from a publicity point of view but because of the importance of Special Invitations issued to a select number of organisations of which this Fellowship was one.

The first occasion was the laying of the granite plinth specially prepared in England and presented by the Portsmouth Historical Society and sponsored by this Fellowship in conjunction with the Sydney City Council as the first memorial in Australia to the landing of the First Fleet in Sydney Harbour. Your President and both Vice-Presidents were special invitees on this occasion. The Lord Mayor of Sydney performed the laying ceremony.

The second important event was in Portsmouth, England, when a sculpture representing the links between Portsmouth and Sydney was unveiled by Her Majesty the Queen and this Fellowship was honoured by our President, Mrs Beryl Lewis, being present as a distinguished guest.

Both of these events, through the television and newspaper coverage, highlighted the name of the Fellowship to the people of Sydney and Portsmouth.

Later this year it is intended to mount and unveil a sculpture identical to the Portsmouth memorial on the previously mentioned plinth in Sydney.

Let us all start thinking towards 1988 and informing the Executive of this Fellowship of ideas that we may have, to be considered as a special project worthy of the aims of the Fellowship.

Roy Kable.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Time: Wednesday 17th September at 7.30 pm sharp.

Venue: Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building  
(enter by Jamieson Street entrance)

Nominations: Date for nominations to close, under Rules 32 and 15, is one month prior to meeting (i.e., 17th August)

Notices of Motion: Under Rule 35 to be in by the 1st day of August.

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### Illness of Executive Member

Mrs Mary Bailey, Member of the Executive and of the Membership Committee, has been in the Mater Hospital, Sydney, for an operation, and is now convalescing at home. On behalf of the Fellowship, we wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

### Membership Report

We welcome the following new Members into the Fellowship:

Miss Carol Janice Baxter, Turrumurra. (William Nash - Maria Haynes)  
William J. Cross, Five Dock. (John Cross)  
Miss Ellen Mary Douglass (jnr), Ingleside. (John Cross)  
Miss Karen Flemming, Gunnedah. (Anthony Rope - Elizabeth Pulley)  
Mrs Cheryl Rae Russell, Rosebery. (Andrew Fishburn)  
Mrs Bessie Isabel Meek, Eugowra. (Matthew Everingham)  
Michael D. Coventry, Box Hill, Vic. (Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne)  
Mrs Beverley Irene Hancock, Ian R. Hancock and Ross R. Hancock, Morley,  
W.A. (Edward Garth - Susannah Garth; Jacob Billett)  
Mrs Daphne May Hunter, Attadale, W.A. (Edward Garth - Susannah Garth;  
Jacob Billett)  
Mr Harry C. Everingham, Miss Michelle K. Everingham (jnr), Brett C.  
Everingham (jnr) and Miss Kathleen E. Everingham (jnr), Mt Riverview.  
(Matthew Everingham)  
Miss Joanna Robson (jnr) and Jay Robson (jnr), Bomaderry. (William  
Tunks; Hugh Hughes)  
Miss Kim L. Robson (jnr) and Craig P. Robson (jnr), Loftus. (William  
Tunks; Hugh Hughes)  
Mr Alfred E. Everingham and Mr Stephen R. Everingham, Woodberry, N.S.W.  
(Matthew Everingham)  
Mr Barry J. Everingham, Miss Hope Maree Everingham (jnr) and Matthew  
James Everingham 5th (jnr), Tarro, N.S.W.  
(Matthew Everingham)  
Mr Derek M. S. Wood, Southport, Qld. (Frederick Meredith)  
Mrs Shirley C. White, Catherine Fields, N.S.W. (William Eggleton -  
Mary Dickinson)  
Mrs Joan C. Dwyer, Maroubra. (William Eggleton - Mary Dickinson)  
Mr Barry F. Dwyer, Kirrawee. (William Eggleton - Mary Dickinson)  
Mr Maxwell A. Small, Lavington. (John Small - Mary Parker)

Two existing Members have found that they have a second First Fleeter  
— Miss Nancy Reynolds (William Roberts, in addition to David Kilpack)  
and Mr T. J. Lowe (John Winter, in addition to Ann Sandlin).

John Winter (Second Officer on "Supply") is a new First Fleeter.

Membership Committee.

### Fellowship Car Stickers

Just a reminder that Fellowship car stickers are available to Members  
at 75c (\$1 to non-Members). Also, a further reminder on the prices  
of Fellowship badges, key rings, etc.: Badge (lady's and gent's) \$3-50;  
Associates Badge \$3; key rings \$2-50; tea caddy \$2-25; spoon \$2;  
cake fork \$2.

### 1988 Bi-Centenary

As mentioned by Vice-President Roy Kable in his Report on Page 1,  
Members are invited to suggest suitable activities that the Fellowship  
can carry out as part of the Bi-Centenary Celebrations in 1988.

### Donations for Plaques

Donations have been received from the following Members towards the cost of the plaques at Playfair Square:

Mrs A. Peacock	Mr G. Squires
Mrs T. Guy	Mr A. Ingham-Myers
Mrs A. McLachlan	Mrs B. Giles
Mrs B. Duns	Mrs J. Rowe
Mrs J. McGrath	Mrs M. Teece

### Early Encounters Between Europeans and Aborigines in New South Wales

(Concluding instalment of Ena Harper's papers on the subject, reprinted by kind permission of Ashfield Historical Society and Ena Harper. It will be recalled that the previous instalment described the setting on fire by Aborigines of Mr Augustus Alt's residence on his farm in what is now the suburb of Croydon. Other attacks by Aborigines took place at the "northern farms" and along Parramatta Road)

As more and more of the forest trees were felled and farms like Mr Alt's were established, there was less and less refuge for the Aborigines. As time went on, there were fewer accounts of depredations on farms in the Sydney-Parramatta area and constant references to attacks in the Hawkesbury farmlands. One hundred years later the Aborigines had vanished from our area, as suburban homes replaced the farms.

As we look at Parramatta Road flanked on either side by car salesyards festooned with multicoloured plastic pennants, it is hard to imagine that here was once a dense forest in which the dark forms of Aborigines could sometimes be glimpsed. Who knows what secrets of life disappeared with them? Their passing left the white Australian with a burden of uneasy guilt.

What tribe lived in the Ashfield-Croydon area? We do not even know the name of the tribe that dwelt in our area. The name Iora, meaning "people", was given to Aboriginal tribes in this part of the Sydney area by F. D. McCarthy of the Australian Museum because there was no known record of their real name. This tribe was surrounded by other tribes on all sides. The Institute of Aboriginal Studies believes that the tribes most likely resident in the Ashfield-Croydon area were the Gandangara, Iora, Gamaraigal and Dharawal.

### A Naval (?) Occasion

The Committee of the Agricultural Society at the South Coast township of Albion Park announced that the 1923 Annual Show would be opened by Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, Governor of New South Wales; he would arrive by car after first picking up his son from Tudor House School at the Tablelands town of Moss Vale, thence descending to the Coast via Macquarie Pass.

It was requested of Lt.-Col. Theo Grey, commanding the local troop of the 21st Aust. Light Horse, that he provide a mounted escort to meet the Governor and accompany him to the Showground.

The day arrived and in accordance with an operational order which could well have served as a pattern for Monty's set-up for the battle of El Alamein, a half troop, which included the writer and one of his brothers, moved out to a position towards the foot of Macquarie Pass with horses and accoutrements gleaming and emu-feather hat plumes waving in the breeze.

With a timing which would have done credit to a fleet manoeuvre, the Admiral's barge -- a Rolls Royce -- hove in sight on the dot and slowly cruised towards us as we waited in two inwards-facing ranks on either side of the road.

On disembarking Sir Dudley was met by and exchanged courtesies with Col. Grey, who then escorted him on an inspection of the cavalry sitting at attention with swords at the salute -- we were classified as a sabre

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A Naval (?) Occasion (Continued)

troop -- while young de Chair raced about under the horses' chins clicking a box camera.

With formalities completed, the Governor re-embarked and set sail for the township at reduced speed to allow the escort to keep pace at the trot. This caused the expected time of arrival to slip back, and nearing his destination he ordered an increase in speed to such an extent that the cavalcade hit the main street at full gallop in a cloud of dust.

A battle cruiser with a flanking escort of destroyers could not have made a more impressive high-speed approach to an anchorage.

In retrospect the event was unique -- a British Admiral and State Governor being greeted on a dusty country road by an escort of Australian cavalry which included two descendants of the former unofficial Colonial Governor, Major George Johnston, at the foot of a mountain pass named after another famous New South Wales Governor, Major-General Lachlan Macquarie.

Bert Weston.

Queen's Wharf, Circular Quay

(From a recent issue of "Ports of New South Wales")

In a dispatch to the Home Authorities, Governor Phillip wrote this about Sydney Cove:

"I fixed on the Cove that had the best spring of water, and in which ships can anchor so close to the shores that at a very small expense quays may be made at which the largest ships may unload".

The interesting point, however, is that nearly half a century elapsed before the making of quays was seriously attempted at all.

This was probably because in those days ships did not come alongside the land, and the most stringent precautions were taken to prevent unauthorised communication between the vessels and the shore.

But, as people and stores had to be landed, a wharf was eventually erected. This structure was known for many years as the Hospital Wharf, because it was close to the hospital buildings of the day.

A second wharf, known as The Governor's, was built later.

The Hospital Wharf was continually being enlarged and improved, and was renamed The King's Wharf. On the accession of Queen Victoria it was altered to The Queen's Wharf.

However, its importance gradually disappeared when extensions were made to Circular Quay on the west side.

Queen's Wharf was on the western side of the Quay, in front of the site on which the Maritime Services Board building now stands.

Coming Events

- Aug. 20: Mr John Harris, Sydney solicitor and son of the Fellowship's former Vice-Patron, the late Mr John Harris: "History of the Ultimo District". (The monthly lecture is in the Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building; enter by Jamieson Street entrance).
- Sept. 17: Annual General Meeting, Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building.
- Oct. 11: Wreath-laying Ceremony, Governor Phillip Memorial, Royal Botanic Gardens.

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