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FOREWORD

From the President

Gentlemen.—In opening this year's "Echo," I deeply appreciate the honour that you have bestowed on me in electing me your President, and for this I say, "Thank you."

We are approaching another Anzac Day, and in celebrating that day let us not forget those of our comrades who have passed on, and also the bereaved relatives who are left.

The usual reunion of members was held in the Melbourne Town Hall, and was a great success. The praise by the troops would amply repay the ladies who prepared the tables, and to them I say thanks for a good job well done.

In closing, I thank our Secretary, F. Russell, and Treasurer, F. Castledine, and all the members of the Committee, who band together so well, for the support they accorded me in my term of office.

N. STEVENS, President.

15th April, 1955

GENERAL

This year we will have reached our 40th birthday, since the battalion's formation in Broadmeadows in 1915, and its departure on 8th May of that year. That is a fair span of years, and we can look back with satisfaction to a quite praiseworthy war effort as a fighting unit, and certainly a record of civil progress since the Association was formed in 1918. Our effective membership is over 800 now. We may be growing old in years, but our vitality is as good as ever, as evidenced by the state of our finances.

The Committee maintains the attitude that we may not always have such prosperous times as we have had, and consequently husband our funds zealously. The members have no doubt as to the necessity for maintaining our Association, and each year they voluntarily subscribe, although in many cases distance precludes them from actually participating in our functions.

With such a spirit of "esprit de battalion," we need have no fears for the future of the Association for the next forty years. The first forty are always the hardest ? ? ?

In accordance with established custom, Mr. N. Stevens has been elected our President for this year. Norm has been one of the most unobtrusive members of the Committee for many years, but always available for any task which requires attention. It is a very fitting reward that he occupies the Presidential position for this year.

After a year of service, Mr. Jack Kohn relinquished that position in September last, after well and worthily carrying on the good record of the Association for twelve months.

There have been a few changes in the Committee membership.

After years of service, ill-health and family ties necessitated the resignation of Mr. Harold Craig, and for similar reasons, Mr. A. Salmon had to relinquish his position. In order to fill these vacancies, Mr. C. M. Chamberlain and Mr. J. T. E. Greig were invited and have agreed to join the Committee. Both these gentlemen are well-known to the battalion members, and the Committee will be strengthened by their presence.

Reference is made elsewhere in this issue of a change of location for our next re-union. This has been necessitated by the conversion of our usual room in the Melbourne Town Hall for the headquarters of the staff administering the Olympic Games.

ANZAC DAY, 1955.

Our great day has come round again and, apart from details of our assembly point, no further invitation to our members is required.

Our rendezvous has been changed. We assemble in Bourke Street: North side, between Swanston and Russell Streets. Actually in front of Hoyts Esquire Theatre — opposite the Tivoli. Time: 1 p.m.

The time of starting the march has been fixed at 2.15 p.m., three-quarters of an hour later than previous years. That will give us more time together at the rendezvous, and no doubt the troops will take full advantage of that. We are the third Division of the First A.I.F. in the line of march, so we should not move off before 2.30 p.m.

Members are requested to be in attendance early, so that we can have more time to conduct our "unofficial" re-union on that occasion. We have to realize that a great percentage of our chaps cannot do the march these days, but they attend the muster to meet old comrades. Wearing of medals is in order, and troops should need no urging to wear 'em on Anzac Day.

The Anzac Day Commemoration Council has requested Unit Associations to advise their members of the necessity of maintaining formations for the full distance of the march.

Troops will march twelve abreast, and the intervals between units has been reduced to the minimum.

Breaking off en route is bad, and reflects on the unit. Furthermore it is hardly a fair go to the public lining the route, to have their comfort and pleasure upset by men scrambling through the crowd.

The complete distance is only 1½ miles, and surely we can all do that — without packs or equipment.

It is further enjoined that all troops must traverse the Shrine Forecourt and pay their respects to the Eternal Flame at the end of it, just adjoining the Shrine proper.

Avenues to break off will be available there, and no one, either marchers or onlookers, will be unduly disturbed.

The lower terrace of the Shrine has been reserved for the troops to assemble for the Service which will follow the march.

We will not have Colonel Wiltshire to lead us this year, as he is on a visit to Colombo. Prior to his departure, he left a message conveying his regards to all the troops.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine will take place this year on Sunday, 8th May — the fortieth anniversary of the departure of the "Ulysses" from Port Melbourne with the original battalion.

The increased attendance at last year's ceremony can be improved upon, and in a fitting manner we can honour the day and give Remembrance to our departed comrades.

Reference to our "Lost We Forget" list in this issue will demonstrate how our ranks are being depleted with the passage of the years.

Assemble on St. Kilda Road, opposite Victoria Barracks, at 2.30 p.m., and after a short march to the Shrine, the Ceremony of Remembrance will be conducted at 3 p.m. This consists of a short service in, or as near as possible to the Inner Shrine, and an address will be given by one of our members.

1955 REUNION

Coming events have upset the well-ordered arrangements for our annual reunion, and for this and the next two years we will have to hold them away from the Melbourne Town Hall.

The Olympic Games Council has been established in "our" room at the Town Hall and, rather than hold up the administration of the Olympic Council, we have to be satisfied with other venues. However, we have secured the Foresters' Hall in Latrobe Street, and in due course further particulars will be announced. We have retained our customary period for the re-union, but it will be held on the first Friday of Show Week this year (23rd September) and not on the last Friday, as hitherto.

ANZAC DAY, 1954.

We were fortunate last year in that the weather could not have been better and that lent a real picnic atmosphere to the parade. As usual, we had a good muster at the assembly point; but, much as we regret having to admit it, age is making itself felt these days, for only about 50 per cent of those on parade actually marched. However, the spirit was willing irrespective of the weakness of the flesh. Again we have to record our pleasure at the attendance on parade of members who have been A.W.L. for years.

Jack Dundas (Northcote), admitted to an absence of twenty years; with beaucoup apologies. Jack made amends by donating heavily to the Association, and we are duly mollified.

Peter McKay (Cresney) was another prodigal son with twenty years "in smoke." Peter now grows sheep at Cresney and has had few opportunities to attend the march in Melbourne. Now that he has broken the ice, we anticipate seeing him more often.

Ern Anderson (Bright) was another. Ern traversed Victoria to be with us on parade and was very agreeably surprised to meet many old soldiers of his youth.

George Ditke (Murrumbidgee) has also been amongst those "not present" for twenty years or more, and was properly apologetic.

Jack Neader (North Fitzroy), No. 69 of the original M.G. Section attended the muster and was content at that. Jack has now a good score of years and is taking life easily. He has associated himself with the 5th M.G. Battalion Association, but intends being at our next Re-union to look up old gunners.

Alex. Dalg (Williamstown), ex-Boer War, 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars — a real glutton — paraded and stayed put. Quite right, too, for a veteran who started squad drill in 1909.

Dr. Craig was there: it would not be an Anzac Day without him. He seems to have the personal acquaintance of every member, for no

one seems not to know him. Three years ago, one member on parade, when told the identity of Col. Wiltshire, remarked that "he thought he remembered his dial." That does not apply to the Doctor apparently.

Arthur Sturrock was content to listen in to the march. So he sent apologies and deputed son Walter to act for both.

W. Wagner came all the way from Neerim South to be in it.

W. Martin (Thornbury) and **J. Tudden** (South Yarra) got together again. They, too, waved us goodbye from the S.P. and were happy at that.

Otto Habel came down from Murtoa just to say that he was on parade. Otto never misses a Re-union either.

Chas. Franklin (Mornington) journeyed up from his resort for the outing with the troops. Brought regards from **Frank Shlecks** of that city. We regret to learn that Charles lost his wife in 1953.

Harold Aston (Traralgon) escaped duty last year and answered the roll call. Duty kept him away from the previous Re-union, but he made a cert. of the march. (Unfortunately Harold was the victim of a fatal accident in September last year.)

Harry Norman (Hawthorn) has had rather a bad spell of ill-health and was in Rockingham Hospital for a while. Looked only 85 per cent fit.

Arthur Gould (Hopetoun) was present in more ways than one. He must touch twenty stone now, and that is far too much weight for the march of two miles. So he was also in "B" Coy.

R. Peterson (Hawthorn) sent apologies for his inability to attend the march, but he is custodian of the Hawthorn Town Hall (has been for the past 28 years) and must be in attendance there on Anzac Day.

Alf Pocock attendand and brought that message from **Bob Peterson**. Alf has made a wonderful recovery from a motor accident two years back, when he was for months laid up with a broken leg.

Chas. Ponder (Woolthorpe) is another who has his hutch of trouble and was in Heidelberg for a few weeks in 1953.

Frank Sturrock (Brunswick) looks no older now than he did twenty years ago. How do these fellows do it? Must have been wonderful babies.

Alex. Cook (Toorak) accompanied **E. German** on the march, and our scouts have not reported whether either completed the distance or not. We imagine that both would be far too honourable to fall out — not fall down.

Comments on the parade would not be complete without a mention of our standard bearer, **Fred Holmes**, of Brunswick. Fred has had that job for thirteen years. He won't bear of a relief carrier, and woe betide anyone who tries to usurp his privilege. We do appreciate Fred's services and thank him for past and future voluntary duty.

W. J. Cawthorn (Kallista) attended the assembly, but was due to give the address at the Kalorama ceremony at 3 p.m. So, when we moved off, he motored back to that engagement. We very much appreciate his attendance and in travelling that long journey just to have a word or two with old comrades.

In June last, **General Cawthorn** left Australia to return to Pakistan as High Commissioner for Australia. He will occupy that post for three years, so his retirement after 25 years in the British Army in India was only a temporary respite from his association with that country.

Jim Crocker is another of our itinerant members; spent four months in England in 1953 and looks none the worse for it.

DONATIONS RECEIVED, ANZAC DAY, 1954.

Cash received from the sale of Buttons on Anzac Day totalled £57.6/3, and included in that amount were the donations received from members recorded in the following list—

S. Tytler, Essendon.	E. Anderson, Bright.
W. Graham, Pascoe Vale.	T. Jewell, South Morang.
J. Goodall, Yarraville.	K. Moore, Bacchus Marsh.
J. Urquhart, Thornbury.	W. Liston, Oakleigh.
E. D. Cobb, Surrey Hills.	N. Hanson, Clifton Hill.
R. V. Williamson, Footscray.	T. Hoare, Upwey.
A. Gavan, Abbotsford.	A. W. Gould, Hopetoun.
D. W. Harricks, Ararat.	P. Gregory, Mentone.
T. J. Whiteway, Coburg.	C. Cooper, Dandenong.
J. Darroch, Monbulk.	F. O'Meara, Almurta.
A. Deag, Williamstown.	H. R. Barnett, Malvern.
J. Crocker, Clifton Hill.	W. Beale, Thornbury.
A. Wilson, Prahran.	H. L. Norman, Hawthorn.
A. Sueling, East Brighton.	A. H. Brown, Essendon.
C. H. Franklin, Mornington.	G. Cochrans, Abbotsford.
F. Schliebs, Morningside.	Dr. W. B. Craig, Kew.
R. J. Wright, Camberwell.	P. Thurlow, Garden Vale.
C. F. Monk, Coburg.	C. O'Beirne, North Fitzroy.
W. R. Watkins, Kew.	W. Tierney, North Fitzroy.
F. W. Alder, Coburg.	L. G. A. Good, Surrey Hills.
A. C. Cook, Toorak.	F. South, Bairnsdale.
F. Sturrock, North Carlton.	W. Leviston, Ringwood.
A. Pocock, Hawthorn.	N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.
D. W. Edwards, Mitcham.	H. A. Skeoch, Diamond Creek.
W. P. Yelverton, Brighton.	W. Langan, Essendon.
W. Martin, Thornbury.	N. H. Dooley, Ivanhoe.
J. Tudden, South Yarra.	P. Gibb, Richmond.
W. Gascoyne, Abbotsford.	L. Powys, North Balwyn.
W. Wagner, Neerim South.	J. Webb, Burnley.
J. Ryan, Alphington.	J. Cugley, Thornbury.
E. Gorman, Caulfield.	W. Sturrock, Brighton.
C. C. Christie, Alphington.	A. Sturrock, South Melbourne.
H. Jackson, Oakleigh.	W. Chamberlain, Flemington.
C. A. R. Dawes, Toorak.	J. H. Kennett, Ruffey.
P. A. Amiel, Korumburra.	K. Meldrum, Elsternwick.
O. W. Oldfield, Westmere.	W. Beesall, South Melbourne.
E. Batten, Oakleigh.	G. A. McKenzie, Abbotsford.
F. Holmes, Brunswick.	A. J. Spencer, Thornbury.
T. Cullen, Brunswick West.	

PROPAGANDA

One of our past presidents has achieved a unique family record and challenges any member to better it. He has two children and eight grand children. We admit that's pretty good, and while we don't want

to start a competition at this stage, we shall be pleased to publish a better—or near-record of any member who furnishes particulars.

We have often cogitated over who is the youngest member of the Association, which also implies who was the youngest in the Battalion. We reckon **W. H. Fullard** takes the belt. He was 57 in February, 1955, and was on Gallipoli. That takes some beating.

Ern. Smith, of Coburg, was 56 on 16th January, 1956, but joined the Unit in 1918. Ern may be the youngest now, but we invite members to supply their particulars, if better, or equal to these two.

Jim Topliff (Murrumbena) has a claim in this competition. He will be 58 on 13th December, 1955. He joined the battalion at Tel el Kabir, after Gallipoli, and celebrated his 21st birthday at Gourdinne. This means that Jim was only 17 (actually — official age was different) when he left Australia in September, 1915.

At the other end of age qualifications, the oldest member on service must have been **Val Vouden**, who died in 1934 at the age of 80.

George Casteau runs him close, for he died in 1951 at the age of 82. Old timers is right.

R. W. Rees received the reward for long and good service when, with 79 others, he was the recipient of a wristlet watch for long service with the firm of Brooks Robinson. That firm celebrated its 100th anniversary on 20th Mky, 1954, and a special function was held on that date to honour the occasion. Reg. has had over forty years' continuous service and we congratulate him on his record.

For quite a few days after the party Reg. was besieged by his well-meaning friends enquiring the time of him. The new watch worked overtime and Reg. was quite happy to oblige his enquirers.

HAROLD CRAIG

After continuous service on the Committee from its inception in 1918, **Harold Craig** has had to "stand down." Both he and Mrs. Craig have had indifferent health for some years, and very reluctantly Harold had to withdraw from the Committee. After such sterling service of over 36 years' duration, we would like to record in this paper our appreciation of his efforts in furthering the interests of the Association. Harold was Secretary for a while in the early days, and was President for three years (1945-1948), following on Dr. Craig's record of thirteen years in that position (1932-1945).

We anticipate having Harold as a very active member of the Association for many years to come, and would like him to know that we say "Thank you, Harold," for services well and truly rendered.

PERSONAL PARS

Our roll of globe trotters continues to expand. Last year we commented on three who had made the trek to U.K. and other places. We learned on Anzac Day that **E. Hitchings** had just returned from twelve months overseas. While in U.K. he had looked up **Vic. Kirby**, in Bristol.

Bill and Mrs. Holstock, who spent twelve months abroad, called on Padre Durnford in November last. The Padre wrote telling us of this visit and how much he appreciated the talk with Bill of incidents now nearly forty years old. In the same letter the Padre reported that Bill and Mrs. Lyndon had paid him a visit, also in November, during the short time allowed by a tourist bus stop in Alnwick. Two Battalion callers in one month. No wonder the Padre was overwhelmed.

Len. Howship, who made the trip in 1953, had also called on the Padre.

Ron. Holdsworth and Mrs. Holdsworth leave in the "Iberia" on 30th April for a jaunt abroad. He too will call on Padre Durnford, who will be wondering when this procession of Battalion visitors will run out.

Harry and Mrs. Hayes (East Malvern) embark in the "Strathmore" on 28th April for U.K. and other places. Harry is taking advantage of long service leave to have this trip. Lucky people.

A. R. Wiltshire has retired from banking and is devoting his leisure to various board directorships. He and Mrs. Wiltshire have now taken a short visit to Colombo, and the Colonel will not be with us for Anzac Day.

Norm Stevens, our President, has been on a jaunt to Queensland. He spent a month burning up the roads, and arranged his tour so as to be with us on parade on 25th April.

Our members continue to do those things associated with all human activities.

Len. MacDonald has retired to his urban villa in Glenhuntly and devotes his leisure to horticulture and bowls — mostly the latter.

Stan Adams has done likewise, but finds himself actively engaged in hospital visiting and similar pursuits.

Arch. Salmer has had a bad run of ill-health and had a few weeks in Heidelberg in January.

R. S. Seal (Colony) is at present in Heidelberg and taking things very quietly there.

Ken. Finn was also an inmate at Heidelberg in January.

Jim Matthews, who moved to Queensland last year, has now adopted a caravan as a home, and when he writes last had anchored it at Coolangub. Although space may be limited, Jim extends a cordial invitation to any member who moves that far afield to look him up. The police will be able to advise Jim's location — for guidance purposes only.

Sure evidence of the march of time: are such items as the celebration of the twenty-first birthday, on 3rd December, of Nola Baker, only child of R. S. and Mrs. Baker, of Elsternwick.

T. C. Garner (Caulfield) performed with credit his role as "Father of the Bride" to daughter Merie on 18th September, 1954.

H. Stewart Harvey (Toorak) had to forgo business activity for a few days in September to undergo an eye operation. Ironically, Stewart is a very prominent eye specialist in the city. How do these things happen?

Vic. Moore (Heidelberg), has been a keen gunman (sporting) for years, but recently figured involuntarily in an aquatic incident. Vic was after the ducks when he accidentally was thrown into deep water, which meant the loss of his gun and ammunition, and a rather severe shock in addition.

Giff Thomson (Beechworth) has retired from the Town Clerkship of Beechworth after many years' occupancy of that position. For the time being he proposes to enjoy his retirement at the scene of his years of labour.

E. D. Cobb (Surrey Hills) spends most of his days at home, being useful around the place. Kitchen gardening is his hobby, quite successful, too.

Bill Matthews (Caulfield) underwent an operation in Prince Henry's Intermediate Hospital in October last. Bill's going on well now, and in January this year became a grandpa — to daughter Heather's first-born (a daughter).

J. W. Ash, now living in retirement at Boronia, made handsome amends for his self-styled "neglect" of the Association. Under the circumstances we wouldn't argue with him for worlds.

Stan. Tytler

At the famous 2nd Division sports at Quierlesau in 1918, Stan, was given the "good oil" about a "dark horse" in the mule race — nominated by a pal in the Div. Artillery. Stan secured 200 francs and plonked the lot on the good thing. The "Bookmaker" — one of many unregistered operators — had adopted a pyjama coat over his uniform as a distinguishing mark. As it happened, he had an ulterior motive, for after the "good thing" was handsomely at very long odds, the pseudo bookmaker could not be found, and has not yet been located or Stan's 200 francs either. Naturally, a search for a gentleman in a pyjama coat was fruitless, and Stan is still lamenting.

Another episode concerns Stan and his erstwhile companion, "Ducky" McFarlane, Battalion runners. At Ypres in 1917, after a very hectic trip through straits, they arrived at Battalion H.Q. very much done in. The Adjutant, the late Captain I. P. Stewart, offered each of them a fair slice of meat pie, which was consumed with relish. An invitation to a repetition was also accepted and that, too, soon disappeared. When

neither of them showed any signs of discomfort other than an excess of food, the Adjutant informed them that they had just consumed a German souvenir, which no-one at H.Q. had been game to tackle. Stan. is still wondering whether the Adjutant acted out of a spirit of benevolence or was just experimenting.

1954 RE-UNION

Our annual function for 1954 was the usual happy affair, but apparently we will have to admit to the passage of years since 1918, if the attendance is any criterion. We would not like to suggest that our members are all in the serene and mellow stage, but to some such reason must be attributed to the absence of so many.

However, those present made the most of their opportunities, and for three hours re-lived their experiences of 1915-18. They forgot their ages for the time being and, over a convivial cup, recounted adventures and escapades which lost none of their former splendour in the recounting.

Our lady helpers had again responded nobly in assisting Mrs. Russell in setting out the tables for the "do." The use of tablecloths and paper plates for the food items lend that touch which is so much appreciated. Experience has taught us that the present conduct of our re-unions is the best. The members just want to meet again and "mag" over a glass or two. Incidentally, they don't want too many of them either these days, and everybody is happy to practise moderation. In times that are gone, the extreme opposite was reckoned the essence of a good night.

Following the Loyal Toast, the President called for a silence and, with all present standing, Mr. B. Armstrong read a list of the names of 25 members who had died since our last function.

We were pleased to have a good representation of our sister units with us: Messrs. K. Trewartha, President, and A. Telford, Hon. Secretary of the 23rd; E. Best, President, and Geo. Russell, of the 2/22nd; and J. McFadden, President, and I. Joseph, Hon. Secretary, of the 22nd Infantry Battalion. The toast of "Our Guests" was very ably proposed by Ray Baker, and Mr. Trewartha, of the 23rd, responded for them all.

One of our members who had never attended a re-union was Bill Watson, of Richmond. Bill had no reasons to offer for his delinquency but freely admitted that he had been missing something for years and he won't be out of it again.

From the casualty list, it would appear that a Mills bomb must have lobbed amongst the committee. Harold Smith had had a very bad time with his feet over the previous seven weeks and was confined to bed.

Harold Vawdon allowed his business interests to take him to Adelaide at that time, and Wal. Starrock had similar reasons for being in that same city at that time. We have no doubt that they both merged with our Adelaide contemporaries for a miniature re-union on their own.

Charlie Hildebrand was pushed off on annual holidays the week previous and was well out of range on that night. His usual pony on the oak deck was taken over by Ray Baker. Each of our absent executive members contributed in absentia and were included in the 120 toast.

We were delighted to give a special and cordial welcome to our Sydney members, Lew Pimblett, John Masters and Frank Stillely. The latter two had never been to a re-union previously, and to them it was more than a re-union, it was an event. Lew had been a regular attender when he resided here, and had visited us at various times since his move to Sydney. We trust that our Sydney members will have the very best impressions of our function and will be able to report favourably to the 6th Brigade Association in Sydney.

Our Adelaide members could not repeat their previous visits of 1953 and 1952, but Charlie Fulton telegraphed their united greetings to us on the night of the show. Both Charles and Bob Groves contributed with regrets for their inability to attend. Naturally, their message of goodwill included Joker Ferguson.

Geoff. Littler, of Devonport, Tasmania, who had attended last year and was unable to repeat the visit, but sent along a peace offering in lieu.

Another Tasmanian who never fails to be present "in spirit" at all our shows was George Gilham, of Hobart. George is always prompt in responding and has never been able to synchronise his Melbourne visits with our re-unions.

Our most distant contacts were Horrie and Lindsay Good, who telegraphed their greetings from Darwin. We understand that they are chasing the elusive uranium up there.

W. D. Fraser, of Lockhart, N.S.W., was another absentee contributor. It is a year or so now since Bill was in Melbourne. He has a busy time in his area with his transport business.

Bill Cannon, of Albury, made amends in advance for his absence, for at that time he was spending a couple of months in Queensland.

As we have so often stressed in this paper, we are indeed fortunate in having so many members who contribute to the functions, although they are deprived, for various reasons, from attending.

Harry Craker (Glen Iris) sent his usual message to his unit associates and again regretted his inability to attend. Harry has suffered from defective eyesight for some time and has to curtail his movements accordingly.

George Carter (Port Welshpool) sent along a sub. in case he should not get there. Unfortunately, the worst happened, and George did not answer the roll call; so we had to include him amongst "Absent members" at 9.30 p.m.

Tom Jewell (South Morang) did the same, but overcame all obstacles and was at the J.O.T. on time. Tom had intentions of buying a taxi to get home, as he now lives some miles from his nearest suburban railway station, and he doesn't like walking any more.

Bob Dawson (Beaufort) is still retired up there, although he insists in attempting to help his son on the property. He gets sacked every few days, but just ignores that and hucks in again. When do some of these old chaps start to weaken?

Charlie Ponder (Woolathorpe) has had a very bad bout of ill-health and for three months prior to October last year was confined to his bed. However, Mrs. Ponder took over Charlie's obligations and forwarded a sub. on his behalf.

IN APPRECIATION

Re-union Donations — Absentees

A. R. Hampton, Mildura.	W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.
Tom Jewell, South Morang.	R. Hamilton, Kew.
H. Crsker, Oakleigh.	A. Chapnan, St. Kilda.
W. Boothroyd, Ballarat.	E. W. Edwards, Warracknabeal.
Gen. Carter, Port Welshpool.	A. Coustley, Horsham.
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S. W. Wilson, Mildura.	N. Hoyle, Kew.
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T. J. Warman, Tatura.	F. W. Lavender, Irymple.
J. C. Quiggan, Shepparton.	S. J. Knee, Croydon.
J. Chird, Brunswick.	H. F. Vawdon, Caulfield.
C. E. Hildebrand, Port Melbourne.	C. Fulton, Adelaide.
C. Ponder, Woolthorpe.	R. Groves, Adelaide.
J. S. Grayland, Camperdown.	W. D. Fraser, Lockhart, N.S.W.
J. M. Main, Castlemaine.	L. Bain, Coburg.
R. W. Day, Dimboola.	R. Dickens, Ashburton.
W. J. Cannan, Albury.	G. Littler, Devonport, Tasmania.
J. E. Mathews, Coolongatta, Qld.	

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT RE-UNION, 1954.

S. R. Adams	H. F. Noye	H. Daymond
K. Meldrum	C. H. Johnson	J. Marshall
R. Bishop	J. H. Ross	A. Sculling
J. Tallyn	V. N. Moore	J. Inifer
R. S. Baker	H. Tilley	Dr. W. B. Craig
A. H. Buckland	C. A. R. Dawes	C. C. Christie
G. Laidler	W. Higgins	J. W. Etheridge
A. W. Watkins	S. W. Timms	E. Draper
E. H. Nugent	B. J. Vaughan	J. Green
L. W. Howship	A. Cook	J. Harwood
W. Martin	T. Whiteway	C. Fisk
G. Caulfield	J. P. Gibson	J. A. Hocking
H. L. Clifford	J. Wood	A. R. Wiltshire
L. W. Macdonald	P. Gibb	C. Hatfield
T. McKenzie	S. Mossop	J. B. Armstrong
K. Sutherland	G. W. Goodall	L. W. Speak
R. S. Neal	A. J. Ellis	N. H. Dooley
J. Young	N. W. McKinnon	J. J. O'Beirne
H. A. Hayes	J. B. O'Neill	A. J. Pocock
A. Salmon	W. H. Tierney	E. G. Kerr
R. Thomas	A. Swan	A. G. Neal
W. E. Leviston	W. M. Wilson	L. Bodsworth
H. L. Norman	G. Monaghan	

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

The Secretary desires to acknowledge receipt of donations from the following members. In most cases, letters were sent on receipt of

money, but will those who may have been overlooked for this service, please accept apologies.

As will be seen from the financial statement, 661/2/6 was received from this source and is sure evidence of the members' support for the Association. These subs. and absentees' donations to the annual re-unions assist considerably in keeping our finances in such a healthy state.

L. B. Stringer, Mont Albert.	W. Flower, Elwood.
R. Penhallurick, Ascot Vale.	J. Bennett, Ringwood.
J. F. Dunne, Beaumaris.	L. J. Joseph, Research.
E. Draper, Footscray.	J. W. Ash, Boronia.
W. C. Cornish, Swan Hill.	R. F. Crowley, Ballarat.
H. C. Haines, Auburn.	J. S. Graham, Nyah.
W. Cannan, Albury.	J. F. Dunne, Beaumaris.
S. Firms, Amphitheatre.	J. R. McKay, Mandagary, N.S.W.
H. Benson, Armadale.	L. T. Binns, Jeparit.
A. E. Watts, Strathmore.	W. Spiller, Caulfield.
A. Salmon, Caulfield.	H. W. J. Warner, Pascoe Vale Sth.
W. S. R. Campbell, Sandringham.	F. A. Benn, Hawthorn.
A. Coustley, Horsham.	R. S. Baker, Easternwick.
W. Lyndon, Lorne.	R. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.
W. J. Salter, Preston.	J. H. Moore, City.
C. E. Wilson, Brighton.	C. F. Monk, Coburg.
C. J. Fulton, Adelaide.	A. Thomson, Brighton.
C. Rogan, Moama, N.S.W.	A. I. Meskin, Geelong.
W. J. Cawthorn, Karachi, Pakistan.	J. J. Grigg, Carnegie.
F. W. Lavender, Irymple.	

Donations were received from the following relatives of deceased members:—

Mrs. B. H. Noakes, Brighton.	Mrs. Thurston, Lilydale.
	Mrs. Speary, Camberwell.

We are most appreciative of the actions of these ladies, who are honouring the memory of their loved one by subscribing in his name to our Association.

LET US FORGET

With mournful repetition, The Last Post has sounded for an ever-growing list of our old comrades. In many cases we have no details, but wherever possible we have communicated with the bereaved relatives.

Tom Joyce (No. 409) died in Heidelberg on August 30th at the age of 85 years. Tom was the original Q.M.S. of "B" Coy, and from his habit of addressing everyone as "Chum" had that title superimposed on his name. He was an Englishman by birth and had seen service in South Africa, 1914-18, and in the V.D.C. in the last show.

Another original, **Frank Wright** (No. 2), died at Bayswater on February 10th. Frank was Q.M.S. of "A" Coy. on Gallipoli, but owing to ill-health returned to Australia and did not rejoin us.

Reg. Crowley (No. 3) passed on at Ballarat on November 7th. He had been in hospital in Melbourne in October, but failed to make a recovery and was returned to his home.

Jack Adam (No. 102) died suddenly at Mildura on February 25th. Jack had not been in good health for some time and was holidaying in Mildura at the time of his sudden demise.

Harry Thewlis, who died at Benalla on April 14th last year, only survived his business partner for many years, Bob Burke, by two years.

Tom Renahan (No. 19) passed on on June 25th. He had been quite active just prior to his sudden death at Heidelberg Hospital.

Jack Wood had suffered poor health for some years and had moved to Bittern some time ago to try to recuperate in country pursuits. His death on January 23rd was a great shock to his family.

Fred Thies, of Glen Iria, had been retired for some time before his death on October 3rd. He was for many years with the Commonwealth Photographic Section of Department of Information.

Jim Tennyson passed away at his home in Malvern on March 3rd. He will be remembered as one of that devoted body of A.M.C. wallers who assisted Doctor Craig in his efforts to maintain the health and comfort of Battalion members.

Fred Haylock (No. 296) had been a resident of Paynesville for many years prior to his death on November 20th. Reg. Hawkins, who is now living down there, represented us at the funeral.

ROBERTSON, D. J., drowned in Bay October 24, 1920
 650 GIBSON, A., Manangatang July, 1953
 479 BOEN, A., Wangaratta August, 1953

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480 LOVELL, G. A. January 9
 545 GRIMES, J. J. January 11
 801 WELSON, A. M., Williamstown January 26
 488A FRANCIS, H. A., Heidelberg January 31
 J WRIGHT, W., Bayswater February 10
 266 TOOGOOD, G., Yallourn April 6
 Lieut. THEWLIS, E. H., Benalla April 14
 181A BOYD, H. J. J., Coburg April 30
 58 HARRIS, H., Cooroyong May 1
 623 HALL, C., Heidelberg May 19
 629 CAMERON, J., Heidelberg May 19
 484 MILLER, G. M., Albert Park May 23
 181 JAMES, J. P., Wangaratta May 28
 871 McPHEE, K., South Cressfield June 7
 452B ROBSON, I., Northcote June 13
 561 DOVE, E., Heidelberg June 22
 19 RENAHAN, T. A., Surrey Hills June 25
 628 DARROCH, J., Meebuhk June 28
 162B CAMERON, J., Heidelberg June 27
 273 ARMSTRONG, S. A., Spotswood June 29
 242B TRIPP, S. H., Bendigo July 18
 BLYTH, S. D., Leighton August 1
 48 JOYCE, T. E., Heidelberg August 30
 637 ASTON, H. F., Traralgon September 2
 BARNES, H. L., Frankston September 15
 28 THIES, F., Glen Iria October 3
 SWAN, A. G., Hapsbury October 21
 624 KAYE, N. E., Yarraville October 25
 J CROWLEY, R., Bulkrut November 7

2052 FLEGG, E. A., Coburg November 17
 4445 GRAY, H., Sydney
 6154 SMITH, A. J., Sydney
 396 HAYLOCK, F., Paynesville November 20

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289 WOOD, J. F., Bittern January 23
 102 ADAM, J. P., Kew February 25
 1021 TENNYSON, J. F., Malvern March 7
 53 McMAHON, F. C., Footscray March 21

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TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION MEMORIAL CROSS

The following information was furnished recently, on request, to 3rd Div. A.M.F. H.Q., and is published for our members.

It will, no doubt, be informative to many of the unit who remembered the Cross at Pozieres.

The Memorial Cross, which is now housed in the Drill Hall at George Street, Fitzroy, was originally erected in the Cemetery at Pozieres, France, by members of the 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., as a memorial to their comrades who had been killed in action during the Battle of Pozieres, July-August, 1916.

In that battle, which lasted from 26th July to 27th August, 1916, the Battalion lost 223 men killed in action or died of wounds.

In order to provide some tribute to such a colossal casualty list, the 2 I.C. of the Unit, Major (later) Lieut.-Colonel A. R. L. Wiltshire, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., on his return to the Unit, after having been wounded himself in that action, conceived the idea of erecting a Unit Memorial on the site of the battle.

It was decided to have a special Cross made with appropriate inscription, and the 6th Field Company Engineers were co-opted to carry out the work, which was done voluntarily.

The brass tablet, which carries the Unit Colours, was made in London from German shell cases. The cost of this work was borne by Regimental funds. The inscription on the tablet was prepared by the Chaplain of the Battalion, Rev. F. H. Durnford, M.C., now stationed at Alnwick, Northumberland, England.

No Special Parade was held to mark the erection of the Memorial Cross, early in 1917, but it remained in the Pozieres Cemetery until 1924, when the erection of a Divisional Memorial on that site necessitated the removal of all other unit memorials. It is not known how many other memorials were erected there, or by what means this Cross was eventually returned to Australia and placed in the George Street Drill Hall, which at that time was the Headquarters of the 29/22 Battalion C.M.F.

It may be unique, in that it is the only one of its kind to have such a record.

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SECOND TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Our junior contemporaries of the 2/22nd are doing quite nicely. During the past year they conducted a very successful shkel-gathering stunt, which considerably augmented their funds. At the annual meeting, held on 22nd January, Mr. P. Beenie was elected President and Mr. C. O. Harry and Mr. D. F. Field retained their positions as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

We were represented by four of our committee at their re-union, which followed the general meeting. Their hospitality left nothing to be desired, and our President, Mr. N. Stevens, had the job of responding to the visitors' toast.

TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Latest report from the 3/22nd Battalion Association was quite a good one, for in addition they invited us to be with them at their annual function on 23rd April.

It gives us quite a kick to attend this function, and to feel that we are welcomed as elder brothers.

Mr. John McFadden continues as President and Mr. L. Joseph, Hon. Secretary.

SICK PARADE

From time to time, members are admitted to Heidelberg or other hospitals, and we do not learn of this until long afterwards.

So that men in such circumstances can be visited, all members are requested to let the Secretary know when they hear of such cases, and action can be taken to look them up.

A visit to a sick man from his battalion associates is very much appreciated.

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Twelve Months
Ended December 31, 1954.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance, S.S.B., December 31, 1953 .. £127 10 3	Printing, "Echo" £36 10 0
Cash on Hand 4 0 0	Postage, "Echo" 10 10 0
Sale of Buttons—Anzac Day 57 6 3	Buttons for Anzac Day 4 10 0
Members' Subscriptions 61 3 6	Donation, Coburg City Band 2 2 0
Sales of Battalion Book 1 18 0	Staves for Unit Flag 0 7 0
Interest, S.S.B. 2 12 8	Shrine Forecourt Appeal —Contribution 1 4 0
Credit Balance — Re- Union, Oct. 2, 1954 .. 5 3 9	Telephone—Rent 11 12 6
	Postage— General 4 10 0
	Birthday Cards 2 5 0
	Balance, S.S.B., Dec. 31, 1954 186 3 11
<u>£259 14 5</u>	<u>£259 14 5</u>