



22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-SECOND ECHO

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FOREWORD

Since the Twenty-Second "Echo" last went to Press, hostilities have ceased, and soon we should be settling down to normal life again.

Many of our homes have been upset by the absence of members and their sons and daughters on service, and some have lost their loved ones. To those we extend our sympathy, and hope that the future will bring comfort and happiness to all.

The Committee has been on the alert for news of the doings of members and has been watching their interests; also of the 2/22nd Association, which is flourishing.

Your President attended the Welcome Home to 2/22nd P.O.W.'s, and was pleased to note the co-operation which exists between the old and new diggers.

Members are invited to submit items of interest to our genial Secretary for inclusion in the "Echo."

Thanks are due to your Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for their untiring efforts on your behalf during the past year. Although Dr. Craig has retired from the President's Chair, he still retains a live interest in our activities.

We are hoping for a bigger attendance than ever at the Victory Anzac March this year.

H. CRAIG,
President.

GENERAL

The popularity of the booklet and the inspiration of naming it "The Echo" have been undoubted.

The printing of the nominal roll was well received by members. Quite a number enquired for the addresses of old pals. It was anticipated that subscriptions would have swelled the funds to the £100 mark, thereby assuring the holding of a complimentary reunion, but expectations were not realized. Unfortunately quite a number of Metropolitan members fail to attend the Anzac Day March, whilst others gather along the route. By doing this, expenditure is incurred and additional work falls to the Secretary in posting the booklet. Anzac Day is the "Diggers' Day" for the year. Should a member be unable to march, come along to the assembly point, meet the old acquaintances and be welcomed by the committee.

Members are requested to forward the Annual Subscription of 1/- to the Secretary. Remember the booklet keeps the member in touch with the Association and the Association in touch with the member.

After many years as President of the Association, our guide, philosopher and friend, Dr. W. B. Craig, has had to call a halt. The attendance at committee meetings and leading the march was proving too much for him, but he will still attend at the assembly point on Anzac Day and have a good time at reunions.

Harold Craig, Vice-President since 1920, now occupies the position of President, and he is carrying out the job most successfully. Harold Vawdon and Jack Tallyn occupy the positions of Vice-Presidents. These three, together with Dr. Craig, were founders of the Association, so members can rest assured that the chief office-bearers have had plenty of experience.

The latest membership figure stands at 930. There are many more still to be gathered in, so why not make a few enquiries and forward names and addresses immediately.

There will be a reunion this year. It will be held on FRIDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER (SHOW WEEK), IN THE PRAHRAN DRILL HALL, corner of Punt and Commercial Roads, at 8 p.m. Keep this date reserved. More information later.

The financial statement shows £67 credit. For years the balance has stood around the £40 mark, which shows the Association is still solvent. Do not think the Association rich, as the expenditure for the reunion will tax the resources pretty heavily. Contributions will be thankfully received.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 12 months ended 31st December, 1945.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance S.S.B.	Donation 2/22nd Bn. Assn. £5 0 0
31/12/44 £66 15 5	Wreath—Shrine, 28/1/45 1 0 0
Cash in Hand 2 9 11	Buttons—Anzac Day 3 4 8
Interest S.S.B. 1 1 2	Printing—"Echo" 10 5 0
Sale of Buttons—	Postage—"Echo" 3 8 6
Anzac Day 16 5 6	Telephone—Rent 5 12 6
Sale of Battalion Books 1 19 6	Stationery—Letterheads 2 17 9
Subscriptions 15 7 6	Sub—"Mufti" 0 3 0
	Postage—General 2 4 3
	Cash in Hand 0 8 8
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The 2/22nd Association has been functioning for one year. A well attended reunion was held recently, at which the Association was represented.

The 22nd Aust. Infantry Battalion, which carried the Red and Purple Diamond with distinction through Milne Bay, Finschhafen and now garrison Rabaul, are in process of forming an association. They propose affiliation with us.

PERSONAL

W. J. Cawthorne, Major General, British Army in India, is in Australia at the present time. He came along to a little social gathering last Christmas and received a great welcome.

V. C. (Jim) Alderson, Colonel, British Army in India, is due for retirement leave shortly. He proposes to become a Melbourne resident.

C. Waxman, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., is still in the Motion Picture business and sends the usual boisterous greetings to old comrades.

Vic. Kirby, Bristol, England, has been relieved of A.R.P. duties to carry on his grocery business. He forwarded a copy of "Bombed Bristol," a pictorial record of the blitz. It is remarkable how people survived—it had the resemblance of "Villers Bret."

Mark Ridgway returned as Administrator to Nauru recently. The island having been occupied by the Japs since 1942, he reckons he has a big job ahead of him.

Wal. Sturrock had a business trip to Britain and U.S.A. He prefers the air travel to that of the troopship.

A. R. L. (Col.) Wiltshire remarked that he felt he was still travelling in the air for weeks after his 59-hour trip from England.

Charles Fulton, after serving in the R.A.A.F. during the war years, is still in Adelaide with his old cobbles, R. Groves and A. Ferguson. He considers each State must have 22nd Battalion representation.

Jack Russell returned from Adelaide after having served there on War Supply matters.

Bill Ruthven, V.C., is now up to his neck in politics. He is Mayor of Collingwood and M.L.A. for Preston. We may have him Premier of Victoria or Prime Minister of Australia later. Who knows! Heartiest congratulations!

George Gilham, Moonah, Tasmania, paid a visit to Melbourne last October and made acquaintance with quite a number of old

associates. Jack Webster, of Hobart, told George to convey greetings to all the boys.

Bill Cornish and Jim Caffrey still reside at Swan Hill. Bill suffers from the effects of gas he received. Jim is hale and hearty.

L. A. Kennedy, with the A.M.F. during the war years, was on the sick list in Heidelberg Hospital for some months, but is now making satisfactory progress.

Jim Drummy, late W.O.I., P.M.F., has retired to civil life.

Bill Dunk, Queenscliff, is Harbour Master at that port.

Frank Kerrigan, Robinvale, thought so much of the nominal roll that he had it framed. That's the idea.

Jim Jordan and Tom Anderson talk over old associations at Kyabram.

Lou Pimblett, Sydney, is having success in his business venture. He enjoys hearing of the Association activities. He takes an active part in the 6th Brigade Association in N.S.W.

Vic. Handly, Warragul, had itchy feet for soldiering again—discharged recently and accepted the position of President of the Warragul Sub-Branch R.S.L.

Early in 1945, Secretary Fred Russell was anxious to find out how old some of our members were, so he had an article published in "Mufit." Apart from Dick Newman, 81 years (deceased 26/2/46), he discovered Charles Wilson, Brighton, 73 years; W. C. Jennings, Maffra, 70 years; A. C. Doig, 67 years, Williamstown (ex Boer War); and George Carter, Welshpool, 64 years. Geo. Carter was so pleased to hear of the Association's progress that he forwarded 26 years' past subscriptions—£1/6/-—that's the spirit! Should there be more old members unrecorded, write in as we are always pleased to receive this information.

LAST ANZAC DAY, DID YOU?

Notice Dr. W. B. Craig not leading the Battalion—the distance was too great for him.

See the Battalion flag again fluttering in the breeze after five years in "moth-balls." It has been in use for 21 years.

See the article in the "Herald" on Dick Newman, our oldest member. Good publicity.

Notice George (Spider) O'Neill and Leonard Beggs pose in old soldier style for their photograph.

Notice how thin H. T. George is getting since joining the military. Just about 17 stone: falling away to a shadow.

Welcome the following Country members:—G. Adams, Nerrim South; P. Amiet, Korumburra; W. Anderson, Connewarre; H. Fiedler, Traralgon; S. Bailey, Narre Warren; P. Bond, Lara; T. Bowden, Nagambie; J. Caffrey, Woorinen; F. Chislett, Cudgee; T. Claridge, Macarthur; E. Cobb, Redcliffe; F. Cooney, Kalkallo; W. Cornish, Swan Hill; F. Crozier, Warrandyte; M. Davey, The Basin; H. Dawson, Trawalla; G. Doyne, Foster; W. Evely, Bendigo; C. Franklin, Mornington; J. Gibson, Tallarook; F. Goldberg, Woodend; R. Graves, Caldermeade; F. Joseph, Research; F. Lindsay, Avoca; R. Mallinson, Griffith, N.S.W.; W. Manble, Streatham; R. McDonald, Fernbank; L. Nicholson, Kardella; H. Rayner, Red Cliffs; W. Roberts, Sydney, N.S.W.; D. Smith, Wee-Wee-Rup; H. Soderholm, Alberton; J. Sutherland, Seymour; T. Welsh, Fish Creek; W. Wiffen, Bellarine; A. Willis, Carrajung.

Congratulations from the committee for making the grade, especially with the meagre travelling facilities operating.

Notice Shontie Harwood, Sailor Parson, Will Tierney and a number of other old identities were not on parade. This is the first parade Shontie Harwood has missed for a number of years—the artificial leg always made the distance. Sailor, as you know, met with a nasty accident some time ago—must have been unfit. Will Tierney got badly mauled by a motor truck during 1944 and was in a very bad way for Anzac Day, but now well on the way to recovery.

Keep the Association posted with items of information, change of address, passing of old comrades, etc. Don't trust to the committee knowing everything.

