

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION ECHO

No 75

ANZAC DAY DAY COMMEMORATION MARCH 25 APRIL 2018

The 22nd Battalion Association, together with other kindred active WWI Unit Associations, will march behind their Unit Banners from the assembly point in Flinders St West opposite Young and Jacksons at 11:50 step-off, as WWI Battalion Associations are now at the end of the March not the beginning. On completion of the march members are encouraged to remain with the Banner in the forecourt for the Shrine Commemoration Service at 1 PM.

Marchers (not young children) should be respectively attired and family veteran-forebear's Medals worn on the right breast. Personal Medals on the left breast. (see Protocol p 8)

Before the March, 22nd members and their families should assemble at 11 AM outside Young and Jacksons at the 22nd Banner and are urged to "show the flag" by marching in this important commemoration so as to ensure "we will remember them".

"DESCENDANTS IN THE MARCH- BEHIND THE BANNER"

After two years of protracted negotiations with the RSL (Vic.) and the Anzac Day Commemoration Council (ADCC), a conciliated outcome has been the re-instatement of the previously long standing protocol of WWI descendants marching behind their respective Battalion Banners in the official March in recognition of the courage and sacrifice of all veterans.

This format was endorsed by the 22nd Battalion Association Committee in 1978 when it was still comprised of veteran Battalion members.

The dedicated band of active WWI Battalion Associations, namely 7th, 14th, 22nd, 24th, 39th, 57th, 58th and 60th have been committed to "respecting their wishes" and withdrew from the official March of 2016 and 2017 because marching behind "the Banners" was not permitted.



22ND BATTALION ANZAC DAY C 1920-
BEHIND THE "COLOURS"

It is particularly fitting in this Anzac Centenary Year 2018, that 22nd Battalion Association members can again march in the Anzac Day March behind the 22nd Battalion Banner to commemorate the significant 1918 battles for which the 22nd received Battle Honours namely: Hamel, Amiens and Mont St Quentin in particular.



ANZAC DAY MARCH 2013-22ND BATTALION
ASSOCIATION BEHIND THE BANNER

As a result of the conciliation the following protocols will apply:

- Descendants of WWI Battalions will march behind their respective Banners
- The order of the March will be reversed with most recent veterans first and then reverse chronological order with **WWI and Boar War last**
- **Each Battalion's descendants are to be marshalled in accordance with the ADCC protocols for respectable dress, Medals (p8). It is most important this be complied with as there has been criticism of a "rag-tag" appearance and poor marching in the past.**

The arrival at the Shrine, of WWI Battalion Units, at the end of the March will enable those wishing, to participate in the Shrine forecourt Service'.

The old adage, that "the old guard makes way for the new" is apt with the changed Order of March but it also enhances the role of veterans involved in more recent conflicts namely: Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Syria.

The "baton has been passed on" and "we that are left" continue to enjoy the freedom and Anzac values enshrined by our WWI forebears.

"We will remember them"

IAN RUSSELL HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER

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Following the Twenty-Second

The First World War through the lives of an Australian Infantry Battalion

22nd Battalion Association



Upon their return from Europe and the Great War in 1919, the former soldiers of the 22nd Battalion met and formed the Battalion Association to keep alive the Anzac spirit and legacy of mateship that was forged on the beaches and cliffs of Gallipoli and which defined

the Australian through the tough fighting in France and Belgium, and beyond. As the years have passed the legacy has now been past to the relatives of the men that fought within the Battalion, under the stewardship today of Ian Russell, son of 524 Pte Fred Russell, the Honorary Secretary of the Association from its inauguration in 1920 until his death in 1978.

Each year the Association remembers those that served and marches on Anzac Day in Melbourne. In addition the Association produces an annual newsletter entitled the '22nd Battalion Association Echo', taking the name from the publication of the same title that the Battalion produced on active service in 1918 until the troops returned home.

The Website www.anzac-22nd-battalion.com is a valuable source and repository for contributions from Association members particularly the "Collections drill down" of the "Family" section. There is a section for the 22nd Battalion Association shown opposite.

This project has now been archived in the "Pandora" project of the National Library of Australia ensuring its posterity.

It has been established by Greg Stephens, grandson of George Stephens MM (2394) 22nd Battalion. The Association's condolences are extended to the Stephen's family on Bob's death last year. Bob was a member of the 22nd Battalion and I met him on a visit with Greg in 2016. IR



Ian Russell and the late Bob Stephens

Let us now praise famous men...."
(Ecclesiasticus..)-22nd Battalion 1 AIF

THE 22ND-"SHELL-SHOCK"

The following are extracts from Fred Russell's personal diaries (22nd Battalion Reg. No. 524).

"It was the 26 March 1916 when the 22nd Battalion disembarked the "City of Edinburgh" and in sharp contrast to the recent harshness of Egypt, was travelling by train through the beauty of the Rhone Valley of southern France.

The 22nd Battalion was part of the first Australian Division to land in France.

After relieving British troops at Fleuxbaix, in early April the Battalion went into reserve.

On 10 June 1916 the Battalion relieved the 21st Battalion in the Bois Grenier reserve line and then the Rive Du Bois salient where heavy casualties were suffered. Lt Oldfield was killed and Capt. Davis and Lt Cawthorn were wounded.

The shelling was heavy on both sides and an insight as to how the troops coped is expressed by Fred Russell's personal account..

"On 22 June we were subject to the heaviest bombardment we had ever experienced and so were very glad of our dugouts to crawl into.



TROOPS KEEPING THEIR HEADS DOWN

The Hun opened a furious bombardment over our lines. We had to sit very still in the one position with shells raining all around us and the smell of the cordite fumes nearly choking us. The din was appalling and the shock of the bursts together with the ping of the pellets and pieces of shells whizzing about was the greatest strain on our nerves.

To have to sit still and put up with it did not improve our composure at all. To say we were "windy" will only mildly describe the state of our nerves,

I have often heard men talk of "shell-shock" as if they were indifferent to it but I have never seen the man, who when subjected to shells was not a little nervy and glad to crawl under the meanest shelter.



22ND MEN-MONT ST QUENTIN-

The affect of shell-fire was shown in the mens' demeanour in a variety of degrees of fear. Some would apparently be sitting quietly smoking, which was a common resort as a nerve soother. But closer observance would show that they were actually at high tension as seen by the twitching of muscles of their faces, the nervous movement of their hands or by the fact that although they had "lit-up" cigarettes that had long gone out they still hold them in their mouths as if they were still smoking. But the man who really was to be pitied was the one whose nerves would be on edge for the whole of the



ARRAS-BATTERY OF "60 POUNDERS"

"stunt" and who quivered all over, as if from an argue, but who suffered in silence and was practically exhausted physically after any length of continuous shelling.

I dare say the shivering was a mild form of "shell-shock" but was a terrible strain for the one concerned; when you heard a shell coming you could notice a man so affected absolutely writhe under the strain and on the burst of the shell, visibly relax all over. It was anything but a pleasant sight to watch but when one is confined in a small dug-out with a perfect "tornado" of shells bursting outside, you were forced to watch.

For my own part I put myself down as one of the "silent sufferers", as up until this time I had not had my nerves broken, but can honestly say after this night, this 23 June 1916, they were never the same".

Fred Russell

In Memoriam Roll 2017

Mr	J	Armstrong	Percy Armstrong - G'Uncle
Mr	P	Baird	Enos Good-G'father
Mr	H F	Ball	W A Ball-Father,G'father Stephen,Graeme,David
Mrs	J	Ball	John Lyle - Father
Mrs	G	Banham	Edwin Edmonds-G'father
Mrs	C	Barber	Victor Woolcock-Father, William Ruthven VC-G'father
Mrs	S	Belcher	John James Armstrong-G'father, G'.G'father of James&Daniel
Mrs	J	Bellis	Lewis Strawhorn-G'father
Mr	P	Bellis	Edgar Marcham Bellis-G'Uncle
Mr	A	Binns	Laurie Binns-G'G Father;G'G'Uncle Will, John Blackley
Mr	R	Binns	Laurie Binns - G'father;G'Uncles Will,John Blackley
Mrs	P	Bird	Hubert Wilkinson - Father of Patricia, G'F David,G/GF Erik, Lucas, Bryn,Ari
Mrs	P	Boag	Bass Stringer - Father
Mr	D	Boothroyd	W F Boothroyd-G'father
Mr	E	Boothroyd	W. F. Boothroyd - Father
Mr	F	Brain	James Brain - Uncle
Mrs	D	Brennan	G H Caulfield-G'father, N,C,T Brennan-G'G' father
Ms	P	Brown	J. W. Berrill - Grandfather
Mrs	Alison	Burgess	Leslie N Castle-Father
Ms	D	Burgess	George Shanks-Uncle
Mr	R	Cadman	Alan Cadman-Father
Mrs	F	Caffery	Fred Russell-G'G'father
Mr	K	Camm	Herbert Alexander Camm-Father
M/s	Fay	Carlin	Charles John Carlin-G'father
Mr	A B	Carroll	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM-Father,G'G'father of Simon&Luke Abbott, Benjamin Gericke
Mr	K	Carroll	Lt.Arthur Carroll MM - Father
Mr	D	Carroll	Lt. Arthur Carroll MM- Father
Mr	W.B.	Castle	Leslie N Castle-Father also of Alison Burgess
Mrs	A	Charles	Robert Andrew - Father,Vicki Bromley G'father, Kabel Davis G'G'father
Mr	M	Caulfield	William Tuddin-G'father
Mrs	B	Clayton	Albert Edward Strandgard-Father
Mrs	J	Clift	Everett Mark Rickard-Uncle
Mrs	M	Clogg	Robert Kay-Father,G'father Judith Simmons, Patricia Esnouf
Mr	R	Coad	Edward John Hosier-G'father
Mrs	Isabella	Collyer	William Sorenson- Father
Mr	D	Cooke	Bass Stringer - Grandfather
Mr	P	Cooper AM	Percy Cooper - Father
Mrs	P	Craddock	Ernest Green - Father, G'father, GG'father
Mr	J	Crawford	John Crawford -- G'father
M/s	S	Dalton	Henry Brown- G'father
Mr	G	Daniel	John Daniel - Father
Mrs	M	Dawson	John Malloch-Grandfather
Mr	P	Delves	Edward Delves - Father
Mrs	V	Devery	William Pentland-Uncle, G'Uncle Vincent
Dr & Mrs	L	Drew	Ern McL Green- Father (Josie)
Ms	K	Driver	John Stuart James Canavan-G'father
Mrs	J	Ellis	Leslie Ellis - Uncle
Mrs	E	Fountaine	Bass Stringer - Father
Mr	D	Fox	Charles Eddy-G'father, Albert Eddy-G'Uncle
Mrs	J	Frost	V N Moore - Father
Ms	P	Gibson	Ernest Harris - G'father
M/s	Sylvia	Gilbert	John Lambert-G'father
Mr	W	Gilbert	John Lambert - Great Grandfather

In Memoriam Roll 2017

Mrs D	Goodsall	Alan Cadman - Father
Mrs M	Greig	Will Greig - Grandfather, George Hill - Great Uncle
Mr R	Griffiths	Henry Griffiths - Father
Mr & Mrs	G Guerin	Fred Russell - G'Grandfather
Mr B	Hammon	N C Hammon - Father
Mrs O	Hammond	Henry George Dawson-G'father
Mr V	Harley	Walter Harley-Father
Mrs M	Hart	Charles West - Father
Mr Luke	Hickey	Leo Mc Cartin-G'G'Uncle
Mrs Anne	Hickey	Leo McCartin-G'Uncle
Ms B	Hill	John Stillman - Grandfather also of Marg Lee
Mr B	Hogan	William Hildebrand - Great Uncle
Ms F	Holian	John Williams - Father
Mr J	Hondros	George W F Chick-G'G'father
Mr J	Hyde	Frederick William Hyde-G'father
Mrs M	Jackson	James O'Donnell Ryan-Uncle
Mrs J	Jacobsen	Norman Sydney Jacobsen-Father-in law,Father of Neville,G'G'UncleJacob Grigg
Mr R	Jelley	Robert Francis Napoleon Jelley-G'Uncle
Mrs J	Johnson	Robert Hodgens - Uncle, GG Uncle-Helena Johnson
Mr C	Kaye	Norman Kaye - Father,G'father of Stephen Ryan, GG'father of Leah Megan Kaye
Mrs N	Kelly	George Henry Moore-Father
Mr I	Kennett	J S Kennett MM-Father,Jo-Anne Kennett/Smith& Stuart Kennett G'Father
Mrs D	King	Wilfred Spokes-G'father
Mr FG	King	Frank King - Father
Dr D	Lakeman	Roy Lakeman- Grandfather,GG'father Ned
Mrs M	Lee	John Stillman - G'father, GG Father-Alexandra Lee
Mr L	Levison	WE Leviston-Father
Mr N	Leviston	WE Leviston-Father
Mrs H	Logan	James Taylor Douglas MM - Father
Mr A	Love	Ted "Sailor" Parsons - G'Father
Mr T	Lynch	John Jones Lynch-Father
Ms J	Lynch	Louis Anthony John Lowther-G'father
Mr L	Magree	Sgt.Frank Rowden - Uncle
Mr G	Malloch	J G Malloch - Father
Mr L	Mance	Charlie Mance - Father
Mr E	Mann	Thomas Mann - Father
M/s J	Marshall	Lindsay Harricks-G'father
Mr Leo	McCartin	L McCartin-G'Uncle
Mr T	McMillan	Ernest McMillan-Father
Mrs L	McMillan	William Melville Chamberlain-Father
M/s Kate	Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
M/s Tess	Melville	Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father
Mr Brett	Melville	Fredeick Charles Russell-G'G'father
Mr A	Meyers	Alfred H Meyers-Father
Mr J	Miles	Tom Miles - Father
Mr S	Miles	Tom Miles G'father
Mr G	Monk	Clarrie Monk - Grandfather
M/s Kaye	Moore	Henry George Moore-G'Father
Mr BJ	Moore	Henry George Moore- G'father
Mr K	Moore	George Henry Moore-Father
Mrs K	Newey	Fred Russell-G'G'father
Mrs J	Nicholson	RW Day - Father of Joan, Grandfather of Brian

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Mrs D	O'Mara	Frank Lindsay MM-G'father
M/s M	O'Shannassy	Albert Ziebell-G'father
Mr L F	Owen	Mathew Mitchell-G'father
Mr A	Paterson	Ernest Ellerman Paterson-G'G'father
Mr S	Pattinson	AJ Pattinson - Uncle
Mrs Louise	Patton	Leo McCartin-G'G'Uncle
Mr J T	Phelan	James Steven Hogan-Uncle
M/s G	Porter	George Giroud - Father,GF Michelle,GG/F Rebecca,GGG/F Riley, Zachary, Prudence
Mr J	Powell	William Henry Powell-G'Uncle,Uncle Mick,Stan Mc Curdy
Mrs D	Powell	Stanley Robert McCurdy-Father,also Meridith Lennie,Stanley Robert McCurdy,G'father Jim
Mr K	Powerlett	George Powerlett-Father, Wendy Thomas-G' daughter
Mr D	Rebbechi	Charles Henry Haar-G/G'father
Mr R	Reed	Albert Louis Reed-Father
Mr B	Reed	Albert Louis Reed-father
Ms N	Ridgeway	Mark Ridgway - cousin
Mr W G	Ridgway	Mark Ridgway-Uncle
Dr J	Robinson	John Urquhart-G' father
Mr M	Rodda	Edmund Rodda - Father
Mr I	Russell	Fred Russell - Father
Mr P	Russell	Fred Russell - G' father
Mr E J	Russell	George Russell - Father
Mrs K	Russell	Fred Russell - G' father
Mr WJ	Searle	George Norman Searle-Father,G'father Aiden
Mrs J	Shaw	Leo Mc Cartin-Uncle
Mr J	Smart	Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
Mrs G	Smith	John Cumming Father, G'father Joanne,Sandra, GG'fatherames,Daniel,Caitlin,Amber
Mrs Joan	Smith	Charles Watson- Father
Mrs N	Smith	W.A.Ball-Father
Mrs B	Sommers	Athur Ernest Leonard Baker-Uncle
Mrs B	Strawhorn	Lewis Strawhorn-Father-in Law, G'Father- Jean Bellis
Mr PD	Tehan	Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle
Mr D	Thewllis	Eric Thewllis MC - Great Uncle and William Wilson
Ms J	Topliss	Charles Hutton - Father
Mr R L	Urquhart	Horace Urquhart - Father
Mr C	Wakefield	John McKenzie - Uncle
Mr W	Wakefield	John McKenzie - Uncle
M/s E	Walker	William A Ball-G'G'father, G'father P Walker
Mr M	Ward	Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle & his friend W McC Braithwaite
Mr A	Warman	Fred Warman
Mr David	Watson	Anthony Albert Watson-G'Uncle
Mrs Janet	Weddle	Walter Foskett-Father
Mrs R	Wells	Charles Bloomfield - G'father,(Beryl)GG'father,(Rhonda)GGG'father,(Hannah)
Mr J W	West	John West - Father
Mrs H	Whiley	Charles Bullock - Grandfather
Mrs H	Wilde	Alex Milne - Father
Mr R G	Wilkins	Leonard Walter Wilkins-G'Uncle
Mr/MrsE/	Winter	Edwin Canham- Father,also daughterJean Harves
Mr J	Wood	Jonathan Wood-Father
Mrs J	Woolhouse	Herbert Franklin Curnow-Uncle also Norma Gallacher- Uncle

THE BATTALION'S MONT ST QUENTIN 1918

After the heavy losses at Pozieres there was no respite and the 22nd moved north to Mouquet Farm, commonly called "Moo Cow Farm" a German stronghold surrounded by a system of concealed tunnels constructed by the enemy.



MONT ST QUENTIN
ARTHUR STREETON 1918

On 26 August 1916, the 22nd's B Company moved forward at 4:45 a.m. into shell holes on the left flank of the main attack. Under a good barrage, the Company left its trench in Indian file and wheeled by platoons in the desired positions.

Capt. Harold Smith (formerly 23rd Battn.) and Lieut. N. L. Cumming (formerly 24th Battn.), who, with Lieut. Harold Rodda, were the officers in charge, led No 5 and 6 platoons to link up on the objective with the 21st, but a nest of German gunners at the junction point caused heavy casualties. Capt. Smith was soon wounded, but continued to do splendid work till he was killed. Lieut. Cumming penetrated to the objective with the handful of men who had survived the fire and fought a bombing action until he was severely wounded. Being then unable to regain our lines, this officer was taken in by German stretcher-bearers and it was not until 1918 that he was repatriated.



On 5 August 1916. Lieut. Rodda was the only unwounded officer, and he assumed command of the Company. Hostile artillery was now heavily shelling the main attack, which met with a stubborn resistance, and was confronted with the cunning tunnel defenses, of which mention has been made earlier. By means of these, the 21st Battalion was attacked in the rear, and almost hemmed in. Not only were their losses heavy, but it was impossible to clear the ground of wounded.

Owing to their flank position, and the fact that theirs was a shell-hole, and not an organized trench-line, "B" Company of the 22nd escaped with lighter casualties than at one time seemed probable, and the survivors maintained their allotted flank until relieved at 2 a.m. on 27th August.....

The 22nd Battalion had thus taken part in its first full-scale offensive during the First War with more of our Brigade (sic 6th) lost than any other spot in France.

In a letter home, Major MacKay says, 'our chance to prove ourselves has come, but now that it has come I trust we may all perform at last-not for my part that I have been eagerly looking forward to proving ourselves worthy of the name of our troops made for Australia in their landing at Anzac'.

Leading from the front, Major MacKay was killed as the 22nd, within the 6th Brigade, successfully achieved their objectives and the Pozieres Heights.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION MEMORIAL
ST QUENTIN AND PERONNE FRANCE

The 22nd's success came at a heavy price and as Capt. Gorman, author of "With The Twenty-Second said, 'in Pozieres sleep more of our Brigade than in any other spot in France'. The Battalion lost 33 Officers and 763 other ranks. 1 Anzac Corps suffered 23,000 casualties at Pozieres and Moquet Farm.

After the fighting at Pozieres and Moquet Farm the 22nd battalion erected a wooden cross in memory of the brave Officers and men killed in action. This is now an exhibit in the Australian War Museum Canberra.



22ND MEN-MONT ST QUENTIN



**22ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
WWI ACTIVE BATTALION ASSOCIATIONS'
COMMEMORATION SERVICE 2017**

Notwithstanding the entrenched position taken by the ADCC (comprising RSL Vic. as Chair and other appointees), a dedicated band of the active WWI Battalion Associations namely: 7th, 14th, 22nd, 24th, 39th, 57th, 58th and 60th have been committed to "respecting their wishes" to march behind their Banners".

A separate March in 2016 marching behind their respective Battalion Banners was conducted to "Cobbers" Statue at Domain/St Kilda Rds. In 2017 it was from the Monash Monument at Birdwood Avenue/ Govt. House Dve. The Service held at the end of these Marches included an address focusing on WWI and has been favorably received by the substantial numbers attending.



**WWI ACTIVE BATTALION ASSOCIATIONS
COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT "COBBERS" STATUE**

Member Badge

The Member Badge below can be cut-out and inserted in a plastic holder available from most Stationers. The Badge can be worn at official events.



2018 KEY ANZAC CENTENARY DATES.
**SUNDAY 15 April at Annual RSL Service
At 10:30 AM, St Paul's Cathedral
Melbourne.**

22nd Battalion 1 AIF members are encouraged to attend and WWI Battalion Banners will be displayed particularly to commemorate the Battle of Villers Bretonneux

April 25 Anzac Day March and 1st Battle of Villers Bretonneux

July 4 Battle of Hamel

August 8 Battle of Amiens

August 30 Battle of Mont St Quentin

November 11 Armistice Day

Facebook: Following The Twenty-Second



Shrine Sanctuary

The Battle of Bullecourt was commemorated at a service at the Shrine on May 2017. Ian and Glenda Russell attended with the 22nd Battalion Banner displayed.

The Service was conducted by Chris Waters (14th Battn.) and David Laird (7th Battn.)

PROTOCOL/GUIDELINES FOR DESCENDANTS IN ANZAC DAY MARCH 2018

Participating in the official March after two years absence is great but brings with the responsibility to do so with dignity and respect in memory of our "22nd" forebears in particular.

- Marchers (not young children) must be respectively dressed in accordance with the solemnity of the Commemoration March (sporting gear/ footwear/torn jeans/photos are not approved).
- Descendants should wear the medals of forebears on the right breast; their own on the left.
- Marchers are form up 6 abreast and maintain step with the Banner Bearer.
- At the Eternal Flame in the forecourt (not the official dais) "Eyes Right" will be ordered and the Battalion Banner lowered. Once past "Eyes Front" will be ordered and the Banner raised.

Strict adherence to these reflects the commitment to remember them.