

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

1918-1943

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The first World War was not over when the 22nd Battalion Association was originated, the first meeting being held in Sargent's Cafe, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, on 21st September, 1918.

A few of the early repatriates gathered under the chairmanship of Dr. W. B. Craig for the purpose of forming an association, one of the objects of which was, "Fostering as far as possible the spirit of Battalion comradeship."

So well has this object been maintained that 25 years after formation the Association is still a live active body, able and willing to carry on.

The first Committee appointed, with Brig. General R. Smith as President, functioned until 1920. The first joint-Secretaries, H. Moorehead and R. D. Fussell, resigned early in 1919. I. T. Birtwistle was appointed and held the position until July, 1920. H. Craig acted till September, 1920. The present Secretary, F. C. Russell, was elected in September, 1920.

Through the generosity of Mr. R. Short, a partner of the late Brig. General R. Smith, the Association was privileged to use an office in the Oldfleet Buildings from September, 1919, to July, 1921, as Head-Quarters. Annual General Meetings were held at Anzac House in 1922 and 1923, but attendances at each were so small that the Committee accepted the implied invitation to carry on the Association's affairs without any further general meetings. Of the original Committee appointed, Dr. Craig, H. Vawdon, H. Craig and J. Tallyn are the only members still in office—a great record on their part. Three other original members, W. A. Cull, V. Vousden and J. A. Thwaites have since died.

During the course of years the following members rendered good service when on the Committee:—E. Draper, C. W. Kinsman, E. O. C. Matthews, F. Panther, K. Sutherland, S. J. Wicks, C. T. Willoughby, J. Cowan, J. Cugley, L. A. Kennedy, R. Rees, H. Smith and I. P. Stewart (deceased). Mr. E. Gorman, K.C., was for a time one of the Vice-Presidents.

On his return from active service Lt.-Col. Wiltshire was elected President, from 1920 to 1932, when an interstate transfer caused his retirement. Dr. Craig was then elected President.

The thanks of the members are due to our Honorary Auditor, H. C. Rodda, who has performed that duty nobly and well since 1919.

"Periodical reunion of members" is also an object of the Association and the Committee has endeavoured, by various means, to carry that out. Since its inception, 28 functions have been held; four in 1919, two in 1920 and two in 1921. From 1925 to 1941 reunions were held annually, when the present war interfered with further arrangements. A great stunt was planned

for 8th May, 1940, the 25th Anniversary of the Battalion's departure from Melbourne. Through the courtesy of Messrs. A. Holt and Co., of Liverpool, arrangements were completed for a reunion on board the S.S. Ulysses, then in Melbourne, but for security reasons the plan had to be abandoned. The owners of the vessel generously offered to donate the cost of catering and services. What a reunion that would have been! Another score to settle with Hitler & Co.

In an endeavour to strike a price within reach of all, various experiments with admission prices have been made, ranging from 1/6 to 7/6, the latter being a dinner at the Australia. For the whole of the functions, receipts were £740 and expenses £875. Six showed an average profit of £6 but 18 showed an average loss of £8 each, irrespective of the fact that donations averaging £6 were received for 10 of the 18. In order to offset the deficits on reunions, buttons for sale on Anzac Day were introduced. Receipts from this source averaging £13 nett per year have been the means of keeping the Association solvent over the years.

MEMBERSHIP.

There are 1000 members in the Association. This is far short of the number returned from Active Service. Any member of the old Battalion not registered with the Association is urged to forward particulars to the Secretary.

ACTIVITIES.

On the formation of the 2/22nd Battalion, an appeal was launched throughout the Association for funds in order to present the unit with band instruments. £165 was raised and this enabled the purchase of 4 guard drums, 2 tenor drums, 6 bugles, 1 tenor trombone, drum major's staff and a quantity of band music. On 8/9/'40 about 100 members of the Association paid a visit to the 2/22nd Battalion at Rokeby, where the President, Dr. W. B. Craig, made the presentation at a ceremonial parade. An additional bugle was presented by Mrs. Russell, wife of the Secretary, who had raised funds privately. Mr. Bulch, a member of the Old Battalion band, loaned a cornet which had belonged to the late P. Riddell (killed at Franvillers) of the original Battalion Band, requesting it be returned to him on the demobilisation of the unit. Unfortunately, these have been lost through enemy action. Since the fall of Rabaul, many members of the unit are still posted as missing. For the last two years the Association has been represented at the Annual Commemoration Service of the 2/22nd Battalion at the Shrine of Remembrance.

ENLISTMENTS.

The following members have enlisted with the 2nd A.I.F.:—R. Andrew, C. Byrne, M. Cowan, J. Gladman, A. Govern, J. Malloch, R. Penhalluriack. Two members, W. Matthews and J. Nichols, are serving with Garrison Units in New Guinea.

There may be additional members serving with the A.I.F., of whom the Committee would be pleased to hear. To one and all the Association offers best wishes for a safe return. At the commencement of hostilities in 1939 a number of the old Battalion enlisted with the home forces and are rendering valuable service.

FINANCES.

Mr. Short, partner of the late Brig. General R. Smith, assisted the Association in 1919 by a donation of £100. At 17/11/20 the Bank Balance was £58 and on 31/12/43, £45/6/-.

On the winding up of the 6th Brigade Comforts Fund in 1921, £41 was allotted to the Association for alleviating distress amongst members. During the depression years this sum was fully expended, assisting less fortunate comrades.

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 12th Months ended 31st December, 1943.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Bank Balance S.S.B.,		Buttons—Anzac Day	£3 1 11
31/12/42	£35 0 2	Circular	0 10 0
Cash in Hand	2 7 10	Postage Circulars—	
Interest, S.S.B.	0 13 2	Anzac Day	0 12 6
Donation	0 10 0	Sub.—“Mufti”	0 3 0
Sale of Buttons, An-		Repairs — 22nd Bn.	
zac Day	17 2 7	Colours	2 0 0
Sale of Battalion		Telephone	5 12 6
Books	3 4 6	Postage—General .. .	1 3 3
		Cash in Hand	0 9 1
		Bank Balance S.S.B.,	
		31/12/43	45 6 0
	£58 18 3		£58 18 3

Audited and found correct—

H. C. RODDA, Hon. Auditor.

W. B. CRAIG, President.

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PERSONAL.

The Committee welcomes news from members residing throughout the country or in other lands. The undermentioned have been in communication with the Association.

Recently mail was received from W. Cawthorn, V. C. Alderson and C. Waxman. It is pleasing to know that Wal. Cawthorn is

now Major-General, C.S.I., C.B.E. British Army in India. He is looking forward to a visit to Melbourne in the near future.

V. C. Alderson is now a full Colonel, British Army, in India, and stationed at New Delhi.

Waxy (Sgt. C. Waxman) is doing well with the motion picture business in U.S.A. and writes as breezily as he used to talk.

Rollie Werrett was in the battle of Dunkirk, as a French interpreter to the British Forces. He managed to escape and last information, reported him as being in England. His family is still “Somewhere in France.”

F. V. Kirby is now a grocer in Bristol, England, also an Air Raid Warden, and has been very much bombed. H. L. Smith was, until June, 1940, on the staff of Westminster Bank in Paris. Where he is now is uncertain.

D. L. Pearman was in Samoa and F. S. Baker in Fiji when last heard of. J. H. Edwards was a resident of Rabaul and helped considerably with entertaining the 2/22nd Bn. when there. As far as is known he got away when the blitz started.

Mark Ridgeway was A/Commissioner at Nauru but, under orders, vacated that spot for a better 'ole in Melbourne, where he now administrates the island's affairs.

Padre Durnford was, some years ago, a missionary in the Sudan. The war may have sent him to other fields.

Ivor Birtwistle is now on the staff of the “West Australian,” Perth. Frank Rowden and Geo. Hughes, who is in uniform again, have also become residents of West Australia. Cecil Byrne, being the only member to serve in both 22nd Battalions, is still in the Army and transferred to that State. Charlie Fulton, Bobby Groves, A. M. Ferguson, R. Ilett and Jack Russell uphold the prestige of the Battalion in Adelaide.

Tasmania has George Gillam, Jack Webster, Chas. Ward and J. F. Charlton on the electors' roll. Les. Speak, also with a vote, manages the A.M.P. at Launceston.

New South Wales has claimed a few. Percy Chalmers, Lou Pimblett and E. A. Davis are Sydneyites. Ted Konza controls the police station at North Stockton. Major Dooley is a landowner at Leeton. Bill Cannon can always be found in Albury. J. W. Masters is Clerk of Petty Sessions at Yass.

With the exception of those transferred to Queensland under military orders, no reports have been received of members residing there.

Colonel R. A. Crouch, as active as ever and still interested in the Association, resides in Melbourne.

Bill Ruthven, V.C., of Clifton Hill, at present in the Army, is a councillor for the City of Collingwood.

Ern. Smith, at Koimbo, has a son who served with the 2/22nd Bn. Bob Bourke and Harry Thewlis, of Benalla, are both in the Army. Steve Cadwell resides at Woolloomana. Sid. Chettle,

at Maryborough, is president of the local R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Frank Crozier, of Warrandyte, generously donated one of his landscape paintings to the Association for the 2/22nd Bn. Appeal in 1940. Len. Harricks and Bob Batten are located at Ararat. Reg. Thomas, an officer of the Public Works Department, is stationed at Shepparton. A. R. Hampton resides at Irymple; I. J. Campbell at Piangil; A. G. Swan and A. Chatfield are at Rupanyup. J. Bridges and W. Boothroyd are residents of Ballarat. Milbourne Clarke roams Australia as a wool-classer.

Owing to limited space, the Committee regrets being unable to publish additional news of members. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary.

LEST WE FORGET.

It has been a very grievous task keeping a record of members who have passed on. Fortunately the Committee has various sources of obtaining the information.

The following names have been recorded:—

1922		1923	
51376	Hunt, R. F.	2481	Fenwick, G.
1924		Capt. Stewart, I. P.	
630	McDonald, J. E.	5914	Stewart, R. H.
5418	Tabner, H. O.	1933	
1926		4983	Blatchford, C.
219	Nelmes, J.	Capt. Pedler, L. T. O.	
Lieut.	Thomsen, C.	Petterson, A.	
1927		1779	Schafer, P.
4744	Lewis, J. P.	1934	
888	Ralston, R.	5308	Alsbury, J. W.
1928		4779	Putland, G.
5553	Barnett, A. T.	706	Vousden, V. R.
4673	Carter, J. N.	1935	
Edgley, C.		988	Farmer, C. G.
5852	Mortimer, A.	5707	Hanmer, R. J.
B/Gen.	Smith, R.	6830	Hatcher, R.
Speller, C. W.		4531	Ryan, H. P.
6940A	White, W. D.	5865	Wenman, J. J.
1929		1936	
6845	Lees, W. F.	1198	Avenell, W.
745	Moorehead, H. P.	1937	
1093	Nicol, D. F.	5344	Dalton, G. T.
1728	Russell, L. C.	6810	George, E. C.
Strangward, A.		5139	McLoughlin, C.
1930		5964	Robinson, J. W.
4713	Graham, C. F.	1938	
1910	Handasyde, F. W.	561	Bloomfield, C. A.
1020	Johnson, E. A.	6340	Fisher, R. W.
3871	Maitland, W.	5366	Haslett, H.
2186	Miller, M. K.	4724	Hay, W. J.
50095	Morrow, D.	2157	Johnston, R.
251	Stevens, A.	5297	Mosley, W. B.
5425	Twomey, R. J.	3884	McIlveen, W.
1931		4769	McIntyre, J.
L/Col.	Davis, D. M.		
982	Dunn, J.		
2741	Morris, C. A.		
5902	Reddy, C. N.		

1939		6853	Martin, J. F.
1502	Armstrong, G.	217	Musgrove, H.
	Burnau, N. L.	220	Nicholas, W.
734	Cameron, W. D.	50121	Ploughwright, W.
4996	Cato, M.	4788	Simmonds, S.
6787	Coleman, E. D.	687	Sykes, G. A.
Capt.	Cull, W. A.	2420	Thompson, A.
Capt.	Cumming, N. D. L.	5695	Wilson, J.
4698	Emerson, A. E.	1942	
5605	Hawkins, H. J.	34	Bell, J. F.
	Hayes, E. A.	6770	Brown, C.
406	Jewkes, G. F.	2262	Bunting, W. M.
4050	Kelly, R. J.		Cairns, A. H.
4498	Morris, H. A.	2279	Gray, F. T.
640	Munro, J.	3347	Gore, W. H.
1167	McHardy, C. W.	6828	Hartley, C.
1044	Veale, W. E.	839	Hudson, F. C.
6437	Waller, W.	3860	Keast, K. S.
280	Watson, T.		Laird, A.
1940		1568	Lawson, T.
108	Archer, T. R.	625	Lucas, G. R.
50014	Betts, C. A.	3882	Maybus, A.
3907	Block, T.	199	McDonald, P.
6791	Cattach, W.	3153	McMahon, J. E.
5842	Donoghue, C.	6422	Pallise, J.
Lieut.	Evans, J. H.	4521	Ponton, W. J.
2193	Fincher, H.	2387	Scriven, J.
Lieut.	Flew, S. J.	26	Serle, G. N.
6807	Fowler, S. H.	920	Styles, L.
5354	Gibbs, A. E.	2431	Tatnall, P. C.
3980	Gasden, R. C.	1943	
61958	Henman, E.	5549	Bingham, A.
	Jeffries, A.	581	Cavalier, E. S.
	Kay, R.	1019	Chadwick, T. W.
6855	Morris, W. G.	580A	Craig, A. H.
6936A	Pentland, C. C.	6858	Curtin, M.
51433	Phillips, G. J.	5577	Davis, W.
3907	Thomas, W. A.	6797	Duffin, S. H.
3959	Wood, A. D.	381	Gibbs, R. J.
1941		6811	Grace, P. E.
4354	Andrews, H.	5365	Hart, O.
4660	Bousfield, G. W.	2337	Hayes, A. E.
5545	Buckley, R.	6356	Herz, M. S. V.
6792	Dawson, T.	6359	Hocking, J. L.
6729A	Dike, N. P. W.	4467	Hutchinson, T. J.
6272	Harwood, W.	10	Kee, W. E.
4809	Heaton, R. E.	5387	Moorhouse, F. W.
3852	James, W. H.	229	Plunkett, R.
618	Ker, F. De B.	2361	Ramsay, A. V.
5142	Kealy, F. G.	2049	Taylor, W. B.
5809	Lowther, L. A.	Lieut.	Thwaites, J. A.
		3956	Vaughan, W. H.

To those who have lost relatives in the present conflict, the Association desires to convey the deepest sympathy.

"WITH THE TWENTY-SECOND."

The Battalion book "With the 22nd" is still on sale. Price 3/- posted. Members desiring a copy are requested to communicate with the Secretary, F. C. Russell.

The Association, like its members, is growing older. It is now that the Committee desires greater co-operation from members by their attendance at functions, notifying change of address, and other information appertaining to members.

W. O. T. B. G.