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FOREWORD.

From the President.

The end of this year 1950 marks the half-way of the twentieth century.

We of the 22nd Battalion who are still living have seen many changes in the world during that first half, but what a great thing it is for us that we still have opportunity, after 30 odd years, of meeting each other through our Association.

Much of this is due to our splendid Secretary, Fred Russell, and it is very gratifying to me to think that recognition of his great work has been so wonderfully demonstrated during my year as President.

I sometimes wonder if the name Fred has anything to do with hard work, as our worthy Treasurer is Fred Castledine, and between them these two Freds keep us on top as a Regimental Association.

Your Committee has recently suffered its first loss by the death of our loyal friend, Jack Cowan, who passed away very suddenly while on holiday at Cowes.

Thanks, everybody, for your support during the past year, and I trust we will all do our best for future Presidents.

Our numbers are unfortunately getting less every year, but I still look and hope for a good muster on Anzac Day.

J. L. TALLYN, President.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION.

I wish to express to the members of the Association my thanks and appreciation for the very generous gesture made to me at the last re-union, when I was the recipient of a presentation. I have been your Secretary for just on 30 years now, and the members saw fit to make me this presentation in recognition of services rendered. I am most gratified that I have been able to function for so long, and assure you that I am prepared to "carry on" indefinitely.

The duties of the position are not arduous, but necessitate a certain amount of organisation which has been shared by our Honorary Treasurer, Fred Castledine, to whom I want to afford due recognition for helpful co-operation.

Thank you, members.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. RUSSELL.

GENERAL.

Time marches on, and with it our ages increase, but so many expressions of appreciation for our annual publication, "The Echo," of which this is the sixth of the series, have been received, that its continuance appears essential.

It is with pleasure that the Committee presents this report of our activities for 1949, and the newsy comments on our members. Many of them — 300 in all — reside in country districts or other States, and consequently are handicapped from attending either the re-union or the Anzac Day march. But a large number of them have given very tangible evidence of their support to the Association

by contributing towards the annual re-union, which they could not attend; also many members send along subs. from time to time, "just to keep the Association going," and in recollection of the comradeship they shared "on service." While that spirit continues, the Association will live as a medium of contact with one another, and a bond of mutual appreciation. In that respect we can flatter ourselves that after the lapse of years since 1918 — when we reverted to civilian life after some years of soldiering — the Association is as strong in sentiment and membership, as any of our contemporaries, and there is no diminution of enthusiasm. As the booklet will show, many of our old comrades have "passed on," and others have achieved distinction in their civil capacities.

To those who have "passed on" — unfortunately a rather lengthy list — we pay silent tribute.

Our membership is still around the 900 mark, and a special section of this paper has been allotted for messages from our scattered members throughout the world.

Our financial state is still healthy, and the statement shows a good credit balance, although our expenses have shown an increase.

For years we have retained an amount similar to the present credit balance, and there is no reason to alter our present habits in order to create a larger bank balance.

It is with considerable regret that we mourn the passing of Jack Cowan, who died very suddenly at Cowes on 29th January. The final obsequies at Springvale on 31st January were attended by a number of his old Battalion associates. Jack had been, for years, a very active member of the Committee, and his sudden death, at the age of 55 years, was a severe blow to us.

On 9th June, 1949, Len A. Kennedy (Captain) died at Crepton after a very prolonged illness. Prior to his illness, Len had also taken an active part in the Committee doings.

One of our older members, Tom W. Setchell, died at Royal Melbourne on 1st January, 1950. He would have been 80 years of age on 30th January. Despite his years, Tom was always at the re-unions, and attended the Anzac Day marches, although he could not march the full distance. To his son (Tom, Jr.) we have extended our condolences.

PRESENTATION TO FRED RUSSELL.

The response for a presentation to Fred Russell was most remarkable and re-assuring. It displayed the old Battalion spirit after so many years. On behalf of the Committee I acknowledge with thanks. At the Re-union a cheque for £110 was presented to Fred; we had to wet his tonsils to revive him for a speech.

Whilst mentioning presentations, I wish to thank our old pal and banner-carrier, Fred Holmes, for the beautiful wool rug, worked in Battalion colours by him and presented to me at the Re-union. It holds prominence in my home.

F. R. CASTLEDINE, Hon. Treasurer.

ANZAC DAY MARCH, 1950.

At a large gathering of Unit Association representatives at Anzac House on March 7, details of the organisation of the Anzac Day march were explained by the Chief Marshal, Brigadier S. H. Porter, and Chief Staff Officer, Major Hatchelor. Unit representatives were made acquainted with the amount of preparation necessary for the functioning of the march and of various influences which have to be considered.

As a result, we are assured that every aspect affecting the march has been thoroughly investigated by the Anzac Day Commemoration Council, with a view to staging a march and service in keeping with the spirit of Anzac.

The location of assembly points has received particular attention, keeping in mind that it is highly desirable that the march should be through the city of Melbourne proper. The distance to be marched from the starting point to the Shrine is only 1¼ miles, and that is not considered too long for the average First World War veteran.

But we have been asked by the Staff to stress on every member of our Units the vital necessity of completing the march to the Shrine before breaking off. The practice of breaking off just beyond the saluting base creates chaos and serious congestion for the following units. In that respect members of the 22nd Battalion are urged to comply with this request and to continue the march to the area south of the Shrine before breaking off, if they do not wish to attend the Service.

Remember the Anzac Day march is not a military parade, and the organisers of it are not giving orders. Their requests are for the benefit of the whole, and as such should be honoured in the same spirit as that in which they are made.

Our assembly point is in Lonsdale Street, between Russell and Exhibition Streets, near Wesley Church — and our Division is the third to move off. The march commences at 1.30 p.m. An early muster at our assembly point is recommended, as that will give us time to meet each other and have a yarn before we move off at 1.45 p.m., approximately.

2/22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

On 21st January, 1950, the President and Secretary were present as guests at the fifth Annual General Meeting and Re-union of the 2/22nd Battalion Association.

Our kindred Association is progressing very well indeed, and a sure sign of its virility was the animated election of office-bearers and the conduct of business.

Mr. E. Shier was elected President, and Mr. W. Reed was again elected Hon. Secretary and voted an honorarium. Bill Reed has had that job since the formation of the Association.

After the disposal of business matters, the meeting became a re-union, and very reminiscent of our own functions of 25 years ago. In fact, it was a replica of some of our own hectic nights in the old Manchester Unity Hall in Swanston Street.

It was a real pleasure to attend such a function, and we can only say, "Carry on, 2/22nd."

OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENTS.

So that our members can appreciate the world-wide extent of our membership, a series of letters from our members overseas is published. The tenor of their letters shows that their regard for the old Battalion is as strong as ever, and no doubt they will appreciate letters from their old associates. Here's a chance for some of you to revive old friendships, by writing these members. It will relieve the Secretary a bit, too.

Ministry of Defence,
252 Ingle Road,
Karachi,
Pakistan.
10th January, 1950.

I am most disappointed that the short time I had in Melbourne did not enable me to see more of you and other boys of the old Brigade. I had hoped that my leave would have come earlier — I had actually planned it so that I would be able to attend the re-union in September last, but for reasons beyond my control it had to be postponed. I was pleased that I was able to join in the annual gathering in Phair's back bar just before Christmas and a day or two before I had to leave.

It was great to see so many of the old and bold looking so young and so well as most of them do. The Association, thanks to your personal efforts, supported by the Committee, is a real live show, and while we can keep that spirit going there is no fear for the future of the country.

Whether I shall be back again or not, I do not know. In any case, I hope you will convey through the next issue of "The Echo" my salutations to all the members of the Old and Bold, especially to those whom I failed to meet during my visit.

With all good wishes for 1950.

Yours ever,

WALTER CAWTHORN.

4519 Cascade Road,
Grand Rapids,
Mich., U.S.A.,
8th February, 1950.

On 29th December last — I have been in this country just 30 years — and in the motion-picture business just that long. I have travelled within the business in all but a very few of the 48 States — and have spent the last 10 years here in Grand Rapids.

I have tried in devious ways to make contact with some Anzacs — but with two exceptions, i.e., Lew Pimblett, back in 1936 I think it was, and Sid Tooth, in 1938 on his way back from U.K. after meeting up with W. Cawthorn and Bill Brunning in London — my efforts have been fruitless. But for 30 years, apart from your letters — and about one a year from our old cobbler, E. W. R. Smith at Koimbo — I have lost all track of the old gang.

Believe it or not, I still have several copies of the 22nd's "Echo" which were published in the field, when poor old Claude Blatchford was the roving editor, printer's devil, publisher, etc., etc., with "Pim's" cartoons on the front pages. Whenever I feel really low-down, I grab either the "Echo" or the "History of the 22nd" — and

(according to my wife) proceed to spend a very restless night trying to sleep thereafter.

While it seems more and more remote now than ever before, deep down in my heart I believe I'll get a chance to get back home to at least ONE re-union before I pass into the Great Beyond—and then, D.V., I'll make up for all lost time — both conversation-wise and refreshment-wise. To heck with the aftermath!

I still sit down to the piano every once in a while, for my own amusement's sake — and every so often, without prompting, I find myself playing (and singing, save the Mark) the good old Battalion song — W.O.T.B.G.

Please convey my best to all the boys, Fred! and, of course, keep some for your good self and family, from me and mine.

Very sincerely,

"WAXY" (CLIVE R. WAXMAN),

109 Falcondale Road,
Westbury-on-Trym,
Bristol,

19th January, 1950.

I am pleased to have an opportunity of sending greetings to all my old cobbors of the 22nd Battalion, particularly those members of the Sig. Section, Mot. Harley, Vic. Moore, Bill Horman and others whose names have slipped from my memory. "The Echo," which comes to me each year, is a wonderful tonic, and I read it all with great interest.

Last month Sid Watts and his wife, who are on a tour of England, came to see me, and we had a Sunday afternoon and evening together. We talked the whole time on the 22nd Battalion, and swapped many exciting yarns. It was good to have a visitor from Aussie, particularly an old Battalion mate.

Best regards to you all.

F. VICTOR KIRBY.

C/o Box 256,

G.P.O.,
Suva, Fiji.

10th January, 1950.

To the 22nd Batt. Association.—

To all these old-timers, and to any others who may remember me, I send hearty greetings and wish them all the best. I have been resident in Fiji since October, 1929, and have been in Suva for the past 15 years; and, by the way, Fred Baker is in Aussie, retired, but I don't know his whereabouts. I heard from Ralph Murphy recently (Newcastle, N.S.W.). For the information of some old cobbors who may be still "on deck," and would care to write, I'll refresh their "thinking-boxes" with a bit of personal history: 3755 Pte. Harold H. Adcock, joined "A" Company in Sausage Gully, with the 9th reinforcements on 2nd August, 1916. What a lovely picnic ground S.G. was! Yes!—I don't think. It was a "bar steward" of a place. In the stunt that followed a great cobbor of mine — Fred Yeaton — went west. Who remembers him? I wonder if I could get the address of his mother (if the dear soul is still living) and his sisters (we all lived together at Darwin, N.T., 1912-14).

Kind regards and best of luck to yourself and all members of the old 22nd.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD H. ADCOCK.

C/o Bank of Westminster,

London,
23rd January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Russell,—

Yours of the 6th ult. addressed to my former Paris office has duly arrived, and I was indeed pleased to know that I had not been forgotten. Sorry I cannot give you any news of Boly Werrett. I saw quite a lot of him during the war. He joined up in the British Army.

My Bank refused to allow me to join up in '39, although I had a job of Lieut.-Commander in the Navy to begin, and may have finished up an Admiral. Instead I lived in London, and did not miss any of the inconveniences during those dark days.

Had a very hectic time in '39. I left Paris the night before the Jerries arrived, and it took 19 days to reach England via Bordeaux. A terrific ordeal, but I made it with my family. Of course, I lost everything except my job, and have had to start all over again. Had a call from Mr. Watts recently, and was delighted to see him and live the old days over again.

Sorry I cannot give you any news about Werrett, but if I go to France I will find out if he is still there. Give my kind regards to all the boys and to Wally Spiller and Andrew Chapman especially. Had dinner a long time ago with George Langley (21st Bn.) when he was over here with the Red Cross.

Thanks so much for remembering me, and hearty good wishes to all the boys of the 22nd.

Yours very sincerely,

H. L. SMITH.

1949 RE-UNION.

The last re-union, held on September 30, 1949, in the Melbourne Town Hall, was just as good as any previous function. Two hundred were present, and spent a few happy hours together. Similarly with previous years, a number of country members sent along subs., and so assisted considerably towards the financial side of the show.

The increased costs of conducting a re-union these days are reflected in the deficit of £10/2/- which resulted. This loss appears somewhat large, but the Committee is reluctant to increase the admission charge any further than the present 5/- per head, although that amount does not cover the costs. However, the funds permit that latitude, and the button sales on Anzac Day offset the deficit. Once again a number of our country and absentee members contributed towards the show, and in appreciation their names are recorded below.

F. J. Warman
P. Cooper
H. Patterson
T. Burrage
Ern Smith
G. C. Gilham
V. C. Alderson
C. Fulton
J. C. Quiggan
A. Chapman
W. C. Jennings
H. Craker

W. P. McCormick
T. Hoare
L. Speak
F. Kerrigan
J. Webster
L. Harricks
H. W. Groves
H. Jackson
R. Tarrant
J. S. Grayland
F. W. Lavender

In addition, numerous donations were handed to the Secretary or the Treasurer during the evening. Some of these are recorded with the list of subscriptions on another page, and the Association desires to acknowledge with thanks such tangible support.

Our members continue to furnish us with impromptu items for comment, and the following are a few casual comments:—

Miss Betty Jaboor, who had previously forwarded the admission charge to our 1948 re-union, in remembrance of her late father, Arthur Jaboor, sent along a similar donation last year, in honour of his memory.

Mrs. M. Kennedy, of Robinvale, daughter of the late Frank Parke, sent along a donation to the Association, as a memorial token to her father, who had died on 3rd May, 1948.

To both these ladies we have expressed our gratification at such sentiments being perpetuated by our late members' children.

A further source of pleasure to us was the receipt of a donation from L. Bodsworth's daughter, Mrs. Aust, of Springvale, who deputed her father to hand her contribution to the Association, with her very best regards. Naturally, we applaud Mrs. Aust's sentiments, and have expressed ourselves accordingly.

Frank Kerrigan, of Robinvale, wrote soon after Frank Parke's death, to say what a loss that district had sustained. Frank Kerrigan hasn't been to town for years now; says the climate of the Murray Valley suits him, and the ordeal of a 14-hour train journey to Melbourne is too much for him nowadays. How would he be in a railway vehicle marked "Hemmes 40."

Jack Bodinnar (Ballarat) wasn't at the re-union, having a prior engagement at home to celebrate his daughter's twenty-first birthday. At that party, H. F. Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Wells, was a guest, so our Battalion tie-ups are becoming stronger with the contacts established by the younger generation.

One of our guests at the re-union was Vic Thomas, of the 23rd Battalion. Vic is now a driver of the Spirit of Progress, and will give any member of the 22nd a free inspection of those engines at any time.

Pat Dooley enjoyed the re-union immensely, so much so that he succumbed on the train journey home, and at 1 a.m. found himself at the terminus of his route, three miles beyond his station. However, as hiking is Pat's pastime he cheerfully padded the distance back, and considered that the re-union was worth it.

Len W. Garner is now established in business with his brother at Mussell Bay, Cape Province, South Africa. We have not heard from him for some time.

D. L. Pearman has been for years at Mulifanua, Samoa, but we haven't had a line from him to include in this issue.

Cecil Byrne is still with B.C.O.P. in Japan, and keeps contact with us. He appears to appreciate the life up there — always includes best regards to all members of "W.O.T.B.G."

Ted Apsey is still up in Kerribilli, N.S.W., and never misses contributing to what's going.

Laurie Binns, of Antwerp, has similar sentiments, and nowadays writes a real letter — not a diminutive screed on a postage stamp. Laurie still breeding — and blasting — sheep up there.

Geo. Carter, of Port Welshpool, was lost officially — early last year. "The Echo" was returned "unknown," but after writing the postmaster at Welshpool, we learned that George is at Port W. — three miles away. George was incensed that his reputation in this area was not sufficient to have him located without full address. He has only been there 30 years.

Herbert C. Haines, of Hawthorn, made amends for previous absences by attending the Anzac Day march and doing the distance.

J. W. Ash, of Boronia, sent along his usual sub., and best wishes to the members. He leads a quiet life up in his district nowadays, and visits Melbourne very rarely.

Geo. Cottam, of Ringwood, also likes the easy life at home, and reckons that he is past the stage of route marching or attending re-unions, having reached the "sere and mellow" age.

Ralph Mitchell (No. 1 of the original Battalion), now resident at Preston, had two sons in the recent "war," and they all attend the dawn service on Anzac Day. Ralph reckons this effort blows him out for the day, hence his non-appearance at the march. He will have to have a course of monkey glands.

Alf. Pocock, of Hawthorn, figured in a nasty accident with a motor car early last year, and had a few months in Alfred Hospital. However, assisted by crutches, he attended the re-union in September, and is just about normal again now. Alf reckoned it would take more than a broken femur to keep him away.

Geo. Gilham, of Moonah, Tasmania, sent along his usual contribution, and greetings to the members, and included Jack Webster and Charlie Ward in his message. In spite of his advancing years, George still writes a wonderful hand. He must have been a model student.

V. C. Alderson, of Avalon Beach, N.S.W., was most concerned that he had to deny himself attendance at the re-union. He has the best of intentions of getting to the next one. Naturally, he sent his regards to "B" Coy. members in particular.

No edition of "The Echo" would be complete without a reference to Charlie Fulton, of Adelaide, who is our South Australian correspondent for himself, Bob Groves and A. Ferguson. That trio are as well known in that burg as the Town Hall clock — and no wonder. Charlie's latest accomplishment is to take a hand in the drawing of Tatts at Hobart. He drew the winning "ally" in a consultation, but not for himself, much to his chagrin. So near and yet so far.

From Shepparton, J. C. Quiggan sent his regards to all, and best wishes for a successful re-union. He will be pleased to know his wishes were fully realized.

Andrew Chapman, of East St. Kilda, paid a fine instead of attending the show. Very nice of you, Chappy, and expect a personal appearance next time, otherwise we will fine you properly.

Ted Bazeley had the globe-trotting habit last year, and was in Europe at the date of re-union.

Percy Cooper, of Yarraville, did the right thing when he couldn't attend the re-union, but we hope to see him at the next.

Hector Paterson, of Seaford, had every intention of attending on 30th September, but added a proviso that his age might decide otherwise. We will arrange for an ambulance next year — to take him home. However, Hec subscribed in advance just in case.

Tom Burrage, of Nyah, was isolated by distance, on 30th September, and lamented accordingly. Tom, as usual, was not lacking in support for the show which had his approbation; in fact, he considers them essential. What for?

Ern Smith, of Koimbo, is such a busy man running his township — he holds every civil office in the place, as well as being postmaster — that he has no time to sign his cheques. Just as well he had not erred in omitting the amount of the cheque instead. The temptation would have been too much for us.

The last re-union produced the usual reminiscences, and one worth re-telling concerns the famous race meeting at Cappy. The "dark horse" for the mule race was one of our transport animals, and the rider was **Wm. (Tod) Flowers**. All those "in the know" had backed this mule heavily, and were anticipating a good "rake off." At "saddling time," which consisted of mounting the steeds bareback at the starting post, **Tim Dorgan** was official "mounter." He had to leg Tod up on the word "Go!" Unbeknown to either of them, **Opy Hunt** took a hand in the starting business, and at the crucial moment gave the mule a hefty whack with a rose thorn. His timing was all right, but Tod's wasn't, with the result that the "dark horse" took off with a plunge and left Tod behind. The mule continued the race, and won handsomely — on her own — but under the rules of racing was disqualified "for short weight." Naturally, the recriminations at the starting post were loud and blasphemous, and concentrated on Opy, who protested that he had only acted for the best. However, that didn't recover the lost finances of the backers, and Opy's popularity suffered accordingly. However, the incident bred no ill-feelings, for Opy and Tim still commune at their favourite hostelry as often as possible — at least once daily. Tod has given up mule riding, and now lives in retirement at 6 Milton Street, Elwood.

PERSONAL.

Walter Cawthorn paid a short visit to Melbourne in December last, and we were pleased to contact him again.

It gave us much pleasure to add our congratulations to **Col. A. R. Wiltshire** on his being elected Chairman of the Associated Banks.

Eugene Gorman has added further distinction to his record in being appointed Consul for Greece in Victoria.

Keith Sutherland has received well-merited promotion in being appointed Engineer and Manager, Electricity Supply Department of the S.E.C.

Keith S. Anderson has been appointed Chairman of the recently-created Portland Harbour Trust Commissioners.

Harry Sparrow, of Lancefield, contacted us after a long interval, and made handsome restitution for his unfinancial status over past

years. **Harry** has reached the age when he has to go quietly, and take his meals and amusements leisurely. He forwarded particulars of two more members in that district — **Fred Greenwood** and **Bob Laing**, of Rossney — both of whom are now on the roll.

Jack Woods, of Bittern, had a spell in Heidelberg last year, and is now living at Bittern. Jack was very concerned that he had to miss the march, but was a very keen listener to **Eric Welch's** description of the 22nd's quota. While at Heidelberg, Jack shared a ward with **Stan Wilson**, who has now settled himself at Mildura. Stan is thriving on the "orange diet," he has adopted up there.

Last year the Public Trustees Office requested information of the whereabouts of **No. 5313 Mitchell Bennetta**, 22nd Bn. He is not on our roll, and if any member knows anything of him will be please write to the Secretary.

No. 768 F. J. Warman, of Tatura, could not wangle leave for the re-union, but contributed just the same. He is with the railways up in those parts, and for years past has been unable to wangle leave for show week, much to his chagrin. Frank had four sons in the last war — three A.L.F., one Navy — one of whom "went west" in the Owen Stanleys.

Ted Draper has missed two parades — the last one he was the official speaker at two Anzac Day services up Wangaratta way — not both at once, of course. Ted is not that good. But he has assured us he will be with us this year. Anyway, he knows the penalty. Ted represented the Association at the 21st Bn. re-union in September last, and the local paper reported him in full. There were other speakers, too, but Ted took the lead. "Thanks, 21st."

P.S.: Ted has applied for leave this year, as he will be on tour in the Riverina, and will attend the Anzac Day parade at Wagga. Leave granted.

Alf James was so diffident about his non-appearance on our parade for some years, that he fined himself accordingly. Naturally, we are in agreement with such penance — but we prefer presence to penance. Alf, see that you don't offend again.

Bill Cornish has appointed himself liaison officer for his district, Swan Hill. He reports contacts with **Jack Graham**, of Nyah; **Ern Smith**, of Koimbo; **Geo. H. Holloway**, of Beverford; **Peter Bell**, of Ultima; **Allan Harper**, of Woorinen; and **Roy Scown**, of Tresco.

What's the attraction of Swan Hill that so many have congregated there? Incidentally, Bill proposes having a trip to Blighty this year, and will contact old friends in Charleroi. Bill will not undertake to look up any "old flames" in those parts, as it would be too strenuous, and it must be borne in mind that "our war" terminated 31 years ago.

Last year **Stuart Harvey** had the distinction of being elected President of the "Carry On" Club, and performed the duties of that office with distinction to the club and satisfaction to himself. "Carry On," like "Legacy," is still very actively engaged in looking after the dependants of deceased servicemen, and it is gratifying to us that our Battalion is so well represented on that body. **Bill Holstock** was President in 1946, and **Wal Sturrock** is also a member.

Mornington seems to be vying with Swan Hill for numerical representation. **Sid Bailey** (ex-Transport Section) looks after the

welfare of a string of hacks for G. J. Coles, Esq. Chas. Franklin has his own boot business in the town, and is just about the oldest inhabitant. W. C. McCormick is Manager of the local branch of the S.S.B., and devotes his leisure to bowls. Frank Schleebs, who received a bad knock at Ville-sur-ancre, has to use an invalid chair. Frank maintains a remarkable spirit, and is usually around the streets every day. His disability does not deter him from taking an active part in the local R.S.L. Branch.

W. D. Fraser, of Lockhart, N.S.W., visited Melbourne recently, after an absence of years. He has a carrying business up there, and is known all over the Riverina. Visitors to Lockhart have only to mention his name in the town, and Bill will soon be located.

Walter Foksett, of Windsor, has had a bad run of health for some time, and is at present in Heidelberg after a big operation. Walter would welcome visitors at any time.

R. C. Brigshaw is giving himself a trip to the "Old Dart" this year. Brig reckons it is time he had a spell from toil. He has no monopoly of that, either.

A. E. Watts, of Essendon, was in U.K. most of last year, and called on Vic. Kirby in Bristol. They both appreciated the contact, as described in Vic's letter, published in this issue.

Another globe-trotter is C. H. Campbell, of Nyah West, who had a trip last year to the "Heather and Braes" of Scotland. He should be home again by this Anzac Day — we may see him on parade.

What's the strength of all this gallivanting about the world, anyway?

Six days after the last re-union, O. J. (Roudy) Hull arrived in Melbourne. He intends residing here permanently now, having disposed of his property in South Africa, where he has been for 30 years. Roudy is looking forward to the next parade, and hopes to meet many old pals. He won't be disappointed, either.

Bert Millar, of Canterbury, has had a bad run of ill-health during the past two years, involving a number of major operations.

Len. T. O'Neill passed through Melbourne last year en route from Casterton to Swan Hill, where he contacted Bill Cornish. Len is devoted to the country life, and Melbourne has no charms for him.

Mal Davey, The Basin, sent apologies for absence from the Re-union, but provided the needful for others "to have a few for me." They did! Thank you, Mal.

Peter McKay, Cressy, waxed sentimental over the "Echo," and appreciated the personal pars and the incidents they recalled. We agree with Peter that the spirit of comradeship will never die.

Giff Thompson, Beechworth, is the Town Clerk of that burg, and although he could not attend the Re-union he was there in spirit.

R. C. Mason, 16 McLachlan Street, Northcote, has had a bad run of health for some years now, and was confined to his bed for two years. However, Bob contributed handsomely to the Association, and wrote most cheerfully. He will appreciate visits from any old member, just to have a yarn about Battalion incidents.

Burnet Gray is living in seclusion at Grassmere, near Dandenong. Hope to see you on parade again, Burnie.

Bob Bourke, Benalla, reckoned he would be "up north" (where?) for the Re-union, but conveyed best wishes to the "Old and Bold, Ruthless and Toothless Mob."

Harry Noakes says his poor old feet are troubling him. Get a new pair, Harry, or have the old ones soled and heeled.

Alex Buchanan, Werrimah, N.S.W., was so thrilled about the presentation that he hoped the ex-S.M. of "B" Coy. would have to take the Secretary home in a wheelbarrow. Nothing so exciting, Alex.

Ivor Birtwistle, Cottesloe, W. A., sent his salaams and best wishes to Fred Russell for his great work, and also to the rest of the members.

Jack Chard, West Brunswick, has not been in good health. Hope Father Time is not catching up. Will look for you at the assembly point, anyway, Jack.

George Tilley, Shepparton, is another on the sick list. We trust his recovery will be complete by the time of next Re-union.

Sam L. Willmott, Preston, is not able, through disability, to attend the Anzac Day march or the Re-union. Our regrets, Sam, but we send you our regards and best wishes.

ANZAC DAY, 1949.

Last Anzac Day provided the usual source of news of one another. As usual, we had a good number of country members with us — Harry Thewlis, of Benalla; Len Harricks, of Ararat; Arch Swan, of Rupanyup, his first appearance for years; Joe Greene, of Gordon; A. G. Parry, of Meeniyan; D. Blassen, of Barwon Downs; Ern Clarke, of Shepparton; Perce Green, of Culcairn, N.S.W.

One of the highlights of the parade was the number of aged (?) members present. Geo. Casteau (83) did the whole distance with ease; supporting him were Milbourne Clarke (75), Sid Sharpe (69), Geo. Walker (69), and A. L. Thurston (76). Tom Setchell, Sen. (79), paraded, but did not march the full distance.

It was rather a contrast to notice W. H. Fullard (51) marching alongside Geo. Casteau. Incidentally, W. Fullard's Battalion cobbler, W. C. (Darkie) Roberts, was over from Sydney for the occasion, and they marched together again.

We were pleased to note that our threat to J. F. Dunne and Stan Tytler regarding previous absenteeism had the right effect. Both were on parade.

Two others who have been A.W.L. for some time, but have reformed, were Jack Nicholson and Manus O'Donnell.

With regret we have to record the following as A.W.L.:—Dr. Craig, Steve Cadwell, N. W. McKinnon (recovering from an illness), K. Sutherland, W. C. Harley, L. Turner, and Tim Dorgan. We hope that they will make amends this year, otherwise the services of R.P. Sgt. Arthur Sturrock will have to be utilised.

LEST WE FORGET!

With regret we publish the following list of known deaths of members since our last issue of "The Echo." Wherever practicable we have forwarded our condolences to the bereaved relatives:—

1948.					
6948	Arnott, J. G.	Jan. 5.	5548	Bilston, S.	Oct. 30
2363	Tebbutt, C. G.	April 30	6780	Mactier, J.	Nov. 3
1949.					
1600	Roberts, C.	Feb. 12		Ramsay, A.	July 19
5686	Strawhorn, L.	Mar. 25	6272	Flanders, H. A.	July 28
2923	Shaw, W.	Mar. 29	5217	Eyre, C. V.	July 28
	L./Col. Crouch, R. A.	Apr. 7	4509	McShane, R. G.	Aug. 3
5275	Killeen, T.	Apr. 8	5634	Menthayl, C.	Aug. 7
4738	Kennedy, J. J.	Apr. 22	4735	Jacks, W. W.	Sept. 5
5938	Falconer, S. A.	Apr. 23	938	Watson, G. T.	Sept. 12
4512	O'Malley, M. F.	Apr. 25	2251	McIntosh, J. H.	Sept. 23
3794	Colquhoun, H.	May 7	27903a	Cook, W. R.	Sept. 29
2781a	Peel, A. McL.	May 18	51342	Dawson, M. J.	Oct. 4
	Stack, L. J.	June 6	1759	Moore, J. H.	Oct. 20
	Capt. Kennedy, L. A.	June 9	5034	Jack, A. G.	Nov. 1
	33 Elliott, W.	June 13	1781	Surry, G.	Nov. 14
2662	Goddard, J.	June 24	5713	McGillivray, E. J.	Nov. 16
5883	Sprague, W. E.	July 2	558	Banks, W. J.	Nov. 26
4429	Dunk, W. C.	July 8	2486	Barton, C. E.	Dec. 15
1127	Elkins, J. J.	July 11			
1950.					
2934	Setchell, T. W.	Jan. 1		Dean, A.	Feb. 13
875	O'Connor, P. J.	Jan. 16	4740	Kruse, L. A.	Apr. 4
	Lieut. Cowan, J. W.	Jan. 29	4710	Gilchrist, P. J.	Apr. 7

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Receipt is acknowledged of amounts received during the year from the members listed as follows. Will each one please accept this as an expression of thanks and appreciation from the Association:—

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