



22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

**TWENTY - SECOND'S
ECHO**

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22nd Battalion Association

156 Sycamore Street,

Caulfield, S.E.8.

25th April, 1949.

Dear Member,

At the last annual re-union, a suggestion was made by various members that a presentation be made to our Hon. Secretary, Fred Russell, as a token of appreciation for his most valuable services over 29 years, and that all members of the Association be given an opportunity to contribute.

The Committee appreciates this proposal and is heartily in accord with it.

The Committee feels that any presentation made to Fred is only a small recognition in return for the service he has rendered on behalf of the Association.

The presentation will be made at the next annual re-union, to be held in the Upper Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall, on Friday, 30th September.

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Should you desire to participate in the presentation, contributions may be forwarded to our Hon. Treasurer, Fred Castledine, 35 Bundeera Road, Caulfield, S.E.8, and will be duly acknowledged.

Yours fraternally,

H. F. VAWDON.

President.

FOREWORD.

From the President.

Since the formation of the 22nd Battalion Association some 30 years ago, it has been my privilege to be a member of the Committee.

Last year your Committee did me the honour of electing me your President, and, as such I have pleasure in addressing those few remarks to members, in this, the 5th issue of "The Echo."

It is proposed that the appointment shall be changed annually, thus giving every member of the Committee the opportunity and honour of leading his wartime comrades in peacetime.

During my term of office I have deeply appreciated the loyalty shown by all members of the Association to my official position and to me personally.

It is through loyalty, sympathy and understanding towards one another that we can make this Association as strong in peace as the Battalion was in war.

In particular, I wish to make reference to our Hon. Secretary, Fred Russell, who has, for so many years, worked cheerfully and vigorously in the interests of the Association.

Our thanks are due also to his good wife, who has been only too pleased at all times to allow us to hold our Committee Meetings at her home, and to provide us with refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Also on your behalf, I wish to say: "Thank you, Fred Castleline," for your valued assistance as Hon. Treasurer.

He and Fred Russell have been a happy combination over the years.

This Association is one which will carry on for many years to come, and keep in contact the scattered members of the Battalion.

Apart from casual meetings of one another, the Anzac Day March and the Annual Re-union are the only opportunities we have of getting together. The Re-unions of the past two years have demonstrated the high regard our members have for their Battalion too and it is hoped that we will be able to have similar functions for many years ahead.
Anzac Day, 1949

H. F. VAWDON, President.

GENERAL.

In presenting this, the 5th "civilian" issue of "The Echo," the Committee feels that it can anticipate the approbation of members for another good year in our record.

It will be noted that Mr. H. F. Vawdon has been elected President after being a member of the Committee since its inception in 1918.

Harold has always been a keen worker for the Association, and his election to the office of President is only fitting. It is proposed

that that office should now be filled in rotation, annually.

Another change was the enlargement of the Committee to 15 members. It was considered that the greater number would widen the scope of opinion on matters affecting the conduct of the Association.

ANZAC DAY MARCH.

As this issue will be posted to all members before Anzac Day, we can give some information about the assembly for the March.

We made a suggestion to the Commemoration Council that the rendezvous for the various 1st AIF units be made permanent, but we have been advised that in view of the periodical changes in the order of the March, this is not practicable.

This year the R.A.A.F. will lead the March and accordingly all units will be moved around so as to facilitate the moving off.

Our assembly points will be in Russell Street, at the corner of Little Lansdale Street, east side.

Should any change be made in this plan, it will be announced in the daily press.

Members are requested to be on parade early, so that full advantage will be taken of the opportunity of meeting one another and having a yarn together before we move off.

Watch the daily papers for starting time of the March and the order of the divisions.

Battalion buttons will be available again at the usual price of 1/- . The purchase of one of these buttons constitutes the annual membership fee, and is a privilege available only to 22nd Battalion members.

HOSPITALIZATION.

Two visits to Caulfield Repatriation Hospital were made during the year, one on August 4th and the other, a special Christmas visit, on December 17th.

For the August visit, 10 of our members met at the Hospital at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th, and visited every patient—approximately 100—and distributed cigarettes, oranges and reading matter to each.

For the December visit, every one of the 100 inmates was given a small packet containing cigarettes, Koolmints and a special Christmas card with greetings from the Association. From the many expressions of appreciation of the recipients, we can feel gratified that our visit was accepted in the spirit in which it was made.

Three of our members were inmates at the time of our visits: F. E. G. O'Brien, F. Capuano and Mick Dawson. Frank O'Brien has since been discharged.

1948 RE-UNION.

The attendance at our 1948 Re-union was a sure indication of the members' appreciation of these functions. We were so gratified

with the success of our 1947 effort that it was considered a repetition on similar lines for 1948 was all that was required.

Our anticipations were realized for over 200 attended and made the most of the opportunity of meeting old comrades and recounting past experiences.

As the financial statement in "The Echo" shows, we showed a profit of £10/15/6. Very creditable, no doubt, but the result was achieved by the support of absentee members who like to feel they are at the show by donating. As a small recognition of their support, the following list is published, with running commentary on each of them.

The ability of the troops in consuming the "comforts" provided has in no way diminished, and the caterer has no worry about disposal of surplus food. In fact, at the end of the show, only the tables were left.

It reflects to our credit that we had no claim for breakages or any damage to the Town Hall. Many years ago we conducted a Re-union in that room and only by the proper measure of "wangling" did we escape the penalty of damages to the building caused by escaped liquid.

For the benefit of those who weren't present at the 1948 show, we advise them to note that our 1949 function will be held at the same place on Friday, 30th September.

Those who were present at the last one will, no doubt, need no second invitation to the next.

R.S.M. Steve Cadwell has been troubled with a "wonky" knee—route marching taboed. Steve couldn't attend the Re-union, but fined himself £2 for "neglect of duty." In past years, he had "crimed" men for that offence, so he gave himself a taste of his own medicine.

Stan Wilson, now of Beulah, indulging in primary production pursuits, sent along a souvenir copy of "A" Coy's 1917 Christmas dinner menu, and a sub. for the Re-union. The souvenir was most interesting. Stan has since moved to Mildura in search of more sunshine.

Arch Swas (Rupanyup) paid for his ghost to be at the Re-union and was envious of those present.

R. H. Cope (Pakenham East) is still troubled by a war wound, and regretted inability to meet old cobbles.

J. Stillman (Stanhope) sent regards and best wishes to all—sub. as well.

Harry Jackson (Oakleigh) just couldn't make it on October 1st, but contributed "to the old mob."

Len Harricks (Ararat) has lost none of his vigour or vitality, but shyness kept him away from the Re-union. Len, in his usual style, contributed generously to the show and flattered the unit by referring to them as "wonderful fellows of the best battalion in the A.I.F." Self praise is no recommendation.

Prior engagement as a Committeeman of the Ballarat R.S.L. Social Club kept **Oscar Matthews** away from the Re-union. Naturally we resent the Ballarat Branch being so inconsiderate.

J. S. Grayland (Camperdown) added his quota of support and good wishes to all members.

Jack Lyle (Kyabram) sent along his sub. "in case he missed out." He wanted to be there in spirit, if not in person.

Distance prevented **J. W. Masters** (Dee Why, N.S.W.) from attending. Hopes we will hold the Re-union in Sydney one year, so as he can attend. His special regards were passed on to **Jerry Jerroud** at the Re-union.

O. P. Habel (Murtoa) must be getting old. Sciatica kept him home on 1st October, but he was in the tarpaulin muster just the same.

W. P. McCormick (Wangaratta) deferred his attendance until next year, but contributed in goods and good wishes to all present.

Andrew Chapman (St. Kilda) sent along a "peace offering" for non-attendance. Accepted under duress.

Harry Craker (Glen Iris) has been unfortunate enough to lose the sight of his right eye and was in hospital just prior to the Re-union, but he dubbed in just the same, and wished everyone a happy night together.

Bob Penhallurick had to "be on the job" at his occupation on October 1st and sent apologies and a token.

Geo. Hardy (now of Bendigo) has had another term in Heidelberg, undergoing treatment to his arm. George hopes to be with the crowd next year.

Dave Edwards (Mitcham) suffered a sad bereavement in the death of his youngest son on 30th September, result of a motor accident. Our sympathies have been expressed to Dave and his family. **F. E. Hughes** (Dumbalk) is a relative, and this tragic occurrence was the reason for his non-attendance.

Holidays called **Arch Salmon** to Jumbunna at Re-union time, consequently he was "absent with leave." However, Arch's thoughts were with us for he telegraphed his good wishes and supported those sentiments in a practical fashion, later.

Bill Lyndon (South Yarra) couldn't be in two places at once on 1st October, and regretfully he had to miss out. However, Bill was at the Re-union in spirit, judged by his contribution.

Ron Holdsworth had just terminated a spell in hospital on the day of the Re-union and very judiciously stayed away, much as sentiment would have desired otherwise. The cause didn't suffer from his absenteeism and he is now preparing for the 1949 event.

Geo. Carter (Welshpool) anticipated us this year for he sent his apology for non-attendance and a contribution before our cir-

cular went out. Someone must have told him we were going to have a Re-union on 1st October, or was it intuition.

Allan G. Harper (Woorinen) paid for his spirit to attend the show. That's what his note (of two kinds) said, anyway.

Hec Dawson (Brewster) was struggling with sheep on Re-union Day and could not let up. Too bad, Hec, but thanks for your good wishes and support.

Tom Satchell senr. (Mitcham) made a certainty of attendance this year. Tom jun. had to drive up for him and drive him home later. However, Tom, senr., deserves such "coddling" having acquired 78 years, and had two or three months in hospital last year.

From Kirribilli (N.S.W.) came a lament from E. Apsey who, quite reasonably, claimed distance as the bar. However, Ern's sentiment is as strong as ever, for he forwarded a sub. for some "needy comrade."

A. R. (Jelli) Hampton (Mildura) had just returned from a trip to West Australia the week before Re-union and had to stop flitting about. From reliable sources we learned that he and Les Speak (Launceston) were delegates to the Legacy Conference over there, and on learning of each other's presence, held up proceedings while they fraternised. Most undignified, but justified under the circumstances. Incidentally, Les Speak prolonged his vacation to be in Melbourne for the Re-union. The "Apple Isle" climate is agreeing with him, obviously. "Jelli" sent along his usual contribution for "rag for the old and dry"—What did he mean by that?—also news of Tich Ware, who is still going strong in the "orange country."

A. G. "Pompey" Parry (Moenyan) has switched his attention—and interests—from cows to sheep. Cows are "cows" anyway, and sheep much more profitable and less work entailed. Pompey has to admit to advancing years—don't we all.

Norm Speary (Camberwell) had a had bout of illness last year and just prior to the Re-union had had 3 months "out of action." However, he, like many others, was at the Re-union in spirit.

Geo. Gilham (Hobart) always responds to our Battalion signals and speaks for himself, Charles Ward and Jack Webster, of that berg. George has a grouch that his holidays and our Re-union never coincide. For an original member of "B" Coy, we must do something about this.

Charles Ponder (Woolthorpe) sent his greetings and best wishes for the success of the show on 1st October. Charles always responds but has not attended a re-union in person for years.

V. C. Alderson, now retired and established at Avalon Beach, Sydney, had every intention of being in Melbourne for the Re-union but couldn't make it at the last moment. He will make amends in 1949—otherwise ————!!

From Mat Mitchell (Ward 9, Heidelberg) came a very cheery note of regards to all old comrades and the price of admission to the "annual uproar." Mat had been a "cot case" for over 18 months then, but unfortunately he passed on on December 26th. We didn't learn of his death until 2 months later.

A most gratifying spirit was displayed by Miss Betty Jaboor (Glen Waverley) who wished to advise that her father, Arthur Jaboor, had died on 1st September, and to his memory she forwarded the admission to the Re-union. Miss Jaboor requested permission to maintain her father's annual sub. as a memorial to him.

Milbourne Clark (Maldon) sent best wishes for a happy Re-union which he couldn't attend this year. Usually Milbourne is dashing around Queensland, sorting out the good from the not so good wool shorn from inoffensive sheep in that State.

Culgoon is a long way off, but that didn't prevent W. Hennessy responding to our circular and send regrets for non-attendance, regards to all the boys, and appreciation of "The Echo."

H. W. Barker (ex 13 Platoon), now at Taggart and Shire President of Alexandra, had to carry out municipal obligations on 1st October, much to his regret. However, his sentiments were at the Re-union, tangibly. Our congratulations to Henry on his Presidential status.

Alan Meakin (Geelong) received a mention in last "Echo" for his appreciation of the 1947 Re-union. Alan couldn't make it last October, but will be pleased to see his name again in this issue. Alan was present in spirit.

Lew Fimblett (Sydney) carried out his threat of being present, and gave every indication of thriving on the Sydney climate. We hope he will repeat the performance for 1949.

We will have to draw the Colonel's attention to the fact that he has exhausted his "absence with leave"—he has missed two re-unions now, although he furnished applications in each case. He was in London at the time of the 1948 show.

Likewise, Eugene Gorman was gallivanting around the world at that time. This globe-trotting is becoming a habit with him. Eire was in the itinerary this time.

Stan Tytler was another notable absentee, but unfortunately bad health kept him away. Stan has not been too well for some time, so we accept his apologies, more in sorrow than in anger. Incidentally Stan, on January 15th, celebrated his daughter's wedding day in good old-fashioned spirit.

Included in the list of absentee subscribers were H. C. Haines, of Upper Hawthorn; J. F. Dunne, of Black Rock; J. C. Quiggan, Shepparton; Herb Paul, of Geelong; George Cottam, Ringwood; Jack McCaul, Olinda; and Percy C. Cooper, of Yarraville. Each of these sent best

regards to the Association members generally, with regrets at inability to attend in person.

PERSONAL.

We must record Fred Castledine's distinction. He became a grandpa on 14th October, 1948, and took some months to calm down. However, he is now back on an even keel, although still blowing his bags out.

Stan Adams achieved distinction on December 4th, for that day was his daughter's wedding day and, of course, Stan acted his part nobly.

This Battalion's members must be approaching the serene and mellow age, for on a recent check-up, 50% of the Committee were grandpas—vain old blighters they are, too.

Ralph Murphy (Newcastle) took a health trip to Fiji in March of last year, and while there contacted F. S. Smith and H. Adcock, both of whom had been acquainted for some years at Suva, but were unaware of the fact that they had both been members of the famous 22nd Battalion. Naturally, celebrations followed at a dinner at Hotel Pacific and the decorum of that hostelry was disturbed by their presence. Ralph is going to Suva again at the earliest opportunity.

Last year, mention was made that Roudy Hull was our only member in South Africa. In April a letter was received from Len W. Garner, from Mossel Bay, Cape Province, South Africa. Len has joined his brother over there and had most glowing accounts of the country and the people.

One of these days we will hear of one of our members becoming a Lama of Tibet.

Frank Roden paid a short visit to Melbourne in June last year. Frank is an executive with Sands and McDougall in Perth and quite reconciled to being a "sand groper."

We are still wondering at the identity of the chap at the last Anzac Day parade, who, in the course of a short chat with the Colonel, said to him: "I thought I recognised your dial." We are amazed that there was anyone in the Battalion who didn't.

When is a cure worse than the complaint? Early this year, Tim Dorgan contacted a wag, and the prescribed cure necessitated consuming sulphamidamide tablets with copious draughts of liquids. Tim's joyous anticipation of carrying out the prescription was not realized—the prescribed liquids had to be milk, tea or water, and we all know how Tim detests water.

Some "very" old-timers turned up at last Anzac Day parade. Darkie McFarlane was one who hadn't responded to the roll call for years. Jim O'Farrell was there, but Jim had been on the sick list for a long time. Mick Cowan turned up, after a very lengthy

absence. He had no reasonable excuse to offer, but Mick was always like that. His brother, Jim, is now permanently established at Canberra. Tom Joyce, one time Q.M.S. of "B" Coy., was on parade and marvelled that so many people recollected him. However, he was not asked any awkward questions about clothing issues???

Soon after last Anzac Day we had a report and photograph of the Dawn Parade (aftermath) in Adelaide. Furnished, of course, by Chas. Fulton, who with K. Groves and A. Ferguson, represented the 22nd at that function. Apparently the early hour was no deterrent to the conviviality of the proceedings.

R. B. Crosby, of Kerang, found the last "Echo" particularly interesting, for it told him of the whereabouts of Roudy Hull, and he has now contacted him. That's one of the main purposes of the paper—to maintain contact with one another.

W. C. Jennings, of Maffra, celebrated his Golden Wedding anniversary on 27th December, 1947, and is justifiably proud of his grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. We hesitate to make any reference to "age."

In similar vein, C. E. Wilson, of Brighton, wrote us to say he also celebrated his Golden Wedding during 1948. Truly, it can be repeated: "Old soldiers never die."

Alex. Falconer, of Carnegie, has been overtaken by ill health, and for the past four months has been "O.O.A."—at home. However, with careful handling and attention to doctor's orders he will be up and about again soon.

On receipt of last "Echo," Harry Thewlis, of Benalla, took time off to read it right through, and the references to so many old identities acted as a tonic to him. Said he felt 30 years younger. He sees Bob Bourke daily, as both are residents of Benalla.

Bill Ruthven celebrated his daughter's (Ailsa) wedding day on 16th October, when she was married to Dick Woolcock, ex-2nd A.I.F. We believe Bill did his part quite well.

Mention must be made of our Anzac Day standard bearer, Fred Holmes, of Brunswick. Fred is always on parade early with our Battalion flag, and will not have anyone usurping his privilege. In between Anzac Days Fred helps the Railways to keep going.

LEST WE FORGET!

The passing of the years is taking heavy toll of our comrades of 1914-18. The following list comprises all the known deaths, since last publication of "The Echo".

Wherever practicable, letters of condolence have been sent to the bereaved relatives.

1947.			
764 Malson, H.	Dec. 15	8927 Biggs, A. J. B.	Dec. 31
291 Young, C.	Dec. 20		
1948.			
366 Devine, P.	Jan. 1	4776 Higgins, P. J.	Aug. 15
Gilks, F.	Mar. 17	4628 Rich, A.	Aug. 16
3966a Squires, J.	Apr. 9	Lieut. Bird, L. J.	Aug. 24
4770 Ramsden, G.	Apr. 17	6813 Hargreaves, T. H.	Sept. 2
Lewson, J. E.	Apr. 25	2002 Cooke, F. O.	Sept. 18
5282 Parks, F. N.	May 3	5122 Fay, E. H.	Sept. 26
10308 Anderson, A. F.	May 4	2183 Moore, R. L.	Oct. 6
5291 Goldberg, J.	May 16	85 Cruzier, P. R.	Oct. 22
Jane, E. F.	May 19	1189 Shannon, J.	Nov. 18
5965 Sample, T.	May 21	Harroven, A. G.	Nov. 20
2248 McLeod, J. C.	June 8	Muir, G. B.	Nov. 22
Hairst, W.	June 11	Beardon, M.	Nov. 28
1111 Gordon, M. U.	July 10	50186 Watson, L. J.	Nov. 30
1236 Ludwick, A. H.	Aug. 4	761 Beckwith, S. W.	Dec. 5
14 Gordon, W. W.	Aug. 8	Kinman, C. W.	Dec. 26
Harrover, L. W.	Aug. 11	2187 Mitchell, M.	Dec. 26

1949.

225 O'Neill, G. J.	Jan. 1	Smith, W. H.	Mar. 9
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Cyril Kinman (No.) had been Official Secretary to the Governor for some years. He died on December 26th, after a short illness.

George O'Neill, D.C.M. (No. 223) died in Heidelberg Hospital on January 1st, after a few weeks in that institution.

Mat Mitchell (No. 2187) died in Heidelberg on December 26th, after a very long period in that hospital. Mat had been a cot case, and on Christmas Eve, 1947, was selected to make a broadcast talk from his bed as a contribution to a nationwide Christmas session.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

In the absence of official receipts, members are again requested to accept the following statement, as an acknowledgment of subscriptions received throughout the year:

F. W. Lavender, Rutherglen.	D. B. Stringer, Mont Albert.
W. J. Salter, Ivanhoe.	H. Vawdon, Caulfield.
W. Timms, South Yarra.	C. Hildebrand, Port Melbourne.
L. J. Smith, Pascoe Vale.	T. A. Houston, Sandringham.
W. Crowe, Frankston.	R. Bishop, Elwood.
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Milbourne Clark, Maldon.	E. Wilson, Brighton.
E. Bell, Montrose.	F. G. Robinson, Lemnos.
J. Lyle, Kyabram.	C. Fulton, Adelaide.
D. W. B. Craig, Kew.	A. Ferguson, Adelaide.
J. Topliff, Carnegie.	S. Groves, Adelaide.
L. Bodsworth, Brunswick.	D. Deary, Berac.
H. Denson, Armadale.	L. Bizoz, Antwerp.
W. Spiller, Caulfield.	E. Lindsey, Bourchies.
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TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1948.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Bank Balance, S.S.B., 31/12/47	£65 18 3	Printing "Echo"	£14 10 0
Cash in hand	1 4	Postage, "Echo"	3 10 0
	£65 19 7	Buttons—Anzac Day	3 11 6
Sale of Buttons, Anzac Day	15 10 0	Honoraria—Hon. Secretary	10 0 0
Interest, S.S.B.	9 19 0	Hon. Treasurer	5 0 0
Subscriptions	27 15 0	Telephone Rent	5 12 6
Credit Balance, Re-union 1/10/48	10 15 0	Caulfield Visit—21/8/48	5 3 6
		Caulfield Visit—4/12/48	7 9 6
		Postage—General	3 14 1
		Postage—Birthday Cards	2 13 6
		Subscription "Mufti"	0 3 0
		Deposit, Town Hall—30/9/49	1 10 0
		Balance, S. S. B., 31/12/48	£55 19 5
		Cash in hand	0 2 1
			56 1 0
	£120 19 1		£120 19 1