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## HIS LATE MAJESTY, KING GEORGE VI.

In common with all the members of the British nation, we mourn the death, on February 6, of His Late Majesty, King George VI. In paying our last respects to a beloved King, we feel that this pronouncement in our Battalion paper will express the sentiments of all our members.

We now carry on the tradition of the 22nd Battalion by declaring our loyalty and allegiance to our Sovereign, HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

### Mourning For Our Late King.

As a mark of respect to His Late Majesty, King George VI, R.S.L. Headquarters has requested, during the period of mourning, which will terminate on May 31, 1962, all ex-servicemen and women to wear a small piece of black material as a base for the R.S.L. badge.

## FOREWORD.

### From the President.

Gentlemen,—Your Executive Committee, during the year, has endeavoured to continue Association activities on the lines so admirably and successfully carried out in past years.

**Hospital Visiting:** Visits have been made on your behalf by our Secretary, Treasurer and various members of the Committee on sick pals in hospital and at their homes.

Also, they have represented you at the funeral services of our mates who have "gone west": in this regard, I think special mention could be made of our late pal, Reg. Kemp, who was Manager of "Bolebek" station at Macedon, and who gave his life in saving fellow-Diggers while fighting bush fires early this year. "VALE, KEMPY."

**Anzac Day:** Let us make the Anzac Day march bigger and better than ever; a full parade is hoped for. Details of plans will be found under separate heading.

**Social:** Our annual social was held during the year, details of which will appear in this issue. I was very proud of the attendance at our Re-union, and the manner in which the troops behaved themselves. No wonder ours is the best Battalion Association in Victoria. For this effort, I say, "Thanks, Fred Russell, and the Committee and helpers (not forgetting the ladies, who did a good job), also to Fred Castledine, who holds tight the strings of the money bags."

**Conclusion:** After reading this copy of "your paper," I think you will agree that we have had a very successful and happy year. You will also agree how easy is the task of a President when he has such a grand Committee behind him. My sincere thanks to them. Finally, I want to say again to your Committee, "Thanks for my election as your President," an honour which I greatly appreciate. I have had a very happy year, and to the incoming President I say, "Good luck, and a peaceful year."

Thank you, Tenops.

G. J. RUSSELL, President.

## AN APPRECIATION.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey to all members my sincere thanks and appreciation for the presentation made to me at the last Re-union.

The part I have carried out is only what every member of the Committee performs for the benefit and welfare of the Association.

In conclusion, I trust that I will be long spared to carry on the tradition.

F. R. CASTLEDINE, Hon. Treasurer.

## GENERAL.

We don't want to quote the obvious, but reference to pages 1 and 2 will inform members that this year our President is G. J. (Jack) Russell, and he has succeeded in maintaining the status of the Association. Not that we anticipated otherwise, but as each year goes by the position of President rotates, and it is considered that this is good for the Association.

However, the acceptance of the Presidential job does not entail his termination of Executive work of the Association. It will be noted that four Past Presidents are still active on the Committee, and they will not be deprived of that appointment.

While that spirit of adherence to the ideal of "service" prevails we can anticipate a very long period of activity for the 22nd Battalion Association.

The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer continue to occupy these positions, and apparently, at this stage, are unassailable. So long as the members agree to leave them there, they are quite happy to carry on.

During the year the Committee met from time to time. It has never been the practice to meet regularly.

Elsewhere will be a report on the 1961 Re-union and of the plans made to have that function worthy of us. At that Re-union we completed our very successful campaign to give recognition to Fred Castledine for his services over 34 years of money stewardship, and on behalf of the Association, Col. Wiltshire presented him with a cheque for £134 — a very worthy response from the members, who dubbed in liberally to a testimonial to "Cax."

Unfortunately, the "Reaper" has taken heavy toll of our members, and we have to mourn the passing of 53 old comrades who have answered their last roll call.

## REGIMENTAL COLOURS.

In conjunction with the other Battalion Associations of the 6th Brigade we have taken the first steps in having our King's (now Queen's) and Regimental Colours placed in the crypt of the Shrine of Remembrance, which was designed for that purpose.

At present these Colours are located in various churches, and we have made representations to the Church of England authorities to have them moved to the Shrine.

In due course we anticipate that this will be satisfactorily arranged, and with fitting ceremony the Colours of the whole Brigade will be deposited in the Shrine.

At this stage no plans have been formulated, but when that has been arranged it is proposed to make a big event of the ceremony.

## ANZAC DAY MARCH, 1952.

Prior to each Anzac Day, the Commemoration Council calls a meeting at Anzac House of all Unit Associations and R.S.L. Branches to acquaint them with plans for the forthcoming march and to invite discussion.

Every possible action to assure the smooth running of the march is taken, and although minor incidents may disaffect some of the troops, taken by and large, these cannot be avoided.

After years of testing by trial and error of the means of assembling Units and their order in the procession, it has been decided to revert to the original order of the march, i.e., Navy, Army, Air Force in that order, with the 1st A.I.F. troops preceding the 2nd. The age of the troops of the 1st A.I.F. has to be taken into account, and consequently every endeavour has been made to give them assembly points as near as possible to the starting-off point — which is the corner of Bourke and Swanston Streets — and, furthermore, as they will only be preceded by the Navy personnel their period of waiting at the assembly point will be the shortest.

In order to carry out the new plan our assembly point has been changed, and this year **WE WILL ASSEMBLE ON THE WEST SIDE OF RUSSELL STREET, FACING NORTH, BETWEEN BOURKE AND COLLINS STREETS; ACTUALLY OUR RENDEZVOUS IS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE KING'S THEATRE.**

Assemble at or before 1 p.m., and it is anticipated that we will move off well before 2 p.m.

The march is timed to commence at 1.30 p.m.

Members are urged to attend the parade at the assembly point, even if they do not march. We cannot all do "hop-overs" as we did in 1918, but we can join the Battalion on parade and be given "light duty."

We only have two opportunities each year of meeting one another — the Anzac Day march and the Re-union. Both afford us considerable pleasure in meeting men whose friendship and common bond of 22nd membership we value so much, and the Committee urges all those within travel distance of the King's Theatre to be there at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

Overseas members are excused from this parade, and also those who may be laid aside by illness or disablement.

We know their interest is with us, as we receive lots of messages from members who have to content themselves with listening-in to the broadcast of the march.

Similarly with last year's request in the "Echo" we again ask our members to uphold the prestige of our Unit by refraining from dropping out before passing the saluting base. Because others do it, that is no reason why members of this Battalion should do so, and it is obvious to those who continue the march that the fellows who fall out early in the march upset the formation of their Unit, and cause considerable interference to the members of the public, who want to see the marching column without a crowd of fellows forcing their way through the barriers. The public have a share in the Anzac Day march, too, and their interest should receive the respect which is due to it.

## 2/22 BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, January 19, the President, Vice-President and Secretary were guests of the 2/22 Battalion Association at their annual meeting and smoke night. There were about 100 members present, which was a very good muster considering their total membership was never much over 300. Mr. W. Harry terminated his year of office as President, and Mr. W. Dick was elected to that office for 1952. Mr. Dick has been a Committeeman since the inception of the Association in 1945, and he is to be congratulated on having been elected leader of his Association.

During the evening a presentation of £850 was made to Mr. W. Cook, of Sydney, who had suffered the loss of both legs in a railway accident in Sydney last year. Bill Cook was with the 2/22 Battalion at Rabaul, and suffered severe wounds from Jap. demons at the Tol Plantation incident. Although severely bayoneted he managed to elude the Japs and eventually arrived back in Australia. As a gesture of admiration for a good soldier and as some recompense for this latest disaster, the 2/22 Association conducted a testimonial for him amongst the members, with the most gratifying result mentioned. Mrs. Cook accompanied her husband to the Re-union, and Mrs. W. Reed (wife of the Secretary) gave her moral support. It was the first time that we can recollect of the President of a Battalion Re-union prefacing his welcome to the visitors with the words, "Ladies and Gentlemen."



## ANZAC DAY, 1951.

Last year we had our usual happy parade, and men who only meet once yearly on that occasion made the most of their opportunities. We were able to welcome quite a number of visitors to our parade.

**Major-General Cawthorn**, who had the distinction of leading the 2nd Division on the march, found time to attend our assembly and renew acquaintances with many who had not seen him since 1917.

**Bill Langan**, an original "B" Coy. member — Bill transferred to the Artillery in France — looked in at our show and left a donation to our funds before joining his Unit for the march.

**Basil K. Lyndon** did likewise. He was an original Signaller, but left us on Anzac, and when restored to health was transferred to the 59th Battalion, with which Unit he marched.

**Geo. Bignell**, ex-12th Battalion, who has been on our roll for years, joined our Association as there was no 12th show in Victoria. George found some ex-12th members this year, and marched with them.

Memories of past events were revived last Anzac Day, when we paid a visit to our tree in the Shrine area and found there a relative's wreath in memory of the late Sgt. J. J. White, who was killed at Bullecourt. Later on we paid a visit to the family of our late member, and they appreciated meeting men who were with Sgt. White on service.

The Committee were active on button selling as the financial statement shows. Receipt is acknowledged of donations made at the assembly, from the following list of members:—



### Donations Received Anzac Day, 1951.

F. Holmes, Brunswick.	Mal Davey, Bayawater.
W. S. R. Campbell, Sandring- ham.	R. Scown, Treaco West.
H. Ureghart, Thornbury.	N. West, Lilydale.
W. Beale, Albert Park.	C. West, Colbinabbin.
E. D. Cobb, Surrey Hills.	A. G. Neal, Auburn.
F. W. Alder, Coburg.	C. C. Christie, Alphyington.
T. Cullen, Brunswick.	G. C. Caulfield, Mordialloc.
J. Carter, Northcote.	F. Sturrock, North Carlton.
H. Dawson, Brewster.	C. H. Franklin, Mornington.
G. Giroud, Brunswick.	P. J. Warman, Tatura.
H. Boyd, Coburg.	A. Larkin, South Yarra.
A. Buchanan, Werrimah (N.S.W.).	L. Pawys, North Balwyn.
W. Cornish, Swan Hill.	T. W. A. Russell, E. Malvern.
A. Gavin, Abbotsford.	W. Cawthorn, Kallista.
F. Stacey, Connemara.	H. Armstrong, Burwood (N.S.W.).
H. Skasch, Diamond Creek.	S. Mossop, Seaford.
N. C. Hammon, Coburg.	A. Wilson, Prahran.
L. Soderholm, Alberton.	W. Wilson, Hawthorn.
T. C. Swale, Mordialloc.	W. C. Salter, West Preston.
A. Soiling, Brighton.	B. J. Vaughan, E. Camberwell.
C. A. E. Dawes, Toorak.	W. Gascoyne, Ascot Vale.
C. A. McPhee, Murrheke.	W. Hunter, Footscray.
W. Langran, Essendon.	J. Darroch, Coburg.
H. Craig, South Yarra.	T. Bawden, Melbourne.
Jack Edwards, Wandin North.	H. King, Coburg.
W. Herman, Canterbury.	T. Joyce, South Yarra.
K. Moore, Bacchus Marsh.	D. Cornell, Armadale.
E. G. Kerr, Warriston.	H. Noye, Carlton.
J. Webb, Burnley.	P. Gibb, Richmond.
	P. Dooley, Ivanhoe.

### 1951 RE-UNION.

We have had such outstanding success with our more recent Re-unions that we are now accepting that as incidental with our functions.

Last year we introduced an innovation, in that we co-opted our womenfolk and a party of ladies, organised by Mrs. F. C. Russell, took charge of the catering arrangements. Under her superintendence we procured a much better variety of supper rations, and with typical women's touch they prepared the tables and set out the food in a really attractive manner.

We introduced a new idea in that we hired white tablecloths, and although that may indicate fastidiousness, no one will deny that they added to the attractiveness of the tables. We have all reached the age when such little details as that are appreciated, and they certainly gave a home touch to the hall.

The Committee had given very serious consideration to the conduct of the Re-union, as with bounding costs of everything we had to practise economy with discretion. The increase in admission price was essential, and although it was raised from 5/- to 7/6, that figure did not cover the cost per head. We have admitted before, and we repeat, that the financial results of our functions are in-

fluenced considerably by the contributions of absentees, who so generously support them. Once again we say to those members whose names are given in the list of Re-union contributors, "Thank you for your practical comradeship."

It cost £88/19/- to run the Re-union, and we received £53/2/- at the door, with £23/15/6 from absentees and £7/12/6 in donations from members at the show. Even so, we were £4/8/- down, and that deficit was absorbed by our funds.

These figures are given to show how we have to watch our expenditure for these functions, and all credit is due to your Committee for their very commendable discretion.

But — there has to be a "but" in these affairs — the Committee are concerned at the reduction in the number who attended; actually, based on the three previous Re-unions, we were down 64 members. Naturally, we are perturbed to know the reason for this, and so far have not found it.

The rise in price of admission cannot be accepted as a reason, for it is in keeping with all other present-day expenses which go with higher wages, etc. The weather was all right and the date was all right. It has been our popular meeting date for the last six years. Perhaps we just struck a bad patch at that particular date — but we do want our members — those in Melbourne in particular — to support the Association by their personal attendance at the Re-unions. There is never any doubt of the pleasure we derive from meeting old comrades with whom we lived as one large family for over four years, and we want to encourage that social atmosphere.

In accordance with usual custom the evening produced a crop of incidents worthy of note, and stories of past escapades were related again.

We were particularly pleased to have with us "the Three Musketeers" from Adelaide. Our worthy South Australian members — Messrs. C. Fulton, R. W. Groves and A. M. Ferguson — made a special pilgrimage for the Re-union, and when introduced to the assembly received a very well-deserved ovation. We have published elsewhere and in this issue extracts from the Adelaide "Advertiser" of their experiences, but suffice to say we were pleased to give them a special welcome. They all admitted that the Re-union with the old crowd was well worth the journey from Adelaide.

Ron Fowler (Croydon) did the right thing when he could not attend the Re-union. Very regretfully he contributed in absentia, but anticipated that he will be there this year.

W. Purvis (Horsham) wrote in, very dolefully, that distance prevented him from attending our annual get-together, but that did not bar him from contributing and wishing those present a very happy night. Bill has recently moved from Lubeck (also in the Wimmera), where he has been farming for years.

Syd. D. Blyth (Belgrave) has to give Re-unions away these days, and is now living quietly at Belgrave. In 1950 he suffered a severe loss when his former home at Glenorchy (Victoria) was destroyed by fire, so he sold the property and stock, and is now in retirement.

Two members present for the first time for years were the Hatfield brothers — Eric (from Mentone) and Charles (from Clayton).

## PERSONAL PARS.

Jim Cugley was an inmate at Heidelberg for a few months last year, but is now back in his own domicile. Still living in retirement.

W. J. Anderson, of Northcote, has had to lead a very quiet life for some years past. In fact, since 1935, Bill has been a sufferer from arthritis and confined to his home, but he maintains a very bright outlook and participates in all Association doings.

Milbourne Clark has deserted Victoria, and is now a resident at Turramurra, N.S.W.

Nugget Hoyle has been taken off the "missing" list. He was discovered living in Canterbury and an employee of some years' standing of the M.M.B.W. He admitted that for some years past he has been a spectator at the Anzac Day march, but has been ordered on parade for 1952.

Arthur Longstaff, now a business man at Ripponlea, celebrated his eightieth birthday on March 29, 1951. At that age he is entitled to give marching away, but that does not bar him from "sitting" at the Re-union.

Bob Penhallurick (Moonee Ponds) suffered a rather nasty accident last year when he had an arm badly injured while on his job as a slusher at Spencer Street. Fortunately, the damage was rectified, and Bob is now in one piece again. With deep regret we sent Bob our condolences on the death of his wife in March.

Reg. W. Rees underwent a serious operation in June last, but has no ill-effects now. He certainly hasn't lost any weight.

Stan Adams had to have a short spell in Caulfield in November, fortunately with very satisfactory results. But he had a further bad patch in February this year, when he underwent an operation in Heidelberg. Stan is again restored to 99 per cent. good health and back at Reput.

Hope Taylor (Carlton) wrote to apologise for non-attendance at the Re-union on account of ill-health, yet when the show started Hope was well there, and stayed the distance. We suggest Hope's cure for a malady may be tried out by others.

Joek Wood, now living at Bittern, has had to take life very carefully of late, but revived at Re-union time, and came along to the show.

R. S. Neal had to claim exemption from duty last Anzac Day, as a malady put him in Caulfield for a few weeks. Bob responded to treatment well, and after a few weeks was restored to health, and his job, with the added consolation of an increase in pension.

George Gilham (Hobart) has had a very well-merited distinction afforded him in being made a life member of the R.S.L. (Glenorchy Sub-branch). For the past 30 years, George has devoted his leisure time in the interests of ex-servicemen in his area, and, in particular, has been very active in welfare matters. We join with his League Sub-branch in congratulating him on the award, and are quite satisfied that it is a fitting tribute to a very worthy ex-serviceman.

Les Bain (Coburg) had to miss the Re-union again as ill-health confined him to his home. However, he joined in the spirit of the evening and sent his regards to all.

Alf Jones (Auburn) has a grouch against the Taxation Department — not only for taxation reasons — but he is an employee of that show and duty took him out of town on September 28. Too bad, Alf. You had better join up with a more considerate concern.

Brian Armstrong was another who had to submit to business necessity, and he was absent from Melbourne on Re-union date. Brian had not missed a show for years, so we hope he has not created a precedent.

Dave Sinclair (Balwyn) was over-zealous in his support of the Association. Besides sending along a hefty sub., he included another blank cheque form (unsigned). We played fair and returned it to him.

Dave McCallum has carried a war souvenir a long time. Last year he had a short stay in Heidelberg for the purpose of having a chipped bone in one arm removed. This was the result of a wound sustained in 1917, and after all these years he had to "give it away." Stiff, eh!

Early last year, Frank Joseph, of Research, was discovered in Caulfield Hospital. Actually, Frank was taking a rest cure, and expected to get back to the farm in a week or so.

Len Roadknight (Barwon Heads) had a tour of hospitals last year, and was an inmate of Heidelberg and St. James' Hospital, Elsternwick, respectively. He had recovered and was back home before we heard of his illness. Naturally, we wish him all the best, and no further hospitalisation from now on.

Clive Waxman has lost none of his vim and sent a special Christmas message to the Battalion. In his own words, he said, "To the young-uns and the oldsters of THE best of Battalions from your old clobber, Clive Waxman." Clive is a motion picture distributor in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., and has an open house for any member of the Battalion who should stray over that way.

Fred G. Shaw has acquired an age of 75 years, and on Christmas Eve, 1951, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations on both records, Fred.

Chas. W. Hutton has achieved the distinction in his profession of being elected Vice-President of the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers. We expect to hear of his further elevation before long.

A. B. Carter (Sydney) requested a copy of the Battalion History, which was duly supplied to him. After reading it through three times, Aub. has no doubts now as to who won the 1914-18 war.

Chas. Fulton has now caught the travel bug, and with Mrs. Fulton is visiting U.S.A. and U.K. He proposes contacting Waxy when in Detroit, so there will be some celebration on that occasion.

We were gratified to note in the New Year's Honours List of the award of the O.B.E. to our original Secretary, Ivar T. Birtwistle.

of W.A. Ivor was given the decoration for work in social activities, and from our knowledge we know that, apart from his position as Manager of the "West Australian," Perth's main daily newspaper, he has busied himself for years on philanthropic work. Congrats., Ivor!

Early this month, Ivor paid a short visit to Melbourne, and while here we had the pleasure of welcoming him to a meeting of the Committee, of which he was the second Secretary, 1918-19. H. F. Moorhead and R. D. Fussell were the original Joint Secretaries appointed, but they only functioned for a few months.

Mrs. B. H. Noakes sent along a contribution to our funds as a memorial offering to her late husband, who died on November 21, 1950. We do appreciate Mrs. Noakes' action and the sentiments which actuated her.

Vernon D. Marshall (No. 426) was "found" at the Royal Melbourne Hospital by Eric Craven, when he was making an R.S.L. visit there during March. We had lost trace of Vernon for years, and hastened to place him on the roll. He has had a bout of rheumatism which had necessitated hospital treatment, but we trust not for very long.

Harold Smith achieved the distinction of all proud fathers, when, on March 22, he escorted his daughter, Margaret, to her marriage with Ken Burrige at Wesley Church. The reception was held at the Town Hall, Heidelberg, and a good time was had by all.

A word of commendation is due to Harold Vawdon for his unceasing activities in the interests of members. He has been a member of the Committee since its inception in 1918, President in 1948, and has now accepted the title of "Assistant Secretary." Many members will have evidence of words of cheer from Harold, and we want to record our appreciation of his self-imposed task.

Norm Stevens has had another period in Heidelberg. For years Norm has been a sufferer from war injuries, and has had innumerable operations. With indomitable spirit he undergoes a repetition of hospital treatments, and after each returns to his work with the P.M.G. Department as if operations are just part of his life. We have to hand it out to him for his remarkable courage.

We have received an enquiry for Jim Mitchell, one of three brothers, all in the Battalion. He is understood to be connected with the hotel trade in Melbourne, and has been in that occupation for years. Secretary will appreciate information.

Beery Benson (Armadale) has just returned from a six months' tour of Europe, including a visit to the battlefields of Passchendaele and Ypres. He attended the Toc H ceremony at the "Old House" in Poperinge, which was the Talbot House Soldiers' Club in 1915. Ypres has been completely rebuilt, including the Cloth Hall and the Cathedral. The crater on Hill 60 still exists, but is now water-filled and named the Pool of Peace. Tyne Cot Cemetery contains 12,000 graves, including 900 Australian, many of them of our Battalion. Sanctuary Wood still retains bits of the old trenches, and a memorial museum has been built there.

At dusk every evening two civilian Belgian buglers sound the Last Post from the Menin Gate. The famous gate has been rebuilt, and on its inside walls are inscribed thousands of names of British soldiers who were killed in the Salient, but have no known graves. We have the melancholy distinction of having a large representation on that list.

From the village of Passchendaele, on top of the ridge, Harry had an unobstructed view of the whole of the Salient, but the present countryside conditions show no traces of the devastated area we lived in for so many months.

During the year we were the recipients of a very handsome donation of £12 odd from our contemporaries in Adelaide. This was the balance of proceeds from the Anzac Day dawn parade "Conversations," conducted for some years past by Messrs. Fulton, Groves and Ferguson in Charles' business premises.

From a very small beginning some 10 years ago, when a few ex-Diggers met for a convivial drink after the dawn parade, it has grown to an institution in Adelaide, and with just as much prominence as that inaugurated by our friend Charles at Thornycroft's in Melbourne for a fitting celebration after the Anzac Day march.

We do appreciate the gesture from our Adelaide nucleus, and as well as thanking them for their donation express our very cordial approbation of the Adelaide dawn parade. Incidentally, the "Three Musketeers" from Adelaide were present at our Re-union on September 28, and their journeyings to and from that function were given due prominence in the "Adelaide Advertiser," from which we quote:—

Adelaide "Advertiser," September 24, 1951.

"Known among Diggers as 'The Three Musketeers', Charlie Fulton, 'Joker' Ferguson, and Bob Groves will leave by car on Thursday to attend for their first time the Re-union of the 22nd Bn. A.I.F., held annually since 1919.

"They are the only men in Adelaide who served in it, on Gallipoli, in France and Belgium.

"'Joker' travelled 8000 miles from India to enlist. They used to be called 'The Swift and Bold'; now they are 'The Ruthless and Toothless'; so Bob told me during the week-end."

Adelaide "Advertiser," October 10, 1951.

"The Three Musketeers' — Charles Fulton, 'Joker' Ferguson, and Bob Groves — are back from Melbourne, whither they went for the first time to attend a Re-union of the 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., in Melbourne Town Hall banqueting room with more than 200 others.

"Excitement reached its peak when after 30 odd years the trio had the pleasure of standing when their names were called. They were bombarded with all sorts of greetings.

"Major-General Cawthorne and Charles Fulton were sergeants together in the same Company. The former left the Battalion as a captain, joined the Indian Army under the Birdwood system, served on Lord Gort's staff, retired with the rank of Major-General.

"Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire, the banker, was the Battalion's O.C. for the last years of Great War I; he was one of the youngest Lieutenant-Colonels in the A.I.F. The M.O. Dr. Craig, 80 odd, never misses a Re-union and is as buoyant as ever."

Again, we have to express appreciation to a number of our members who, for a variety of reasons, could not attend the Re-union, but kept their "ally good" by subscribing to the cause. When we have such a spirit amongst our fellows, is it any wonder that "ours" is the best Association.

Receipts of donations from the following members is acknowledged. The list includes those who made donations at the Re-union:—



### Re-union Donations — Absentees.

C. H. Franklin, Morningside.	A. H. Michael, Geelong.
W. Jamieson, Armadale.	W. P. McCormack, Wangaratta.
A. W. Hinds, Hawthorn.	R. Fowler, Croydon.
S. J. Wicks, Balaclava.	W. Purvis, Horeham.
E. Apsey, Kirribilli (N.S.W.).	W. D. Fraser, Lockhart, N.S.W.
A. Vanzlow, Geelong West.	J. Stillman, Stanhope.
G. A. Littler, Devonport, Tas.	A. E. Phillips, Fairfield.
G. C. Gilham, Hobart.	S. D. Blyth, Belgrave.
A. Q. Sinclair, N. Balwyn.	M. Ridgway, St. Kilda.
L. Bain, Coburg.	P. C. Cooper, Yarraville.
A. L. Jones, Auburn.	A. Chapman, St. Kilda.
H. Craker, Glen Iris.	H. W. Skeoch, Diamond Creek.
G. Cottam, Ringwood.	H. Dawson, Brewster.
C. E. Davie, Oakleigh.	S. Sheldon, Camberwell.
H. Tilley, Essendon.	J. Sutherland, Seymour.
S. Firms, Amphitheatre.	W. Ruthven, Preston.
E. Robson, Northcote.	R. Thomas, Camperdown.
J. B. Armstrong, Hawthorn.	P. McKay, Cressy.
R. Hamilton, Kew.	H. Taylor, Carlton.
A. Milne, Cockatoo.	Mrs. Aust, Springvale.
	Mrs. A. L. Thurston, Lilydale.

### Donations Received at Re-union.

E. W. R. Smith, Koimbo.	K. Meldrum, Elsternwick.
J. Harwood, Essendon.	T. Cullen, Brunswick.
J. W. Drummy, Melbourne.	T. G. Swale, Mordialloc.
F. Holmes, Brunswick.	J. J. Gifford, Thornbury.
L. Howship, Surrey Hills.	L. N. Castle, Mentone.
H. W. Smith, Alphington.	Don Phillips, South Yarra.
S. R. Adams, Caulfield.	W. J. Cawthorn, Kallista.
R. S. Baker, Elsternwick.	J. Webb, Burnley.
N. H. Dooley, Ivanhoe.	F. Ansell, West Preston.
J. Edwards, Wandin North.	H. Clifford, North Richmond.
P. J. Laidler, Celar.	J. McGovern, Newport.
A. Seuling, Brighton.	A. Downey, Yarraville.
J. Whiteway, Coburg.	N. W. McKinnon, East Kew.
W. Freeman, Castlemaine.	H. L. Norman, Hawthorn.
E. Draper, Footscray.	H. F. Vawdon, Caulfield.
A. C. Cook, Toorak.	J. Woodward, Launching Place.
J. Greig, Elsternwick.	

### PADRE DURNFORD.

Ever since our return to Australia in 1918 we had lost all trace of Padre Durnford, although at times we learned that he was in various spots in the Empire. During a recent visit to England, Colonel Wiltshire was able to ascertain his present address, and we met no time in contacting him with a request for a message to the Battalion members. The following letter from Padre Durnford is typical of the man for whom all members of the 6th Brigade had the greatest respect, and we publish his letter as he wrote it:—

Loughoughton Vicarage,

Alnwick, Northumberland, England.

November 30, 1951.

To my old and not-forgotten comrades of the 22nd Battalion  
of the A.I.F.

My Dear Friends,—

The Secretary of the 22nd Battalion Association has, through the agency of my old friend, A. E. Wiltshire, traced me to a far-off village in Northumberland on the sea coast, about 40 miles from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and he has asked me to send you a message.

I gladly accede to his request, but it is not easy to write, not because I do not remember but because I can never forget, the truly real honour and privilege of having been allowed by Providence to serve you as your Padre in that grim war in France and Belgium in 1916 and 1917 and the earlier part of 1918. What can one say? Well, I do want before anything to say that although it is now some 33 years since I said good-bye to the famous (for it was indeed a famous) Battalion, when I was appointed to the Australian Flying Corps as their Padre for the summer months in England at Leighton and Minchinhampton — yet I can never forget those inexpressible wonderful days and nights during those two years.

I am not ashamed to own that as a clergyman those years taught me lessons about comradeship and service and unselfishness such as I never learnt before. Above all, I have since counted it as one of the greatest privileges of a long ministry of 45 years to have had the honour of laying to rest in different spots — most hallowed and sacred to me for all time — those of the Battalion, and other Battalions, too, who made the "supreme sacrifice."

That world-famous hymn, "The Supreme Sacrifice," by Sir John Arkwright, exactly expresses in words what, as a Padre (with so many others) I feel about our comrades who gave their lives so nobly and fearlessly.

This wonderful comradeship which the years 1916-17 taught us all is eternal and continues beyond what men call "this world." Like so many Englishmen who have had the joy of ministering to Australians, I can never — and indeed, never have — forgotten Australia, and through my friend, W. H. Bunning at Australia House, I keep in close touch with Australian affairs. Indeed, I have given many lectures on Australia, having collected a vast quantity of all kinds of lantern slides on the great island continent, which obviously is going to count so much in the years ahead in international affairs.

There is so much more I would like to say — as I write at my table on the last day of November — and think of all we went through together in those never-to-be-forgotten years.

There was the humour — and the kindly give and take — and the delightful independent spirit of the Australian soldier — and his fresh and natural outlook on life — and, above all, his sheer goodness and his love of home.

But if I write much more the Editor will think me long-winded. Thirty-three years seems a long time — is it really? A 1000 years in God's sight are but as yesterday. I shall never forget — and I am nearing 70 now — as long as I live the comradeship of the 22nd Battalion of the A.I.F. As one said, it was just a great honour and privilege to have been a member of that truly famed Unit in the Australian Imperial Forces.

Affectionate greetings to the Association: may your meetings and labours continue to flourish.

And if any member of the old Battalion IS by any chance over here in London or elsewhere, please get in touch with me.

Ever your very sincere and now somewhat aged

PADRE DURNFORD.

## UNE LETTRE DE FRANCE.

Another of our Battalion identities with whom we had lost contact for some years is Roly Werrett. It may be recalled that Roly married a girl from Berteaucourt, and brought her out to Australia, where their two sons were born. However, Roly and his family returned to France in 1930, and he is now a "citizen Francais."

During the recent war, Roly got himself attached to the British forces in France as an interpreter, and was with the troops who escaped via Dunkirk. For the remainder of the war he was stationed in London — right through the blitz — and later in other centres.

When opportunity offered he returned to France and his family, and is now a farmer in the south of France. Besides cultivating the land he is cultivating chooks with a fair measure of profit.

So we have not to stretch our recollections too much to picture Roly as a typical French farmer with the added accomplishments of an Aussie outlook. We have good evidence that he can still speak and write English — none of the "no compree" stuff with Roly.

The following descriptive bits of a tour of "our" battlefields, which he made in 1930, will be of particular interest to those who remember those places. It should be borne in mind that this tour was made in 1930, and we have had another "dust-up" since then, and the areas mentioned were again the scene of modern war. —(Editor).

"Not long after we arrived here in 1930 I did a trip on a bike around the battlefields of the old Battalion in France. I started off from my wife's home at Berteaucourt-les-Dames, which is about 20 kilos from Amiens, and first went to Albert and then along the road to Pozieres. No doubt a good many of the old boys will remember the hanging Virgin on the destroyed church at Albert. When I went through there I found the church rebuilt and the Virgin replaced. It was a lovely sunny day when I arrived in Pozieres, and I found everything very calm and peaceful — very different to when we were there.

"I am quite sure that all the old boys who were there will never forget the place. I found a cement slab set in the ground on a hill, and on it were written words to the effect 'that more Australian soldiers were killed around this spot than in any other part of France.' After I had read it I looked around, and on one side I could see farmers dotted around the fields gathering in the harvest, and on the other side a couple of men working on the road.

"From there I went on to Herleville, and saw what I believed to be a small German trench. Leaving there I went on to Mont St. Quentin, and after a look at the battlefield had a drink in a cafe on the main road. There is an Australian monument on this road, not far from the cafe. It is of an Australian soldier bayonetting a German eagle; I believe it was destroyed during this war, but has since been replaced. From there I went on to a village about four kilos from Beaufort, where I spent the night. Early next morning I went on to this village, passed through it, and went along the road to the battlefield. This road was 'C' Coy's objective, and on reaching it we lay down in a deep gutter. We were lucky to have this protection as during the height of the attack by the two Companies which went forward machine gun bullets were hitting the wire fence along the road every few seconds. When things quietened down a chap named Ferguson and I went along the road a bit to a culvert and deepened the gutter into a small trench, which was still there when I arrived on this tour. I had a yarn to a Polish farmer who was looking after some cows nearby, and set off on my return

trip along the main road to Amiens. I forgot to mention that I also visited Ville-sur-Ancres, and was very interested in the sunken road there, where we took a lot of German prisoners.

"If this reaches you before the Re-union this year, give my kind regards to the Colonel and to all the old boys of the Battalion, especially to my old pal, Jim Cogley.

"Best of luck to all."

R. C. WERRETT,  
Les Galis,  
Lectoure, Gers,  
France.

September 5, 1951.

## VALE.

It is with deep regret that we record the "passing on" of so many of our members.

George Castieau, who had been in retirement for some years, died in Caulfield on May 14, at the age of 83 years.

W. C. Jennings, of Maffra, had only returned from a six months' trip to England when he died on June 13, at the age of 70 years.

Frank Stacey was drowned while fishing at Geelong on October 14. Unfortunately, his body was never recovered.

W. C. McCormick died in hospital in Melbourne after a very short illness. He had been Manager of the S.S. Bank at Camperdown for a few months prior to his lamentable death.

Reg. Kemp (Macedon) was a victim of the bush fires which ravaged the Macedon area in February last. The property, of which he was Manager (Bolobek), was devastated, and in attempting to save members of the station staff he was caught by the flames, and suffered such injuries that he died in Woodend Hospital the following day, February 6. Messrs. J. Russell and H. Vawdon attended the funeral at Macedon on February 7, and conveyed our condolences to the bereaved widow and her two sons. A large muster of ex-servicemen attended the funeral, and at the conclusion of the graveside ceremony the "Last Post" was sounded by a bugler from the Caulfield Branch of the R.S.L.



## LEST WE FORGET.

1950.

8721 HYLAND, A. Dec. 12

1951.

5128 SMITH, A. E. March 11	2437 THURSTON, A. L. Sept. 15
2428 TORRIT, J. March 12	3159 RYAN, J. Sept. 20
5912 SPERLING, F. H. March 21	311 VAUGHAN, W. Sept. 25
422 MADDOCK, F. April 8	3817 PAUL, W. G. Sept. 22
1120 HEGGS, L. April 10	GALL, L. J. Sept. 28
4407 DAVIDSON, A. G. April 14	4716A GAFFNEY, F. C. Oct. 11
2451 WALTON, A. H. April 28	3995 STACKY, F. S. Oct. 14
4709 GUY, W. T. May 8	3027 ASBURY, A. G. Oct. 22
107A HARRISON, A. B. May 8	6404 McRAE, J. T. Oct. 24
241 CASTIEAU, G. May 14	1562 KELLY, A. E. Nov. 2
830 BENTLEY, J. W. May 15	604 GRIFFIN, M. J. Nov. 4
2412 SMITH, H. G. June 8	2229A CRAIG, R. G. Nov. 11
3886 JENNINGS, W. G. June 12	453 RODGERS, W. Nov. 19
501A HUTCHINSON, J. June 21	1814 HEALEY, A. L. Dec. 12
5123 HAWKSWORTH, J. June 24	5928 LE CLEMQ, J. Dec. 18
622 MUNTZ, A. T. E. June 25	3222 CAIRNS, J. P. Dec. 19
679A O'GRADY, J. J. July 2	5548 RLATR, A. Dec. 21
125 BROWN, W. H. July 11	5329 ADAMS, G. A. Dec. 29
774A WILLIAMS, S. G. July 14	1952.
2471 GORDON, J. July 20	4772 FOLKES, C. E. Jan. 9
2143 MUNRO, A. July 21	5289 MURCOTT, J. W. Jan. 11
3148 DELANEY, F. C. Aug. 2	1792 McCOHMICK, W. C. Jan. 29
5485 TOMLINSON, H. W. Aug. 4	5252 KEMP, R. E. Feb. 4
2724 MURPHY, Jno. Aug. 23	8266A FORD, W. F. Feb. 12
4868 SEILD, F. N. Aug. 31	6097 HANCOURNE, C. R. Feb. 29
5429 WATSON, G. C. J. Sept. 2	1702A BLOAN, C. J.
4565 McCARTHY, W. E. Sept. 5	

## TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Twelve Months  
Ended December 31, 1951.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Bank balances, S.R.B. December 31, 1950	Printing "Echo" ————
— 167 1 6	— 620 5 0
Sale of buttons, Anzac Day	Postage, "Echo" ————
— 28 16 0	— 7 1 10
Members' subscriptions	Buttons for Anzac Day ————
— 62 12 6	— 2 15 10
Donations at Re-union	Honorarium, Auditor ————
— 11 15 0	— 2 0 0
Sale of Battalion books	Envelopes and stationery ————
— 0 15 0	— 4 4 10
Interest, S.R.B. ————	Deposit, Town Hall, September 28, 1952 ————
— 1 0 0	— 2 2 6
	Wreath, W. C. Jennings ————
	— 1 2 2
	Telephone, Rent ————
	— 11 17 5
	Postage—
	General ————
	— 5 1 4
	Birthday Cards ————
	— 1 16 5
	Deficit, Re-union September 28, 1951 ————
	— 4 8 0
	Balance, S.R.B., December 31, 1951 ————
	— 108 28 5
£182 0 0	£182 0 0