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HER LATE MAJESTY—QUEEN MARY

With profound regret, we record our loyal homage to the memory of Her Late Majesty, Queen Mary, who died on 24th March, 1953.

Mary of us, who were privileged to see her in person at investitures at Buckingham Palace, and at other public functions, during World War I, will have retained lasting memories of her stately dignity on those occasions.

With the whole of the British nation, and the rest of the world, too, we mourn the passing of a beloved Queen.

FOREWORD

From the President.

Gentlemen,—With the approach of another Anzac Day, the "Echo" goes to print and I wish to take this opportunity of conveying to you a few observations and expressions of appreciation.

Firstly, let me say how proud I am to have been elected your President and to thank you for the signal honour you have conferred on me.

The next important item is the success of the Annual Re-union held on Sept. 26, 1952. The main factors contributing to its success were the time and effort given to the organising work by Fred Russell and Fred Castleline.

The ladies, led by Mrs. Fred Russell, again carried out the catering and our sincere thanks are due to them for an excellent job well done.

The members of the Executive, assisted by other stalwarts, acted as Stewards and were responsible for ensuring that everyone was suitably provided for.

I also say thank you to the members who attended in such numbers to contribute to the success of the evening, likewise to those members who contributed so liberally, in cash, to ensure that the Association did not lose financially.

I was pleased to see such a representative gathering of guests from Sister Battalions and to receive their expressions of good will and appreciation for the hospitality extended. They also remarked on the pleasant bearing which you accorded them during the responses to the Veterans' Trust.

With the thinning of our ranks, as is evidenced by the list of names appearing each year, under the heading "Let Us Forget", it is incumbent on every member to support the Executive by attending the Anzac Day March and Annual Re-union so that the Association will not waste through lack of support.

Let us give a thought to those members who, because of illness, will not be with us on Anzac Day. Let us also give a thought to the beloved relatives of those former comrades of the Battalion.

We send greetings to our members who are not now resident in Victoria.

I am sure you will join me in expressing appreciation of the work of your Committee, which has kept this Association in the forefront of Unit Associations. It is now 50 years since we first assembled on the parade ground at Brindlemans.

This being Coronation Year, our thoughts are turned to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and we pray that her reign will be a long and peaceful one.

In conclusion, let me express a hope that my successors will be as happy as I have been as your President.

L. W. MACDONALD, President.

16th April, 1953.

GENERAL

The publication of the "Echo" each year seems to have earned the approbation of all our members, and that is sufficient reward for the efforts in compiling it. So, with justifiable pride, we present the Ninth issue of our journal, which is also a record of battalion doings during the past twelve months, and intimations of coming events.

In particular, the attention of all is directed to the Pilgrimage to the Shrine on May 10th (see page 4).

Mr. Len. W. Macdonald has occupied the Presidency of the Association for this year and has very ably carried on the good work of his predecessors.

No changes have been made in the Committee, although it will be noted in "Personal Pars", that Mr. J. G. Malloch will have to relinquish his position as he has moved to the country.

The Committee held meetings as required throughout the year, and their efforts are reflected in the financial statement, which is published in this issue.

Our Re-union last year was quite up to our standard, but the Committee is a little perturbed at the slight drop in attendance. Our years of experience have demonstrated that the date and place cannot be bettered and their continuance depends on the whole-hearted support of all our members, particularly the presence of our city dwellers. As the report on the Re-union shows, the country chaps are very ably supporting the show "in absentia", and those who are favourably situated, by living in Melbourne, should not lose the opportunity provided for them.

REGIMENTAL COLOURS

We are still negotiating for the transference of our King's and Regimental Colours from their present repository to the crypt of the Shrine. Various authorities have to be consulted, and at least we can report to our members that we are hastening slowly.

However, we anticipate achieving our objective before long, and when plans are prepared, all the units of the 6th Brigade will combine in a grand ceremony of having the colours placed in our National Memorial.

ANZAC DAY, 1953

Plans for the Anzac Day March have now been completed and our great day of the year is about to be held once again.

This year the March will be shortened as the ceremony at the Shrine will be conducted on the Northern forecourt, instead of the Southern approach as has been the custom in previous years.

THE ASSEMBLY POINTS HAVE NOT BEEN ALTERED AND WE WILL RENDEZVOUS AT THE SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR, I.E. IN RUSSELL STREET, BETWEEN LITTLE COLLINS AND BOURKE STREET—WEST SIDE—ACTUALLY RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE KING'S THEATRE.

After many experiments with the order of the March, it has been decided to drop the practice, common with the Service, to give the senior service, the Navy, pride of place and it is intended that from now on the order of the services will be Navy, Army, Air Force.

For the first time, the Anzac Day March will be lead by a Naval officer, Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins having accepted that honour for the day. The various divisions within the Army components will rotate as before. As the 2nd Division was the first to move off last year, we will be last this time. So that means we will have much more time to "matter" at the Assembly point, but that does not mean that members can defer their arrival.

All are urged to be on parade no later than 12.30 p.m., as we should be on our way by 1.30 p.m., and an hour of mutual felicitations is all too short.

Now that the March has been shortened, we hope that factor will induce those who have been reluctant to march before, will "grind up their loins" and "give it a go". Those over 80 will be excused, but others of lesser years will have to produce a doctor's certificate—and don't rush Dr. Craig, either. We take pride in recording in this issue of the "Echo" that our ammunition last year to members not to drop out was absorbed. It was most noticeable that we had very few "give up" during the March and our unit record is enhanced accordingly.

Remember that the Secretary and Treasurer always march in the rear so that they can take the names of such delinquents.

A special provision has been made this year for those attending the march to obtain a light luncheon before the assembly. A luncheon kiosk will be established at the corner of Little Bourke and Russell Streets and this will fulfil a much needed want for the troops, particularly the country members, who, in the past, have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining any lunch in Melbourne on Anzac Day. We commend this service to our members—note the location—Corner Little Bourke and Russell Streets.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

In keeping with practice of many other unit associations, we have decided to fall into line and conduct an annual pilgrimage to the Shrine. We have been allotted the nearest Sunday to the 8th May as our day, and this year we will be conducting that ceremony on Sunday, 10th May. Members are requested to assemble at the Lindtgow station, opposite Victoria Barracks, on St. Kilda Road, at 1.30 p.m. From there we will march to the Shrine, where a short ceremony of Remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. and a wreath laid on the Stone of Remembrance.

Now that the 1 Flagpoles have been erected at the Northern approach to the Shrine, unit associations have been asked by the Shrine Trustees to purchase a battalion flag of suitable dimensions, for display on the pole nearest to the Shrine, on its particular day. Flags are now available and we have ordered ours, which will be on display on that day.

ANZAC DAY, 1952

The muster last year was quite up to expectations, but many now have to admit to increasing years and be satisfied with joining the assembly at "I.O.T." and leaving the march alone. However, their presence is appreciated and those who carry on can feel somewhat invigorated that they are able to march "and keep in step".

We were early to move off, so our chances of meeting one another were curtailed somewhat. Even so, the stewards did their job nobly, as our records show that they gathered in £45/10/-, in button sales. Included in that amount were the usual subs. from country members, who respond generously every Anzac Day—and again at Re-union time.

We were pleased to give a welcome to many old battalion mates who haven't been on a parade for years. Having attended once, it is a fair bet that they will do their utmost to repeat the performance. A. H. Michael came all the way from Geelong and risked the journey well worth while.

W. Nash (ex-Sgt.), also came up from Geelong—first since 1929. Bill's hair is even whiter than ever, but it is quite a dignified appendage now. It nearly got Bill courtmartialled once, but that was long ago.

F. S. Trendell (Kew), was on parade, the first time for 3 years. We look for a better record in future.

Tom Jewell has moved from Quambatook to South Morang. Likes to be near the beach after 30 odd years up north.

G. A. Doyne has moved closer in, too—from Foster to Gembrook. No wonder Melbourne is getting overcrowded.

T. Keogh of Ringwood has to admit his age and was content to join the assembly only.

J. W. Bullivant (Northcote), wants everyone to know he is still above ground and keeping his head up. Good on you, Jim, carry on the good work—in that position.

Jim Crocker, of Clifton Hill, proposes a trip to England in June, 1953, and "for a consideration" will undertake to carry felicitations of those less fortunate comrades to "acquaintances" in U.K. See him on the 1953 parade.

Sid Ellis of Hawthorn broke a record on non-attendance since 1919 and was on parade. He is now detailed for a similar record of non-absences up to 1985. Age permitting.

A. O. (Dob) Hewitson is another who has given up country life for the city. For years, he and brother Jack have been partners in country businesses, but now both are in Melbourne.

W. J. Horman (Canterbury), ex. Sig Section, devotes his business hours to boots and his leisure to bowls. In that latter respect he has the company of many of his battalion associates.

Nugget Hoyle is now a family man and resident of Kew. He appeared at the assembly point, but reneged on the march.

Perce Amiet came all the way from Kerumbarra just to have the pleasure of marching to the Shrine with the battalion. That's the spirit.

V. T. (Tom) Handley did the trip from Warragul for the same reason. The "esprit de unit" of the 22nd Battalion means a lot to men who make such efforts to meet again old comrades and remember those who went west.

Ken Moore (Bacchus Marsh) is another regular attender on Anzac Day marches, and was pleased to have the outing with his battalion mates.

Fred O'Beirne (Almorta) was there. Perhaps he did not have to travel as far as Pierre Amiet or Tom Handley, but all the same, he had to leave early in the morning to get there and we are pleased to give him a "present" mark on parade.

Len Morey (South Melbourne) was noticed amongst the crowd looking on. Len's health won't permit marching these days, but he never fails to be "amongst those present".

DONATIONS RECEIVED—ANZAC DAY, 1952

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A. Gavan.	T. Jewell.	J. King.
C. E. Sumways.	G. Dwyer.	A. J. McEae.
A. J. Robertson.	C. Flot.	P. Dooley.
T. G. Swale.	V. T. Handley.	O. Cornell.
F. T. O'Meara.	T. Cullen.	

PERSONAL PARS

We were so pleased with having contacted Padre Durnford after the lapse of so many years, that the Committee decided to send him a food parcel with the good wishes of the Association. We achieved even better than we anticipated, for the Padre wrote us in most appreciative terms. For the information of members, we publish portions of his letter which reads so typical of him.

Longhoughton Vicarage,
Ainwick,
Northumberland, England.

Oct. 23, 1952.

My Dear Russell,

This is really splendid of the Association. I can only send to you a very large and sincere and cordial THANK YOU! It really is most kind and brotherly, and "in the true 22nd Battalion comradeship spirit" of you all. My wife and I and our daughter all join in with

me in an expression of gratitude—may this food parcel forge yet another lasting and permanent link between Australia and England.

The letter you so kindly printed in the magazine brought forth 3 letters from old friends.

O. J. Hull, who was on a holiday from his job in South Africa.

Andrew Chapman, from East St. Kilda, and Clive R. Waxman, Grand Rapids, Michigan. So the old 22nd Battalion becomes International, Australia—South Africa—U.S.A. and Old England. "Digger" Waxman wrote a typical lovey and delightful letter.

Please give my cordial good wishes to the Committee and the other members.

Both my sons are away for the moment—at Cambridge University, and the other one near Edinburgh. They will be home at Xmas and we are keeping certain "items of the Food Parcel Agenda" to be discussed with relish then!

Thank you ever so much,

Yours ever very sincerely,

(Sgd.) PADRE DURNFORD

Harry Wilkin (Nyah), has a great family record and naturally boasts about it. He was married in December, 1918, 6 weeks after arriving home, to a girl who had lost her only two brothers in France. His family consists of 6, 1 son and 5 daughters, all of whom—including Harry, himself—but excepting the youngest daughter, saw service in World War 2. All the children are now married, and Harry is Grandpa to 9. We are pleased to give the Wilkin family an honourable mention in the "Echo".

C. A. McPhee (Mortlake), had a spell in Heidelberg last June, but only for a minor trouble. We were able to call on him during his "captivity" and extend the glad hand.

Jack Edwards (Ringwood East), displayed a bad error of judgment last year. Went on a jaunt to Tasmania, and spent 4 months in Hobart Hospital. No doubt he appreciated the treatment he received, but that's not the way to see Tasmania—the outlook is too limited.

Ed. Garner (Caulfield), has had a very worrying time for over 12 months with his wife's health. Mrs. Garner contracted a wog which refused to respond to treatment, but fortunately was eventually overcome and they both enjoyed a few weeks at Lorne in March.

Harry Nichols is now conducting a service station at Lorne, but is taking a break in May this year and visiting U.K. and the Continent. Expects to dissipate 4 months of time in the process.

Jack Hayes is also at Lorne, proprietor of the Ice Works and quite happy. Jack had a remarkable series of adventures in World War 2, and certainly got places. Has given up soldiering now.

Fred Castledine got quite a thrill out of his visit to Adelaide in June last year. No need to mention who he contacted there, and the hospitality he received. He represented us at the 27th Bn Re-union while there and declared they ran their show nearly as well as we do ours.

Harry Brunton (Brighton East), responded to the invitation of his Battalion mate, Mick Brunner, to join our Association. Harry was

most concerned that he had failed so long to implement a perfectly good intention and made amends accordingly. Welcome, Harry, and thanks for your kind thoughts.

Mrs. C. S. Bell (Montrose), was most concerned last year that she could not induce her husband to attend the March, so she sent along a donation on behalf of them both. If Charles doesn't appear on parade this year, we will have to exert forcible persuasion in future. We can't have his wife's efforts go unrewarded.

Jack D. Nicholson has given Victoria the air and established himself in W.A. For some time past, Jack's health has not been too good and for that reason he sought a change of climate. We hope, Jack, the change will bring about the improvement you desire.

After a very long interval we located Aaron Coustley at Horsham. Aaron has reached the age when "leisurely pursuits" is his sole occupation. But he can still recollect events of 1918, particularly Vile our Anzac, which was his final start.

W. J. (Bill) Naber (Fremont), got his engagements tangled last Anzac Day, and missed us at the March. Too bad, Bill, but hope we will not have to leave you behind this year.

All James (Anburn), very laconically expressed his regrets for absence from the parade last year. His note stated "only comment, 'Missing'". However, he fined himself, so we accepted his apologies.

Fred G. Robinson (Lemnos), implemented his good intentions (as he described them), by sending along a hefty sub, with regrets that he is not able to attend our functions as he would like. Fred is an orchardist and reckons it causes him as much worry as soldiering ever did.

Two of our old originals had a unique meeting at Heidelberg in January last. One Smith (No. 307), of Brunswick, was visiting a pal in West St and was consulting on the adjoining bed talking to the gal, when a voice from the bed behind him stopped in with, "How's it please of the 2nd Battalion going down boys?" The speaker went on to say that he recognized *his*'s voice, although he had forgotten the name. Naturally that led to further explanations and the speaker turned out to be Arthur Wilkinson (No. 919), of 14 Flaxton, now of Elwood. It seems Arthur Wilkinson's memory is not very much impaired and *his* was so impressed that he reckoned the "Let's" should have of the episode. It certainly should, considering that they last met over 26 years ago. Not even fading away, apparently.

It seemed up in Anthony all last November, and as he couldn't get on with the heavy shipping, Laurie Bunn took the opportunity of making us a really hot sub—and of course enclosed a sub. Thanks for both, Laurie, and give the good wishes of yours for the "Let's". We shall continue to strive for its continuance.

One E. Wilson (Chilchany) is working on it, but manages to be 5 miles per day on the line. Nothing so easy as both chairs for Charles. Good to you, old times, and don't let four ages make you feel old.

Fred G. Vaughan (Girgarre), continues to till the soil in that district, and regretted that he could not make the Re-union. We have regrets, too, Fred, and thank you for your sub.

Stan Mossop (Seaford), had best of intentions of showing up last September, but could not carry them out. In lieu of his presence, we had to accept his sub, "in absentia".

Reg. W. Day (Dimboola), sent apologies for enforced non-attendance at the Re-union, a sub, and best wishes to all the boys. We accepted the lot.

Giff. Thompson (Beechworth), had a lament that his official duties stymied his prospects of attending the Re-union in September. He is Shire Secretary up there. However, we hope he arranges things better this year. We nearly forget what he looks like.

Chas. Ponder (Woolthorpe), had his haversack packed and 24 hours' rations prepared for a trip to Melbourne last September, but finished up on sick parade—mafeesh. Re-union.

Harry Dawson (Beaufort) has given up work and worry of wangling woolies at Traralgon, and is conducting himself in retirement at Beaufort from now on.

A. R. Hampton (Lymphe) was tied up with Legacy matters in Orange, N.S.W., at Re-union time. We would hardly expect him to travel that far, although we would like to see him at a Re-union. We endorse Jell's sentiments—"Better luck next time".

J. G. (Senity) Malloch has taken a big step in business and is now established as an agent for H. V. McKay Massey-Harris in Shepparton. Jack has been with that firm for many years, both as a country representative, and since his return from World War I, in the H.O. at Sunshine. We wish him well in his new venture, much as we will regret losing him from the Committee.

Fred Cross (St. Kilda), took a sea trip to Perth in March, and quite naturally took advantage of the short stay in his home to call on our battalion nucleus here.

Messrs. Fulton and Givens took him along to their club and "Crosby" is still glowing, internally and externally, from the hospitality he received.

E. Gorman has left on another visit to U.K. Following an annual event—almost. What's doing in London, anyway. That's three of our members, we know of, who will be over there this year.

J. W. Etheridge was discovered in Alfred Hospital recently recovering from an operation. Naturally, Jim wasn't looking very athletic, but was going on well.

Jim Caffrey (Woolmead), visited Melbourne early this month, ostensibly to attend the County Party Conference. Apparently Jim indulged work to us. However, we were pleased to have him at a Committee meeting. Jim's 2nd youngest child celebrates her 22nd Birthday on 24th April. Don't ask how old Jim is!

1952 REUNION

The conduct of our Re-Unions has earned the approbation of our members and the unstinted congratulations of our visitors. Naturally the Committee feels quite gratified at such evidence of good management, and sees no reason to change anything.

Again we have to thank Mrs. F. Russell and her party of ladies who assumed manfully in making the hall so attractive. We have to hand it to the ladies that their touch adds something, not apparently available from mere males, to the preparations for such a function. Furthermore, we co-opted Mrs. Russell in the procurement of food-stuffs, and obviously her selection and judgment were correct, for we had nothing over.

With two very successful functions to build on, we propose to repeat the whole arrangements this year, and invite those who were present last year to tell others and induce them to come along too. The attendance was a little more than that for 1951, but we want even larger numbers.

As the financial statement shows, we made a small profit of £1.5.5, but again it must be emphasized that that happy result was due to contributions from absentee members, who generously thought fit to send along subs.—for the benefit of the Association and to assist less fortunate comrades.

That spirit permeates the whole Association, and we glory in the fact that ours is "nulli secundus" amongst 1st A.I.F. unit associations.

Again we were pleased to have representatives of our sister units of the Brigade with us.

Mat. Edwards, President, accompanied by the Hon. Secretary, Bill Power, of the 1st Battalion Association, came along. Mat. has been on the Eilat Committee for some years and we congratulate him on the distinction of being elected to that office. Bill Power has nearly equalled the record of our own Secretary in his length of service in that office, and the Eilat Association can rest content that under his enthusiastic guidance their affairs are well managed.

Mat. had the response to the Visitors' Toast, and very fittingly referred to the linked ties which link our units.

Bob Pellingham, Vice-President, and Bob Dera, A. Secretary, represented the 5th Association, and it was a pleasure to entertain such respectable members of the 5th. Bob declared he felt quite at home amongst us, which was what he wanted aim to feel, and that, a most well-observed fact, appreciated the night.

It is regrettable that Messrs. J. A. Kenny, Secretary, and A. Pike, of the Committee, represented the 37th Association. Two common words of the "Old Forge Diamond" is a very happy one, and we accept, as a sign, their obvious attachment to us as other brothers. We had to call on Pip Appel for a few words, and in that regard he was true to form. Pip has the happy knack of saying a lot in a few words.

We included amongst our visitors Leslie Fowell, son of an original member of the battalion, No. 671, W. M. (Pip) Fowell, now of Highgate Hill, London. Leslie served in the last show in the I.A.F., and on demobilisation decided to move himself and family to Melbourne. He contacted us soon after his arrival here, and naturally was invited to our Re-union as the representative of his Father. He was very kind to his Father in giving letters of his night with us, and Pip was most appreciative of our guests to Fowell, Jr. Leslie made the most of an otherwise quiet night, and made a very good job of the show.

Last year we had a splendid interstate representation, and their presence for the occasion is worthy of note.

Our S.A. members, Bob Geaves and Jaker Ferguson, made a special trip over again. As shown on the list of donations received, these two members and Chas. Fulton were responsible for our Funds receiving £10/-/- from their Anzac Day function. We have acknowledged their very generous donation, but wish it to be recorded also in the "Echo", so that members will know of their very practical effort.

Incidentally, Bob reported on his arrival in Melbourne that, as they were about to board a plane at Adelaide for the trip over, Chas. Fulton arrived in one on his return from his trip to U.K. They were able to exchange greetings for a few moments and Charles deputed them to convey his greetings to all battalion friends.

We understand that Charles had a very happy few months in U.K., but was very disappointed to find that he could not obtain "Old Court" in Scotland. We will take this grave omission up with our Commonwealth Export Department.

Frank Rowden made it his business to have a business conference in Melbourne on 26th September, and for the first time since 1929 was present at a Re-union. The passage of years has left no mark on Frank, and if anything he looks as young as ever. Frank thoroughly appreciated the opportunity of meeting old comrades, and the time together was all too short. We have invited him to do some more skull-duggery this year.

Geoff. Littler (ex-M.G. Section) and now a successful primary producer at Devonport, Tasmania, made a special journey to be at the show. As Geoff. said on reporting in at Essendon, he wanted to attend at least one Re-union before he passed on. This was his first appearance, as he moved over to Tasmania soon after his return from active service, and has been denied the opportunity of earlier attendances. However, Geoff. is by no means an old man (yet) and we look forward to many repeat performances.

Jack McKay (Ex-Signal Section), now a service station proprietor in Cowra (N.S.W.), was another who forsook business cares and ties to have a week in Melbourne during September. As to be expected, the Sigs present were delighted to meet Jack again, particularly as he had, the previous year, returned from a six months' trip to Europe and had a great array of photographic records of his travels. He had pictures of places which were still prominent in our memories, but which have now no resemblance to the desolate areas we recollect. Jack promises another trip to that area, which before long.

We must add a few words of commendation to our absentee members who contributed "in absentia" a list of them is recorded elsewhere.

Keith McRae, Echuca, regretted that he could not attend, but sent his respects to all old soldiers. By that he means "CS" and we reciprocate heartily.

Arch Swan (Hupatrup) had not attended for two years, and apologized—with appropriate recompense—in us. Arch was the busy marketing sheep, and other things.

Jack Main (Dhoot) retired from Education Department on 12th October and could not get away in September. However, now that he has no ties, he intends coming down for 1953 Re-union. His contribution was stipulated to help to wash some dust down. Now, what did he mean by that?

John A. Welsh (Swan Hill) felt so concerned that he had been remiss in attending our functions that he let his head go properly. Thanks, John, for your sub. and sentiment toward the "Old Batt." John had anticipations of being at the show last year and sent special regards to Kohn Bros. and Len Mac.

Jack Graham (Nyah) was in much the same situation and accompanied his donation with good wishes for a jolly good night for all.

John Robertson (Lake Bolac) was actuated by similar motives when he could not attend in 1961. Thanks, John, and hope for better things this year.

Arthur Tostevin (Mildura) boasts that he has nearly as much avoirdupois as Len Macdonald—he should not advertise that. Arthur contributed, and stated that he would be with us at 9.30 p.m. on Re-union Night.

We would like others—enforced absentees—to note that hour on Friday, 25th September, 1963.

Fred Warman (Tatura) has his calendar marked "Show Time—Re-union Time". Good idea that—others please note. Fred had to mix out again, and lamented accordingly, but reckons he will get down to town one of these occasions and make up for lost time. Keep it in moderation, Fred—remember your age.

John Sutherland (Seymour) sent a sub. and regrets that he had to remain at Seymour on 25th September. Too bad, Jack.

Harold Aston (Traralgon), who usually wangles a visit to the Melbourne Show, was stymied last year, and we had to record his absence. Harold was there in spirit though.

With regret we learned that ill health prevented W. A. Jamieson (Armadale) from attending. Bill has had indifferent health for a long time, but donated and joined in the 9.30 toast.

W. M. Holstock (Chelsea) sent some very nice words about the Committee, together with a donation to help along with the show. Thanks for both, Bill.

Harry Craker (Oakleigh) kept on our good books, but we have nearly forgotten what he looks like. We do appreciate your ever-ready support Harry, but what about coming up and seeing us some time.

We have already given Tom Jewell (South Morang) a mention in this issue, but we must acknowledge, with thanks, his support for the Re-union. Tom particularly wanted special cheeries to be given Geo. Walker and Ted Draper. They must be related.

Alex Deig (Williamstown) regretted that his willing spirit and willing flesh did not coincide on Re-union Night. Although in nominal retirement these days, Alex was actually using an extension ladder last September. Must have been searching for mushrooms.

We were favoured with a donation from Mrs. Thurston, of Lilydale. She sent it along as a memorial to her late husband, Arthur L. Thurston, and with her best wishes to the 22nd Bn. Association.

Mrs. B. H. Noakes, Brighton, was actuated by similar motives, and sent along a donation from herself and son, Ron, in memory of B. H. Noakes. Incidentally, Ron has recently qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Architecture.

Lou Bodsworth's daughter, Mrs. Myers, of Springvale, sent along a donation to the show. For years she has been doing that, and naturally we appreciate her action. "Body" gets quite a kick out of being her messenger for the purpose, and we have deputed him to convey our thanks to Mrs. Myers.

Our pianist at the Re-union, Reg. Howe, appreciated our show so much that he insisted on giving us a donation. We must have made a good impression on him, and he certainly gave us good service.

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Secretary, 5th October, 1962.

I am writing to thank you and the Committee for a grand re-union at the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, 26th September last. I had not been to a re-union since the last held in the Manchester Unity Hall, Swanston Street.

My lad was coming down for a re-union of his unit on the same night, so he made no come, too, and I do not regret it. From the time I arrived at the Town Hall, until I left, I renewed more acquaintances with old pals than I thought possible. How the times have changed; just a real happy party.

What a pity more do not attend; they would be just as much surprised as I was.

Col. Wittshire and Dr. Craig carry their age well, and although most of the chaps are getting to be old men, it was great to revive old memories in their company.

Sailor Parsons and Bill McLeash seem to be as lively as ever, and Cass still looking after the money.

The Committee are doing a grand job, and I, for one, hope they continue the good work for a long time to come. Yours sincerely,

(Rather than embarrass our member, we have withheld his name and address, but the tone of his letter is typical of the sentiments of others who do not commit their appreciation to written form, but are just as enthusiastic about our Re-unions.)

Receipt is acknowledged of donations to the Re-union from the following "absentee" members:

Geo. Carter, Welshpool.	A. Milne, Cockatoo.
F. C. Cooper, Yarraville.	F. G. Vaughan, Girgarra.
H. Craker, Oakleigh.	A. Wilson, Prahran.
J. S. Grayland, Camperdown.	A. W. Hinds, Hawthorn.
T. Jewell, South Morang.	L. W. Speak, Launceston.
A. Deig, Williamstown.	S. Mossop, Seaford.
K. McCrae, Echuca.	W. P. McCormick, Wangaratta.
A. G. Swan, Rupanyup.	E. W. Day, Dimboola.
J. M. Main, Orbat.	A. Coustley, Horsham.
H. C. Haines, Hawthorn.	F. W. Lavender, Rutherglen.
G. C. Gilham, Hobart.	Geo. Walker, Burnley.
F. G. Shaw, Blackburn.	W. A. Freeman, Castlemaine.
J. A. Welsh, Swan Hill.	B. Gray, Grassmere.
J. S. Graham, Nyah.	N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.
L. Bain, Coburg.	J. C. Quiggan, Shepparton.
J. Robertson, Lake Bolac.	C. H. Ponder, Woolthorpe.
J. T. Vale, Footscray.	W. Frasset, Lockhart.
Mal Davey, Preston.	G. Thompson, Beechworth.
A. Q. Sinclair, Bulwyn.	S. Wilson, Mildura.
A. L. Tostevin, Mildura.	T. Brenchan, Surrey Hills.
E. W. R. Smith, Koroora.	S. J. Koss, Croydon.
F. J. Warman, Tatura.	F. Benn, Hawthorn.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	H. Dawson, Bannockburn.
W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.	W. Purvis, Horsham.
H. Aston, Traralgon.	A. B. Hampton, Irymple.
W. Holstock, Chelsea.	A. Salmon, Caulfield.
N. Hoyle, Kew.	G. Cottam, Ringwood.

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT REUNION,

26th September, 1952.

A. H. Buckland.	W. M. Wilson.	W. Eastwistle.
J. H. Cross.	W. Horman.	W. DeBoos.
J. W. Drummy.	W. Watkins.	I. Peterson.
L. W. Macdonald.	W. Timms.	A. R. Wiltshire.
R. S. Baker.	J. Tallyn.	J. B. Armstrong.
J. Gibson.	J. Edwards.	C. H. Pritchard.
D. Lechitz.	P. Gibbs.	S. Sheldon.
J. Harwood.	G. Kenyon.	J. Wood.
L. W. Howship.	T. Hatfield.	H. Clifford.
J. Topliff.	W. Lyndon.	D. Phillips.
W. Graham.	G. Giroud.	R. Penhallurick.
G. Caulfield.	D. McCallum.	A. Seuling.
R. Thomas.	E. W. Hunter.	W. Cawthorn.
W. Martin.	C. C. Christie.	R. C. Briginshaw.
D. J. Whiteley.	G. Goodall.	H. Rayner.
K. Meldrum.	K. Sutherland.	E. Crosbie.
M. Cowan.	H. J. King.	H. J. Vaughan.
A. Gould.	A. Cook.	T. Rowden.
A. H. Tierney.	E. Draper.	C. Dagg.
C. Cochrane.	S. Tytler.	T. Webb.
W. Hansen.	T. McKenzie.	S. Ellis.
J. Hope.	E. K. Adams.	L. Bodsworth.
H. Hayes.	I. Isifer.	J. Edwards.
R. Thewlis.	N. H. Dinsley.	G. Littler.
L. C. Good.	T. Hardwicke.	C. G. Burn.

In addition, receipt is acknowledged of donations from the following:

- Mrs. A. L. Thurston (Lilydale), in memory of her late husband.
- Mrs. E. H. Noakes (Brighton), in memory of her late husband.
- Mrs. Meyers (Clayton), daughter of L. Bodsworth.
- Mr. E. Rowe, Pianist at the Re-union.

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

We are keeping in close contact with the members of the 2/22nd. At their last Annual Meeting held in January, Mr. Arthur Pike was elected President and Mr. C. O. Barry Secretary.

The original Secretary from the creation of the Association, Mr. W. Reed, has had to relinquish the job owing to pressure of business. Mr. Hill is now in the general business—relating to.

Col. Barry has been in the Committee for years and will no doubt carry on the essential job as successfully as his predecessor.

Our Vice-President, Mr. Norm Stevens, attended the Annual Meeting as our representative and was very well pleased with his receipt. At that meeting, Mr. Hill Cook, of Sydney, who had been the recipient the previous year of a handsome testimonial from his battalion mates, when he was unfortunately injured to lose both legs in a railway accident, was present. Hill has been provided by Repatriation Department, with a Hillman Mini car, fitted up with special padding to enable him to operate it. He Hill and Mrs. Cook received from Barry and, also a visit to Melbourne, returned about three and a half.

For a man who had suffered so severely at Japanese hands, and then to survive such a calamitous accident as he did, Hill is "one in a million", and we are pleased to know he can enjoy operating his own car. The 2/22nd are holding a get-together on Anzac Eve, to which we have been invited. Needless to say, we will be there.

TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The 3rd 22nd Battalion Association is going along fine, and at their last Annual Meeting elected Mr. John McFadden as President for the fifth successive year.

Mr. J. W. Larman continues to look after the Secretarial job.

The Committee are now busily engaged on writing up their Battalion History and are finding it no easy task.

Like all other unit histories, the difficulty is to confine into a medium-sized volume the story of their activities in World War II. We will look forward with interest to its eventual publication.

Owing to the pressure on available hall space the Battalion Association has had to defer its usual Anzac Eve show until a date in May.

As with all their previous functions, we will receive invitations to be represented, a pleasure we have never denied ourselves.

"LEST WE FORGET"

We can take a little comfort in the fact that the list of our members who have "passed on" is less than 50 per cent. of the number recorded for 1951.

We only learned from his brother, Mick, at last Anzac Day parade, that Jim Cowan had died in Canberra on 1st January, 1951.

Bob Bourke, so well known to all of us, died suddenly at Moorooroo on 25th July, and was buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery on the 28th. A large number of Battalion members attended the funeral.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

During the year, and on the two occasions on which we congregate, Anzac Day and the Re-union, members donate freely to the Association and, as a formal acknowledgment, the following lists are published.

MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1952

A. H. Wiltshire, Melbourne.	A. Quinlan, Melbourne.
T. Hoare, Upwey.	W. J. Nelson, W. Geelong.
L. G. A. Good, Sydney.	J. James, Auburn.
B. Mitchell, Preston.	F. G. Robinson, Lismore.
H. Bennett, Arundale.	J. E. McKay, Geelong (A.N.Z.).
H. C. Halms, Hawthorn.	H. C. Halms, Hawthorn.
I. T. Birtwistle, Perth (W.A.).	N. Finn, Angholm.
I. Bain, Coburg.	A. Brown, Edward.
H. Brunton, Brighton.	E. H. Bishop, Edward.
C. S. Bell, Montrose.	S. Brown, Adelaide.
H. Wilkin, Stah.	C. Wilson, Adelaide.
H. Briginshaw, Caulfield.	A. McFarquhar, Adelaide.
J. D. Nicholson, Perth (W.A.).	J. Brown, Adelaide.
E. Wilson, Brighton.	

LEST WE FORGET

1951

4401	COWAN, J., Canberra	Jan. 1
129	BROWN, W. R., Corowa	July 11
	WOODMAN, F. J., Ormond	Sept. 21
3428	BROWN, H. J., Wamboona	Nov. 8

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4128	FINDLAY, S. J., Sale	Feb. 18
50424	PEARSON, J. W., Denalla	Apr. 9
50643	BLAKE, T. A., North Fitzroy	Apr. 18
106	VOGUE, H., Richmond	May 4
3422	TOCKNOTT, R., Heidelberg	May 8
112	LOCKIE, P. R., Camberwell	May 8
4781	STILLMAN, J., Sunbury	June 18
	SMELLY, L., Esserford	June 27
286	HURT, M. T., Ascot Vale	June 18
4688	CLARK, L. S. L., E. M. Koola	June 28
4194A	DAHL, S. E., Heidelberg	July 1
5245	KNIGHT, A. W.	July 19
18640	HOURKE, R. I., Denalla	July 25
1818	McMULLEN, F. R.	Aug. 2
5025	HARRIMAN, T. H., Elmore	Aug. 17
4714	GILBY, R. A. E., Denonswick	Aug. 26
4549	SMITH, T. D., Hobart	Oct. 25
5084	FOOTE, A. H. J., Heidelberg	Nov. 2
5784	AUSTIN, J. W.	Nov. 18
1112	HAYES, J.	Dec. 18
581	HAYES, M., Preston	Dec. 22

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	WINDSTREL, J., Hobart	Mar. 11
1442	CRUSSETT, H., Geelong	Apr. 18



TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1952.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance, B.S.B., December 31, 1951	Printing "Echo"
Sale of Banners—Adams Day	Printing "Echo"
Members' Subscriptions	Banners for Adams Day
Donations at Reunions	Newsclips and stationery
Sale of Battalion books	City
Interest, B.S.B.	Deposit — Town Hall, September 25, 1952
Credit Balance Reunion, Sept. 28, 1952	Cash Received — D. Kemp
	Telephone, Bond
	Printing
	General
	Birthday Cards
	Subscriptions—Secretary
	Cash on Hand
	Balance, B.S.B., December 31, 1952
£128 7 10	£128 7 10