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# TWENTY-SECOND'S

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## SURVIVAL

### From the President.

Quarterly I deem it a great honour to bring this issue, from under your President. We are all proud of our Battalion and proud too of the work of the Branch Association in 1914 but this is more of a matter of history that wonderful considerably occurred during the war years.

ANZAC Day is approaching — the day on which we pay homage to our greatest hero, but not only on that day, but always, we remember them.

Last year there was a great number of ANZAC Day, but it is realised that health, age and distance deter many from attending. I am sure that those who are handicapped are with us in spirit on that day.

The Branch was a great success again last year. The success was due to Mr. Russell and his able help, who prepared the entire programme and was in charge of the day. Mr. Russell, assisted by Mrs. Russell and the Committee.

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine was carried out on Sunday, March 19th. Though the weather was not as good as expected, those who represented the Battalion paid homage in the Inner Shrine. Captain Gordon gave a stirring address during the service, and it is hoped that he will favour us again this year. The issue of the "Echo" will again serve to remind members of the wonderful and untiring work of your Secretary. Your Executive is aware of the amount of service he renders on behalf of our Association.

In conclusion, I wish all members health and prosperity, and trust they will continue to enjoy the friendship of their comrades of the good old 22nd.

STAN R. ADAMS, President.

15th April, 1926.

## GENERAL

Another year has passed, and this issue of the "Echo" gives a report of our doings for the last 12 months. During the year the Committee met on occasion warranted, and the best evidence of their activity is this report.

Stan Adams is President for this year, and it is doubtful if there was anyone more widely known in the Battalion. He was for many years a Committeeman and Vice-President of the Caulfield Branch, C.E.I. After long service with the Repatriation Department, from its inception, Stan is now retired, but still very active in R.S.L. welfare work.

Norm Stevens, after a very industrious year as President, has taken long service leave — from his department, not the Association — and, with Mrs. Stevens, has gone on a trip to the U.K.

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Our Association is one of the most active, and after considerable gains results. The committee have all done up to the limit of the Union and the organization of our ANZAC Day festival. But there are other activities which the members should have done. On numerous occasions we have been in contact with other units, but have not been able to get out of touch with one another. This suggests some form of contact through the Branch, perhaps in some form, and we must also be ready to supply the details required. This last year we were unfortunately in a position whereby a home after his former home was condemned and several groundlings were pending.

In this issue are two requests for information of deceased members, and it is hoped that through this paper we will be able to furnish the required details.

From time to time we learn of the death of an ex-member with whom we have not been in contact. Requests are requested to advise the Committee in this respect by passing on the names and addresses of any member who, so far as they know, is not a member of the Association.

Our membership is still around 800, but the impact is taking heavy toll, as the list of deaths this year shows.

## ANZAC DAY, 1926.

Plans for this year's march have been prepared and discussed by a representative gathering of R.S.L. Sub-Branches and Unit Associations in February. So far as possible, assembly points have been stabilised, and from now on units will assemble each year at the same spot. This procedure will obviate the confusion which has existed hitherto in the changing each year of the unit assembly points.

Our rendezvous will be in Bourke Street, North side, right in front of Myer Emporium, between Swanson and Elizabeth Streets. Time 1 p.m. The march is timed to start at 2.15 p.m.

Again we enjoin our members to be on parade early so that full advantage can be taken of the all-too-short "get-together." We usually have a good muster at the assembly point, but only a percentage can do the march. We have to admit to the passage of years. But in the short hour or so we have together, let's make the most of them by meeting as many as possible of our old comrades of 1915-19.

Every year someone turns up who has never attended before, and is amazed to meet old coppers with whom he had lost all contact. That's the main purpose of the Association — to provide liaison between our members — and ANZAC Day and our annual Re-union are the only occasions when we can actually meet one another.

See the comments on last year's march and how they demonstrate that old soldiers appreciate the opportunity of renewing friendships and "mate-ships" of the years of their youth.

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## 1955 PILGRIMAGE.

Our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance will be held this year on **SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1955.**

Assemble on St. Kilda Road, opposite Victoria Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. The Coburg City Junior Band will again be in attendance to lead the march and to provide the musical accompaniment for the ceremony.

## ANZAC DAY, 1955.

Similarly with previous marches, these were the highlights and incidents.

Harold Craig had persuaded the Coburg City Band to lead us, and while he was temporarily engaged on other matters, someone pinched the band from us. Thieving blackguards — even if it was Anzac Day.

However, we scored well in that respect, for immediately following us was the Geelong Ladies' Pipe Band, and they played splendid music and their timing was perfect. So if those in front did not reap full benefit those in the rear did, and also the 23rd Battalion, whom they preceded. In hopes that we may be favoured by their attendance this year, we have written the Band Secretary in most appreciative terms.

Fred Holmes was first on parade. Naturally, you expect that of the Standard Bearer. Later, he and Tom Jewell shared a lunch of one pie between them. Actually, this was a propaganda stunt, for a press photographer took a picture of them in the act. However, the paper failed to publish the photo, much to Fred and Tom's disgust.

Wal Roberts brought along a souvenir of 1916 vintage. A picture of Albert Cathedral worked in silk.

A. J. Carter came all the way from Pomborneit, and A. N. Mitchell from Hesthote, just to be in it.

V. Hanlan, of Noorat, was on parade — first time for five years.

Bert Glascock put in an appearance after missing out for a few parades.

Bill Boothroyd and Alby Elliott came down from Ballarat specially for the march. Bill's first appearance for 13 years, and Alby's for 20 years. Unfortunately the day for them had a tragic ending, for on their way home they figured in a motor accident, which resulted in fatal injuries to Alby and serious shock to Bill, from which he recovered later.

Gerald Menaghan had a supply of comforts which he handed round freely — until supply was exhausted. Gerald lost his plastic raincoat in the crowd, and was unable to recover it before the march moved off. If any member has that coat still awaiting an owner, a word to the Secretary will soon adjust matters.

Ern Paul, late of Lemnos, but now of East Melbourne, made his first parade for years. Ern has decided he has done enough farming.

Andy Brooks was too ill to attend the march, so deputised his grandson, Gordon McGough, to represent him.

Tom Strachan has moved to Corowa, N.S.W., but his brother-in-law, M. Cowan and relative, W. Tierney, answered for him.

Sailor Parsons and Butch Larkin, D. Coy. "Babblers," reckoned that their cooking established the condition which A. W. Gould maintains to-day. Their claim may be disputed, but you cannot deny Arthur's silhouette to-day.

"Shont!" Harwood put up a grand performance in marching half-way. For a man with one artificial leg, that is no mean performance.

## SHRINE PILGRIMAGE, 1955.

The attendance at our Shrine Pilgrimage last year may not have been all that we desired, but those present were very much impressed by the solemnity of the occasion and the manner in which "Remembrance" was honoured.

Led by the Coburg City Junior Band, the troops marched from the rendezvous in St. Kilda Road to the northern entrance to the Shrine, and in passing saluted the Eternal Flame. Our unit flag was flying all that day on the mast nearest to the Shrine. It is our privilege to have our flag flown all day on our day of Pilgrimage. While the band stationed itself on the northern terrace on the Shrine, the troops continued on into the Inner Shrine and formed a circle around the Stone of Remembrance.

President N. Stevens then outlined the order of the service, and called on Mr. E. Gorman to give the address.

In his inimitable manner, Mr. Gorman gave a most inspiring talk, and his remarks on the significance of the occasion and of the need for remembering the sterling comrades who had passed on in their youth in the service of their Empire made a very deep impression on his listeners.

After the ceremonial laying of a wreath on the Stone, all present filed past, each depositing a poppy in Remembrance, and the ceremony terminated with a young bugler playing the Last Post and Reveille.

Before leaving the Shrine a visit was made to the crypt to inspect our regimental colours which are deposited there. On this occasion numerous wives and female relatives accompanied members, and we would like to see the practice encouraged. This ceremony is not for members alone, and the relatives of our departed comrades are invited to participate with us in this really worth-while Remembrance Parade.

We must impress on our members that this annual function is one we would like to see fully availed of by all. We lost 473 members on active service and an unknown number since. Let us remember them in fitting manner on our next day of Remembrance.

## DONATIONS RECEIVED ANZAC DAY, 1955.

Sale of buttons on Anzac Day resulted in a sum of £32/12/- being collected. Included in that amount were donations received from the following members:-

S. Dyke, Dundon.	J. Carter, Northcote.
C. N. Franklin, Mornington.	W. Beale, Thornbury.
F. Schlock, Mornington.	A. Gould, Rainbow.
E. Cuperwick, Sorey Hills.	E. Craven, Brighton.
A. Daig, Williamstown.	W. Beacall, Stn. Melbourne.
W. James, Edithvale.	J. Main, Castlemaine.
F. Starrock, Brunswick.	G. Cochran, Abbotsford.
E. Smart, Vermont.	H. Barton, Carnegie.
C. C. Christie, Alphington.	A. Pocock, Hawthorn.
C. A. E. Daxen, Touruk.	F. Bell, Swan Hill.
W. Gribbin, Fuzess Vale.	W. R. Watkins, East Kew.
F. Glibb, Richmond.	R. Sherwood, Altona.
W. S. E. Campbell, Sandringham.	O. P. Hunt, Flemington.
F. McCrickard, W. Preston.	H. Jackson, Oakleigh.
W. A. Freeman, Castlemaine.	H. Barker, Alexandra.
M. Clark, Brighton.	H. J. Nichols, Lorne.
F. B. Moss, Brighton.	R. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.
J. P. Ryan, Alphington.	A. Wilson, Prahran.
N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.	L. B. Stringer, Mont Albert.
W. Garsyne, Asot Vale.	J. C. Hanlon, Noorat.
A. C. Cook, Touruk.	J. Webb, Burnley.
A. J. Mitchell, Ararat.	E. Gorman, Caulfield.
C. F. Monk, Coburg.	N. H. Dooley, Ivanhoe.
J. E. Kennett, Ruffy.	A. J. Ellis, Collingwood.
H. W. Williamson, Footscray.	P. Thurlow, Gardenvale.
C. Deardon, Ararat.	W. Holstock, Carrum.
W. H. Gribble, Caulfield.	B. Beams, Balwyn.
F. Holmes, Beauswick.	E. Paul, East Malvern.
W. Liston, Oakleigh.	J. Cugley, Thornbury.
W. Martin, Thornbury.	W. Chamberlain, Flemington.
A. Gavan, Abbotsford.	N. Hansen, Clifton Hill.
A. Carter, Pomeroy.	R. C. Briginshaw, E. Malvern.
T. Jewell, South Merang.	E. Draper, Footscray.
K. Moore, Bacchus Marsh.	W. Boothroyd, Ballarat.
J. Harwood, Essendon.	R. Batton, Oakleigh.
T. Hoan, Upwey.	R. W. Wagner, Neerim South.
J. Edwards, Nyah.	A. E. Elliott, Ballarat.
T. Cullen, Brunswick.	B. P. Jenkin, Box Hill.
B. Classecock, East Kew.	D. Lechte, Mt. Waverley.
A. Seuling, Brighton.	F. Gregory, Mentone.
W. Horman, Canterbury.	F. Trendall, Kew.
W. Tierney, North Fitzroy.	A. J. Spencer, Thornbury.
A. Downey, Yarraville.	N. Hammon, Coburg.

## TRAVELLERS' SECTION.

So many of our members have become world tourists — not the "five bob a day" type — that we are allotting a section of the "Echo" for their benefit.

Ren Holdsworth (Mt. Eliza) left in April last year for a six months' tour, and arrived back in November. Ren certainly made the most of his tour, for he looked up all our Battalion members over there, and has reported fully on each. His reports were so good that they are published intact. Thanks, Ren, for a good liaison job. (See page 12.)

Harry Hayes (East Malvern) left in April — two days after Anzac Day — for six months' long service leave in the U.K. Harry hired a "drive yourself" car in London, and toured England, Scotland and Ireland in 30 days. One "compulsory" call was on Padre Deenford at Alnwick, and in view of its very remote location, Harry reckons a car is the only means of reaching it. For confirmation, see report of a similar visit by Ren Holdsworth.

Now, Norm Stevens has caught the bug, too. He and Mrs. Stevens left in March on the "Orsova" for a six months' trip to the U.K. and France, with a few other places thrown in. Norm was most concerned that he would miss the Anzac Day march in Melbourne and the Re-union in September. This will be the first occasion that he has not been present at both of these annual functions. However, he will represent us at the Anzac Day parade in Whitehall, and no doubt will be with us — in spirit — on Friday, September 21, 1956 (the date of the Re-union).

Ivor Birtwistle (Cottesloe, W.A.) has had a go, too. He wrote in February to say that he had just returned from a few months' tour of Europe, and while in France paid a visit to the grave of Ben Tapner in Puchvillers. Ivor took a photo of the grave, and we have been instrumental in having a copy sent to Ben's brother in Melbourne. Ivor is our very good liaison officer in W.A., for through him we were able to locate Cecil Byrne, who had gone into smoke in W.A. over two years ago.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

### 6537 Fielder, Harold (deceased).

We have received a request from the Sydney Legacy Club on behalf of the widow of the above-named member. After discharge he changed his name to ASTON, and was killed in an accident at Trafalgar in 1954.

Any member who was associated with Harold Fielder in the Battalion is requested to communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible. Evidence of the identity of these two names being the one person is required.

Dr. Leslie Hurley, of Melbourne, is anxious to hear from any member of the Battalion who could supply information concerning his brother — John Gromwell Hurley — reported missing before the battle of Bullecourt. Should any member be able to supply the desired information he is asked to pass it on to the Secretary.



## PROLOGUE

The original number of the last year's "Echo" raised a number of queries. The answer came from all over Australia and it was generally in the form of "how do they do?" The "Echo" was sent to all those who had written to it. It was also sent to all those who had written to it. It was also sent to all those who had written to it.

The answer to the query was that Harry Jenkin, one of the original members, died in the last few days of the month of the year. The funeral was attended by Alex. Doug (Williams) and a number of other members. It was a service we remember most heartily, and we hope to see him again.

It has been suggested that in view of the accumulated years of our members, it would be a very commendable gesture to have with our program would offer to provide the means for them to be honored, as they are in the program. All that is required is for them to advise the Secretary of their willingness to do this, and then the all is made of and arrangements made. Between now and the Re-union time may the Secretary, and as the date approaches he will advise the name and address of the one to be honored.

Now Draper has started another competition for Battalion members. He claims to be the oldest father of the youngest child. That was in last year and his youngest son is seven. We quote him as an item of interest — not prosecution to potential confusion.

## 1955 RE-UNION

We may have felt a little out of place at our last Re-union held in Western Hall, Latrobe St., but the meeting place was only incidental — it was the company that mattered. After so many years at the Town Hall, we have grown accustomed to it, and as we explained in last "Echo" we were displaced by the Olympic Games organization.

Just as 150 attended, and as usual had a really good night together. Our visitors included Messrs. E. Davis and W. Power, of the 21st Battalion; R. Felmingham and H. Gallagher, of the 24th Battalion; C. G. Harry and J. Tudden, of 2/22nd Battalion; and R. McFadden and L. Joseph, of 22nd Inf. Battalion.

Following the "Loyal Toast," we paid respect to our departed comrades with a period of silence, and the names of 29 members who died since our last Re-union were read out.

The President proposed the "Visitors' Toast," to which Mr. W. Power responded.

Again we have to thank Mrs. Russell and her lady helpers, who, during the day, had prepared the tables and the decorations, which added that extra touch to the attractiveness of the hall for a Re-union. The Re-union was remarkable for the number of very senior members who attended. We hesitate to mention Dr. Craig's age, but we all know he must be getting on. He looks remarkably well, and, of course, was besieged by members who greeted him most cordially. Of course, they all know the "Doc," but how could he be expected to know all of them. Colonel Wiltshire brought the Doctor along and saw him safely home afterwards.

Alex. Doug (19) was there as the guest of R. V. Jenkin. We have referred elsewhere to the passing of Harry.

Arthur Blazwick (24) was quite content to lead a good night and put all the evening. A very pleasant way to appreciate a Re-union.

Edwin Cobb (22) brought himself in from Launceston, and we arranged for his transport home.

Old Firms (Loughborough) sent his families and supports for our attendance. He suggested that he would be participating for him.

Les Hawking (Barry Hill) and he came out for another evening. He had a rather bad time about the city around in 1950, and is now T.F.I.

Arch Selman (Caulfield) has returned from Superstition, but evening outings are scheduled for him.

Syd Wicks (5 Majors Ave., Brighton) is another of our retired members. Appointments may be agreed to, but he has put in more weight. He would appreciate visitors as he looks with a company somewhat dull.

Ted Draper was a notable exception, but he had advised us in advance that he would be holidaying in N.Z.W. He teamed up with Bill Cannon at Albany for a session, and on route called on R. Anderson and J. Cleland at Bright. Bob Williams at Geelong was another whom he visited. All of them were so pleased to see Ted as he was to see them, and requested him to pass on to members their very best regards. Any more of these parties and we will have to subsidize Ted. However, he had failed to obtain the addresses of our Sydney members, so could not contact any of them. What they missed, for Ted was hopeful of entertaining them in proper fashion.

Geoff. Littler, of Devonport, Tas., was all tied up to be over for the Re-union, but at the last moment his plans came unstuck and he had to cancel the trip. He telephoned from his home the evening before with many regrets and much chagrin at his disappointment. He and Les Speak meet regularly at Legacy functions as both are active with that body in Tasmania.

Syd Blomeley wrenched himself away from Balliang to attend his first Re-union. Balliang is only 22 miles from our Re-union, and in these days of aeroplanes and speed cars, Syd cannot claim distance as an excuse for absence.

Ron McDonald, of Fernbank, could certainly claim distance as a good reason, but it is 12 years since he attended a Re-union. Perhaps he and Fred South, of Bairnsdale, got their heads together, for those towns adjoin. However, Fred made his first appearance at a show. We hope they have a similar urge next year.

Scotty Watson, even at 60 years of age — on the day of the Re-union — demonstrated that he can still do a good tap dance. Without any priming, too.

Harry Buckland returned on September 22 from six months in Western Australia — to be at the show. That sounds like devotion of a very high order. Harry always bucks in as a steward at the Re-unions, and he wasn't going to miss that for anything.

Alan G. Harper has given up fruit growing and now resides in Swan Hill.

Jack Graham (Nyah) carries on as usual, and regularly sees Jim Caffrey and Bill Cornish. He had visits from F. O'Meara and W. Amiers last year. Quite bucked him up to see them again.

Mention has been made of the support our country members give to our Re-unions and of the fact that through their donations those who attend reap the benefits.

In every case the absentees have mentioned they will be with us at 9.30 p.m. on Re-union night. Thanks a lot, chaps, and the President, Committee and metropolitan members do appreciate your demonstration of "esprit de Battalion."

## IN APPRECIATION.

### Re-union Donations — Absentees.

Mention has been made previously of the generous support given to our annual function by members, who, through various circumstances — usually distance — are precluded from attending in person.

By their support we have been able, throughout the years, to conduct our Re-unions at a fee which would not be possible without it. In every case our absentee members have expressed their regret at being unable to attend, but send their regards to all old comrades, and join in spirit with our Re-union at the 9.30 p.m. toast.

In grateful acknowledgment, donations were received from the following members:—

R. Dickens, Ashburton.	J. E. Mathews, Coolongatta, Queensland.
H. C. Haines, Hawthorn.	J. C. Quiggan, Shepparton.
A. R. Hampton, Irymple.	L. W. Howship, Surrey Hills.
S. W. Wilson, Mildura.	R. Dawson, Beaufort.
C. H. Franklin, Merington.	W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.
F. Schleeche, Morningston.	Geo. Carter, Port Welshpool.
S. Ferns, Amphitheatre.	F. W. Lavender, Irymple.
H. Craker, Oakleigh.	A. Chapman, St. Kilda.
E. Edwards, Warracknabeal.	E. Draper, Footscray.
T. Jewell, South Morang.	J. Chard, W. Brunswick.
V. H. Jordan, Kyabram.	W. D. Fraser, Lockhart, N.S.W.
E. H. Bishop, Elwood.	W. Hennessy, Culgoa.
E. W. R. Smith, Koimbo.	H. A. Glasscock, Kew.
H. W. Lyndon, Lorne.	A. Salmon, Caulfield.
A. Coustley, Horsham.	F. Benn, Hawthorn.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	A. G. Harper, Swan Hill.
E. D. Cobb, Surrey Hills.	J. S. Grayland, Camperdown.
A. Q. Sinclair, North Balwyn.	J. M. Main, Castlemaine.
C. Pender, Woolshorpe.	J. S. Graham, Nyah.
L. R. Speak, Launceston.	

### DONATIONS RECEIVED AT RE-UNION, 23/9/55.

C. E. Heidebrand.	C. Pritchard.
A. H. Buckland.	J. Alderson.
J. Tallyn.	H. Noye.
W. Higgins.	A. J. Ellis.
T. McKenzie.	C. F. Monk.
S. Adams.	K. Meldrum.
W. Watkins.	A. Seuling.
J. Edwards.	B. McCallum.
S. R. W. Smith.	L. G. A. Good.
R. S. Baker.	T. Watson.
G. Caulfield.	G. Monaghan.
G. Lairder.	J. C. McCaul.
J. Toplift.	C. Martin.
T. Whiteway.	C. C. Christie.
H. Symons.	W. Graham.
J. Greig.	L. W. Mardonald.
W. M. Wilson.	J. A. Hocking.
R. Thomas.	O. Habel.
F. Thomas.	B. J. Vaughan.
A. Downey.	A. R. Wiltshire.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Throughout the year members from every quarter forwarded donations to the Association, and the following list is a formal acknowledgment of receipt.

So far as possible each donor was thanked by letter at time of receipt, but the Committee approves this method of letting members know how much their tangible support is appreciated.

A sum of £40/4/3 was received from this source.

E. D. Cobb, Surrey Hills.	H. Benson, Armadale.
W. Lyndon, Lorne.	S. Swainston, Shepparton E.
R. Penhallurick, Ascot Vale.	C. E. Wilson, Brighton.
A. Robertson, Malvern.	E. O. Mathews, Brisbane.
J. G. Malloch, Shepparton.	E. C. Hitchings, Geelong.
A. T. Salmon, Caulfield.	R. Smith, Brisbane.
H. Proud, Newport.	O. J. Hull, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Chas. Ward, Hobart.	B. P. Jenkin, Box Hill.
J. B. Armstrong, Toorak.	F. Kerrigan, Robinvale.
F. Nelson, Mittagong, N.S.W.	W. B. Eatwile, E. Malvern.
G. Cottam, Ringwood.	A. Milne, Cockatoo.
G. C. Gilham, Hobart.	W. Wells, Manangatang.
L. Bain, Coburg.	R. Hamilton, Kew.
S. G. Fawcett, Northcote.	G. A. Littler, Devonport, Tas.
A. Coustley, Horsham.	L. Bain, Coburg.
R. Mitchell, Preston.	L. T. Binns, Jeparit.
W. J. Salter, Preston.	A. H. Michael, Geelong.
C. H. Johnson, Glen Iris.	F. A. Benn, Hawthorn.
R. J. Wright, Camberwell.	R. S. Harvey, Toorak.
A. H. Brown, Essendon.	
T. W. H. Russell, East Malvern.	

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

Mrs. B. H. Noakes, Brighton.	Mrs. Thurston, Lilydale.
Mrs. Reiners, Corryong.	Mrs. J. Emary, Preston.

In each instance these donations were a memorial token to their departed loved one.

### PERSONAL PARS.

Major-General W. J. Cawthorn sent an air mail greetings to the Association for the Re-union, and it arrived on the day. Considering the calls on his time as Australian High Commissioner at Karachi, Pakistan, we do appreciate his thoughts and action. In March he represented Australia at the S.E.A.T.O. Conference held at Karachi.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Gorman on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Australian Dried Fruits Export Board. Our conferees at Mildura are particularly pleased at his appointment. He has relinquished his office of Consul for Greece in Victoria.

Don Jordan (No. 84) has had over 18 months in Heidelberg as the result of an accident. Maintains a most cheerful demeanour even after that ordeal and his age (74). He saw service in South Africa, with us in 1914-18, and was Workshop Sergeant at Mob Siding, Dysart, during the last show.

After 42 years' service with the Boreworth Shire — Shire Secretary since 1920 — Giff Thompson has retired. Apart from his service overseas, Giff has spent all his working life with the shire. He was badly wounded in France, but on his return studied hard to do his best in the secretarial position which he held for so many years. Giff was the guest of the people of Boreworth at a social lunch on August 18 and given a handsome testimonial cheque. He intends to spend his years of retirement in that town.

Reg. Hewkes has decided that life in Poxnesville is too rural, and is moving back to Melbourne. Reg. has given into our custody the Brigade Flag which was the distinguishing mark of 6th Brigade, N.Z., during all its movements. The flag is showing signs of its age, but is an interesting relic.

G. J. (Eowdy) Hull has returned to his homeland after some 20 years in North Africa. Eowdy did very well out of a farm property he owned near Johannesburg, and intends spending his future years in Melbourne.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Ron Holdsworth reported on visits to several of our members in Europe, and the following are his comments —

W. E. Hunning (London): Our old friend is as sprightly and vigorous as ever. He is and acquits himself with great efficiency in the capacity of Reception Officer at Australia House, and looks like sailing down that job for many a long day to come. I was privileged to have, on two different occasions, very lengthy sessions with him concerning incidents and other matters of 22nd interest from which we both derived great pleasure, and regretted that only duty precluded him from giving further time to such an interesting subject matter. He states that he will never live down the "Dark Navy" episode of Eppingham days, to which I have referred as having been one of that distinguished band.

W. K. (Pip) Powell (London): Pip is wearing well, and was delighted when one Sunday morning I dragged him from his Sunday morning lay in, and when, after recovering from the shock, we returned to the Warrington and Cat for a revival (one or two), and then dragged up the post. Like W.E.H., his memory is not in any way dimmed despite 40 years of hard London life. Pip is a life member of the Tower of London Association. His son, Les Powell, resides at Colchester (Victoria).

F. N. Kirby (London): Fr. Kirby is as good as ever; has a delightful home in the fashionable suburb of Westbury-on-Tyeme, and also a charming wife and daughter, all of whom were hosts to Mrs. Holdsworth and myself for a lovely afternoon and evening spent in their company. Fr. has progressed sufficiently to now enable him to "sit back a bit" and watch others do the "hard yucker." We also progressed over the post for some hours, which would have been further protracted but for the fact that I had to make my return journey to back that night.

Rev. F. H. Innesford (Hochimberland): A visit to the above proved to be worth all the terrific effort involved on my part. The nearest point to the somewhat remote city of Alnwick, as far as my travels were concerned was Edinburgh, but I put on one side a full day for the undertaking, which involved a journey by motor coach of approximately 60 miles and took four hours. On arrival at Alnwick, I discovered that Loughston was a further four miles beyond and involved an hour and a half wait for connecting bus. However, ultimately I arrived, and was given a great and joyful reception at Loughston Vicarage, where I was able to spend nearly two hours "turning back the pages," and what a fountain of knowledge and what copious notes and references our esteemed old Padre has concerning 1916-18 days. He was excited and thrilled beyond measure, and the memory of the visit to him kept my spirits from sagging all the way back to Edinburgh, where I arrived at 10 p.m. that night, fully convinced that the long and tiring trip was well worth all the long miles I had traversed. Padre Gourford and his good lady and family are all in the best of health, and appear very happy in their association with their quaint 406-year-old church, with a wonderful background of tradition. Congratulations to the Padre on his son having only that week been ordained into the ministry.

Role C. Werrett (Berteaucourt les Dames, Somme, France): After having been in touch with Role some time before arriving at Berteaucourt, I managed to arrange with him to pick up our touring party at Amiens on the way from Paris, and proceed to Berteaucourt on the way to Abbeville. On arrival at Berteaucourt we had morning tea at the Cafe of which he is the proprietor. This short period was far too little for me to be able to cover all the matters we have in common, as Role and myself were both in the 1st Reinforcement to the 22nd, but it was most urgent that we proceed to Boulogne without delay to enable us to catch the channel steamer for Dover immediately after mid-day dinner, so this "get together" had to be rushed a bit. Role was very well on the occasion of my visit, but had a little previously been seriously ill. He and his good lady appear to be very comfortably placed in their safe at Berteaucourt, and his son, with whom I had dinner while in Paris, is charming and well worthy of one such as Role.

It might be of interest to some of the boys to know that I revisited quite a few of the old spots on the Salisbury Plains. Some of the familiar ones to many were Warminster, Crifford, Andover, Salisbury, Foyent and Hurdwell. Regarding the latter place, no doubt the boys will recall the Battalion insignias in chalk stone cut into the hillsides. Well, the "Rising Sun" and "Map of Australia" are still as distinct as when they were cut in 1916, as are also the British Regimental ones. Wareham in Dorset was also revisited. Many of our boys were there, too, but our old camp site (Wooget Farm) has now been reclaimed by nature; only a few haystacks and stubble and encompassed by overgrown hedges.







when last year, and that has curtailed his physical activity a bit. Apart from business ties — to which he devotes some of his time — he engages in bowls at every opportunity. It was indeed a pleasure to have a few days with him, and he sends regards to all who are known to him, in or out of the Battalion. Although he has been in South Australia for over 30 years, Chas. still has a strong regard for Victoria.

Bob Green is a man of leisure these days, but a very prominent member of the North Adelaide Cycling Club. That name is a misnomer, for neither Bob nor any other member of that Club engages in cycling these days. However, they do retain some very ancient models of velocipedes as evidence that cycling was at one time a form of recreation. Unfortunately, their staff work was lamentable, for after cycling each other round Adelaide for a week they failed to establish contact, and therefore Fred is unable to inform members whether Bob is young or aged.

"Joker" Ferguson had just undergone a very serious operation, and was in Calvary Hospital. With C. Fulton, a call was made on him there, and in spite of his ordeal, Joker was looking remarkably well. Naturally, that call was of short duration, and despite the circumstances it was good to meet him again.

On the return journey to Melbourne, via Mildura, more contacts were made in that northern town.

A. E. Hampton, of Irymple, is now managing the Aurora Packing Coy. as well as being a producer of the luscious grape. The years have not affected "Jelli" very much, although the span of 40 years from 1915 cannot be entirely eliminated.

J. J. (Tich) Ware was temporarily helping "Jelli" with the present grape harvest, although Tich has his own block at Red Cliffs. Looks very little different now to when he was in uniform, and certainly he hasn't grown any.

Arthur L. Tasteris is Public Works Officer at Mildura, and quite a man of substance in more ways than one — weight in particular. Arthur is, amongst other things, a good club member — eight clubs in all in Mildura — and naturally the Working Men's Club was visited, for an inspection. Mildura Club was also favoured by a visit.

One W. Wilson is quite content to lead the simple life in Mildura, being now T.P.L., but he is active in the local R.N.I. affairs. By a strange coincidence when called up at his residence — quite unannounced — Stan appeared with a letter on his way to the post, and

that letter was already sealed and addressed to "F. C. Russell," and contained a donation. It is over eight years since their last meeting, and he had no inkling of Fred's presence in Mildura. A further coincidence — when Stan was asked the whereabouts of G. Hart, he was astounded to learn that Hart was also a 22nd member. He had had legal dealings with him over the years, and did not know of his Battalion association.

F. W. Lavender is Customs Officer at Red Cliffs; has been there some years now. However, only a telephone contact was made with Lav as time didn't permit a visit to his establishment.

Frank Kerrigan, of Robinvale, was contacted, and the pleasure at meeting again was mutual. They had not seen each other since a Re-union about 20 years ago. Frank had a spell in Mildura hospital last September, but apparently has made a good recovery. He is lock keeper at Robinvale — been there 27 years — and does his best to keep the Murray River flowing properly.

Frank's assistant at the time of this visit was Brian Smith, son of our member, E. W. R. Smith, of Koimbo, so our greetings were passed on to Ern through his son.

Bill Cornish, of Swan Hill, was temporarily "hors de combat" when visited, but in a very short visit old adventures were recounted. Bill conducts a radio business in that town, and is contemplating a visit to the United Kingdom next year. However, he has made a vow to attend the next Re-union as he has never yet appeared at one. Bill is one of those stalwarts who has never failed to forward a donation for the Re-union, so he looks forward to the next one from another angle.

Bill has quite an extensive clientele of 22nd members in his district. He sees Jim Caffrey, of Woorinen, practically every week. Arthur Gould, of Rainbow; Peter Bell, of Ultima; George Holloway, of Tyntynder; and Roy Scown, of Trecco West, are regular callers; and occasionally Ern Smith, of Koimbo, looks him up.

Bob Neal, of 23 Maranoa Cres., Coburg, has had a bad trot of ill-health this past year. Has had two spells in Heidelberg. Members in that area are requested to drop round and see him occasionally.

When he was in Europe for the Coronation in 1953, Melbourne's Lord Mayor, Sir Frank Selleck, ex-24th Battalion, paid a visit to Bertheaucourt and endeavoured to locate a lady named Marie who had conducted an estaminet there in 1918. However, she was unknown to the present villagers, but he was informed that a lady of that name had married an Australian soldier and that they now conducted an estaminet in the village. A visit to that cafe revealed that the proprietor was none other than our Battalion member, Roly Werrett, and, of course, that led to lengthy reminiscing. Further references are made to Roly in this issue.

### LEST WE FORGET.

Again we have to publish an extensive list of departed comrades.

John Walsh (No. 32) had been a resident of Fish Creek for some years, but we did not learn of his death at Madeline on March 2 until some months later.

Henry Brady (No. 302) had been living at Home since 1913. He was taken to Cedar Hospital for treatment, but on arrival at the hospital on May 20 had a fatal seizure before admission.

C. A. (Chick) Burns (No. 364) had been in Heidelberg for a year when he died there on May 27.

Gen. W. Goodell (No. 2014) took a long deferred trip to his home town in Tennessee in 1941, but unfortunately was the victim of a heart attack on the day after his arrival there.

With untimely suddenness, G. N. West (2282) died at his home here in Thompson on June 24.

When looking up at New Haven on particulars of W. J. H. Bunker (2041), who died in Thompson on July 7, we learned that his comrade, W. J. Bunker (No. 183), had died at Sunshine on November 19, 1941. This was the first information we had of the death of the latter.

He will John Wilson, died at Greensboro, Tex., on October 20, 1941, aged 71. This information was supplied to us after enquiries to our comrade, Chas. Ward, who is the Registrar-General at Hobart.

James (No. 185) had a tragic ending for Albert Elliott (No. 2042), of Chicago, for in the return journey that night he was the victim of a heart attack. It had been his first attendance on the coast for nearly 10 years.

Edward James (No. 2041) died at the home on September 11, 1941, after a long illness, and had been engaged in business activities and fighting in the service.

On 2071, Tom Brown, suffered fatal injuries in a train accident at Sunshine on December 5. He was returning to his residence after a visit to the city. The last news received for some years prior to his death.

On 2071, W. E. E. Cobble, died suddenly at his home on January 1, 1941, and had just arrived from the Tennessee Board for some years.

### LEST WE FORGET.

300	BANKS, W. J., Sunshine	November 16, 1940
430	McLEOD, J., Greensboro, Kentucky	October 20, 1940
4400	GOODRICH, J. E., Prince Henry's Hospital	February 22, 1941
500	BLANK, F. C., Blackburg	March, 1941
500	BEINER, J., Thompson	December 4, 1941
181	DUNN, W. E., Home	December 23, 1941

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2109	VISHBORD, J. J., Prince Henry's Hospital	January 1
92	WELSH, T., Madeline	March 2
6909	THOMAS, N. J., Heidelberg	March 12
1402	PONTIN, W., Dandenberg	March 27
6444	BORG, J. H., Cotton Hill	April 2
1437	WYTHEB, G. F., Marlinton	April 12
6804A	ELLIOTT, A. F., Ballast	April 27
	BIGMAN, A. V., Richmond	May 7
4580	JOSEPH, V. B., Rossport	May 16
1077	LEFT, R. M., Oakleigh	May 17
362	DEASY, D., Home	May 17
765A	GOODALL, G. W., in England	May 20
564	BURNS, C. G., North Melbourne	May 20
2214	BUNDELL, E. R., Leongatha	May 27
1581	WARD, L. F., Brisbane	June 2
1130	GEDDES, D., Thornbury	June 12
3878	MITCHELL, W. E., Malvern	June 20
2335	HUNT, O. P., Flemington	June 28
2485	BARR, F. N., Clayton	July 4
6944	BANKS, W. J. H., Footscray	July 7
6903	STONE, K. E., Melbourne	July 10
4808	WATERS, J. D., Mount Royal	July 10
6383	LENNEBERG, E. G., St. Elms	July 10
4419	DREDGE, S. V., Sandringham	July 10
1719	MORRISON, R. W., Dandenong	August 10
354	COWELL, W. D., Geelong	August 10
	SOMERS, E., Ashburton	August 10
	McKAY, Hector, Colac	August 20
5942	GARNER, F. C., Caulfield	September 21
	RUSSELL, I. I., East Brunswick	September 21
	ROBERTSON, J., Lake Bala	October 1
5385	MOORE, A. E., Kew	October 4
2346	McCORMICK, W. P., Warragul	November 1
	BARKER, R. W., Oakleigh	November 1
178	KEOGH, T., Ringwood	November 1
6071	DORGAN, J. T., Northam	November 1
	GARNER, A. W., Porton	November 1
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380	GRIBBLE, W. H. E., Caulfield	May 1
6072	SWEATMAN, J., Sandringham	May 1
	McVILLAN, Glasgow	May 1

### 2 22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The 2-22nd Association progresses well, and its members are taking a lively interest in their welfare.

After a year in office, Mr. R. Beattie stepped down from the Presidency, and Mr. R. F. Field was elected. For this year he will combine the offices of President and Hon. Treasurer. Mr. C. G. Barry continues as Secretary, and is set to better the record of the original 22nd's Secretary.

At their annual smoke night held on January 21, Messrs. B. Vaughan and C. Hildebrand represented us, and received a real welcome from our junior comrades.

