

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION ECHO

No 77

MARCH CANCELLED- 25 APRIL 2020

As part of the stringent restrictions being invoked to curb the spread of Corona Virus (Covid19) pandemic, the Anzac Day March 2020 has been cancelled.

This follows measures announced by the Prime Minister in conjunction with the National Cabinet. In addition, a Dawn Service for a small official group, will be held in the Shrine but not open to the public. Proposals to convene a WWI Associations' Commemoration gathering have been considered but not supported by the 22nd Battalion Association, being a "nonessential gathering".

For the first time for many years the 22nd Battalion Association will not be marching behind its Banner. Notwithstanding "we will remember them in spirit" by viewing the televised Canberra National memorial service.

Wishing you all good health and sharing the Australian values for which men of the 22nd committed themselves in WWI.

ENSURING THE "ANZAC SPIRIT" MARCHES ON

The first World War was not over when the 22nd Battalion Association was held at Sargent's Cafe Melbourne on 21 September 1918. A few of the repatriates gathered for the purpose of forming an association with the object of fostering the spirit of "Battalion comradeship".

The first Committee appointed Brig. General R Smith President. Joint Secretaries were M. Moorehead and R. D. Fussell for a short time, followed by I. T. Bertwhistle and then H. Craig. On 20 September 1920 F.C. Russell was elected Secretary, a position he held until his death in 1978. His son Ian has continued in this role, now a family "labour of love" for over 100 years.

The "22nd Echo" was in part an instigator of this "spirit of the Battalion". Eugene Gorman, author of "With the Twenty-Second", reminiscing 50 years on said: My mind turns to the days when the 22nd 'Echo' used to make its appearance in France and Belgium. As a literary effort its standard was not breath bereaving, but we found it an acceptable medium for our pawky, sardonic humour". He went on to say: "there is not one of us who will exchange our experiences with the Battalion for all the gold on the Rand. We have acquired a sense of values".



J. P. Greene and Eugene Gorman Anzac Day March

These values of mate-ship, commitment, freedom and loyalty are intrinsic to "what it is to be Australian".



**Anzac Day 2019
22nd Battalion Association members
marching behind the Banner**

The idea of establishing a Battalion newspaper was conceived when billeted in the well-remembered Kimmel huts near Loche. Suggestions for a suitable title were called for. Some months later in the line in the Warneton sector, the printing-press arrived from Blighty graciously donated by John Haddon & Sons, Fleet St. London.

The initial issue was published in the Ronarin camp on 1 April 1918. The work was done by candlelight in a small shed.

On several occasions the press was nearly destroyed by enemy fire. Shells were uncomfortably close at Franvillers, Querrieu and Lamotte. At Franvillers a 5.9 lobbed about ten yards from the premises where the press was located but without damage.



**No 1 "ECHO"
APRIL 1st 1918**

The "ECHO" continues as the "lynch pin" of the Association.

IAN RUSSELL HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER

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YPRES/BROODSEINDE 1916-1917

The 22nd Battalion had suffered so greatly by the Pozieres fighting in July/August 1916 that it was moved to a 'quieter' section in Belgium, Ypres on 14 September 1916.

The cellars of the Convent/Cathedral were used as billet by the 22nd and 23rd Battalions. My father Fred Russell commented on the 'better billet'.



Australian troops billeted in Cathedral cellars

The 22nd and 23d battalions now shared the line of the Brigade on this front, relieving each other at seven day intervals, near Hooge. Its right flank rested on Sanctuary Wood and its left on the Menin Road.

The series of great battles continued and the 22nd Battalion was to take a hand in the concluding phase of the 1916 offensive.

In September 1917 the 22nd moved to the ruins of Ypres and relieved the 34th Battalion in the support line along Zonnebeke Ridge.



Frank Hurley's shot of troops passing the "Cloth Hall"



Restored "Cloth Hall" and St Martin's Cathedral



Australian artillerymen crossing Ypres battlefield

On 4 October 1917 the Battalion lined the "jump off tape" for an attack at 6 AM. At 5:35 a furious German barrage fell around the waiting men. At zero hour our own barrage crashed out and the 22nd pushed towards Broodseinde.

The morning was one of surprises. Our own barrage was the densest and best under which this Battalion had advanced, and as was soon learned, caused consternation in the Hun ranks. His artillery ceased almost entirely and the ambitious plans made by him for that morning were dramatically frustrated.

The Hun was on his "J.O.T." when our barrage fell. A serious struggle did not occur and without much opposition there as general surrendering. Almost without opposition the 22nd gained its objective on the reverse slope of Broodseinde. Subsequently the second objective, the forward slope of Broodseinde, was achieved with great success.

The 1st Australian Division on our right and the 3rd on our left, shared in the morning's victory and made 4 October 1917 one of the most successful days in the history of the Australian Army.



Menin Gate Ypres

On the walls of the Menin Gate at Ypres are inscribed the names of 54,000 British Empire soldiers killed in the surrounding area and for whom there is no known grave.. There are 72 names listed of 22nd Battalion soldiers.

In the poignant words of Field Marshall Lord Plume "He is not missing he is here!"

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2020 OF \$15 NOW DUE

- *Please forward to 22nd Battalion Association
c/o Ian Russell Hon. Secretary /Treasurer
5 Orrell Crt. Mount Waverley Vic. 3149 or*
- *Transfer CBA BSB 063 010 A/c 1005 1054
Description-Sub/Name*

To minimize costs, receipts will only be issued on request.

Some members have subscribed for more than one year and are still financial.

Members' subscriptions/donations increased for the year 2019 and expenditure was greater than income resulting in a small surplus. The current subscription of \$15 will be maintained for 2020.

Member donations over and above the subscription have been appreciated and are significant in the total income stream.

Email addresses of members would facilitate communications and be treated as restricted to Battalion business only. Please resubmit to ensure currency.

Members with ideas for activities and a preparedness to take the initiative, are welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

| | INCOME | | EXPENDITURE |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | \$. | | \$ |
| Member Subs/Donations | 1190.00 | “ ECHO ” Production | 642.66 |
| Bank Interest | 0.00 | Distribution /Postage | 212.00 |
| | | Printing software | 42.96 |
| | | 22nd History Book (Printer's sale) | 144.00 |
| | 1190.00 | | 1041.62 |
| Surplus for Year | | | 148.38 |

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Member Funds at Bank 31 Dec. 2018 | 3096.65 |
| Surplus for current Year | <u>148.38</u> |
| Accumulated Funds 31 Dec. 2019 | <u>3245.03</u> |



22nd Battalion Association

Upon their return from Europe and the Great War in 1919, the former soldiers of the 22nd Battalion met and formed the Battalion Association to keep alive the Anzac spirit and legacy of mateship that was forged on the beaches and cliffs of Gallipoli and which defined the Australian through the tough fighting in France and Belgium, and beyond. As the years have passed the legacy has now been past to the relatives of the men that fought within the Battalion, under the stewardship today of Ian Russell, son of 524 Pte Fred Russell, the Honorary Secretary of the Association from its inauguration in 1920 until his death in 1978.

Each year the Association remembers those that served and marches on Anzac Day in Melbourne. In addition the Association produces an annual newsletter entitled the '22nd Battalion Association Echo', taking the name from the publication of the same title that the Battalion produced on active service in 1918 until the troops returned home.

The Website www.anzac-22nd-battalion.com was established by Greg Stephens, grandson of “Bob” a 22nd Battalion veteran, It is a valuable source and repository for contributions from Association members, particularly the “Collections “drill down of the “Family” section as well as a Facebook link.

This project has now been archived in the “Pandora” project of the National Library of Australia ensuring its retention for posterity.

In Memoriam Roll 2020

| | | | |
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| Mr | J | Armstrong | Percy Armstrong - G'Uncle |
| Mr | P | Baird | Enos Good-G'father |
| Mr | H F | Ball | W A Ball-Father,G'father Stephen,Graeme,David |
| Mrs | J | Ball | John Lyle - Father |
| Mrs | G | Banham | Edwin Edmonds-G'father |
| Mrs | C | Barber | Victor Woolcock-Father, William Ruthven VC-G'father |
| Mrs | S | Belcher | John James Armstrong-G'father, G'.G'father of James&Daniel |
| Mrs | J | Bellis | Lewis Strawhorn-G'father |
| Mr | P | Bellis | Edgar Marcham Bellis-G'Uncle |
| Mr | A | Binns | Laurie Binns-G'G Father;G'G'Uncle Will, John Blackley |
| Mr | R | Binns | Laurie Binns - G'father;G'Uncles Will,John Blackley |
| Mrs | P | Bird | Hubert Wilkinson - Father of Patricia, G'F David,G/GF Erik, Lucas, Bryn,Ari |
| Mrs | P | Boag | Bass Stringer - Father |
| Mr | D | Boothroyd | W F Boothroyd-G'father |
| Mr | E | Boothroyd | W. F. Boothroyd - Father |
| Mr | F | Brain | James Brain - Uncle |
| Ms | P | Brown | J. W. Berrill - Grandfather |
| Mrs | Alison | Burgess | Leslie N Castle-Father |
| Ms | D | Burgess | George Shanks-Uncle |
| Mr | R | Cadman | Alan Cadman-Father |
| Mrs | F | Caffery | Fred Russell-G'G'father |
| Mr | K | Camm | Herbert Alexander Camm-Father |
| M/s | Fay | Carlin | Charles John Carlin-G'father |
| Mr | A B | Carroll | Lt. Arthur Carroll MM-Father,G'G'father of Simon&Luke Abbott, Benjamin Gericke |
| Mr | K | Carroll | Lt.Arthur Carroll MM - Father |
| Mr | D | Carroll | Lt. Arthur Carroll MM- Father |
| Mr | W.B. | Castle | Leslie N Castle-Father also of Alison Burgess |
| Mrs | A | Charles | Robert Andrew - Father,Vicki Bromley G'father, Kabel Davis G'G'father |
| Mr | M | Caulfield | William Tuddin-G' father |
| Mrs | B | Clayton | Albert Edward Strandgard-Father |
| Mrs | J | Clift | Everett Mark Rickard-Uncle |
| Mr | R | Coad | Edward John Hosier-G'father |
| Mrs | Isabella | Collyer | William Sorenson- Father |
| Mr | D | Cooke | Bass Stringer - Grandfather |
| Mr | P | Cooper AM | Percy Cooper - Father |
| Mrs | P | Craddock | Ernest Green - Father, G'father, GG'father |
| Mr | J | Crawford | John Crawford -- G'father |
| M/s | S | Dalton | Henry Brown- G'father |
| Mr | G | Daniel | John Daniel - Father |
| Mrs | M | Dawson | John Malloch-Grandfather |
| Mr | P | Delves | Edward Delves - Father |
| Mrs | V | Devery | William Pentland-Uncle, G'Uncle Vincent |
| Dr & Mrs | L | Drew | Ern McL Green- Father (Josie) |
| Ms | K | Driver | John Stuart James Canavan-G'father |
| Mrs | J | Ellis | Leslie Ellis - Uncle |
| Mrs | E | Fontaine | Bass Stringer - Father |
| Mr | D | Fox | Charles Eddy-G'father, Albert Eddy-G'Uncle |
| Mrs | J | Frost | V N Moore - Father |
| Ms | P | Gibson | Ernest Harris - G'father |
| M/s | Sylvia | Gilbert | John Lambert-G'father |
| Mr | W | Gilbert | John Lambert - Great Grandfather |

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| Mrs D | Goodsall | Alan Cadman - Father |
| Mrs M | Greig | Will Greig - Grandfather, George Hill - Great Uncle |
| Mr R | Griffiths | Henry Griffiths - Father |
| Mr & Mrs | G Guerin | Fred Russell - G'Grandfather |
| Mr B | Hammon | N C Hammon - Father |
| Mrs O | Hammond | Henry George Dawson-G'father |
| Mr V | Harley | Walter Harley-Father |
| Mrs M | Hart | Charles West - Father |
| Mr Luke | Hickey | Leo Mc Cartin-G'G'Uncle |
| Mrs Anne | Hickey | Leo McCartin-G'Uncle |
| Ms B | Hill | John Stillman - Grandfather also of Marg Lee |
| Mr B | Hogan | William Hildebrand - Great Uncle |
| Ms F | Holian | John Williams - Father |
| Mr J | Hondros | George W F Chick-G'G'father |
| Mr J | Hyde | Frederick William Hyde-G' father |
| Mrs M | Jackson | James O'Donnell Ryan-Uncle |
| Mrs J | Jacobsen | Norman Sydney Jacobsen-Father-in law,Father of Neville,G'G'UncleJacob |
| Grigg | | |
| Mr R | Jelley | Robert Francis Napoleon Jelley-G'Uncle |
| Mrs J | Johnson | Robert Hodgens - Uncle, GG Uncle-Helena Johnson |
| Mr C | Kaye | Norman Kaye - Father,G'father of Stephen Ryan, GG'father of Leah Megan |
| Kaye | | |
| Mrs N | Kelly | George Henry Moore-Father |
| Mr I | Kennett | J S Kennett MM-Father,Jo-Anne Kennett/Smith& Stuart Kennett G'Father |
| Mr FG | King | Frank King - Father |
| Dr D | Lakeman | Roy Lakeman- Grandfather,GG'father Ned |
| Mrs M | Lee | John Stillman - G'father, GG Father-Alexandra Lee |
| Mr L | Levison | WE Leviston-Father |
| Mr N | Leviston | WE Leviston-Father |
| Mrs H | Logan | James Taylor Douglas MM - Father |
| Mr A | Love | Ted "Sailor" Parsons - G'Father |
| Mr T | Lynch | John Jones Lynch-Father |
| Ms J | Lynch | Louis Anthony John Lowther-G'father |
| Mr L | Magree | Sgt.Frank Rowden - Uncle |
| Mr G | Malloch | J G Malloch - Father |
| Mr L | Mance | Charlie Mance - Father |
| Mr E | Mann | Thomas Mann - Father |
| M/s J | Marshall | Lindsay Harricks-G' father |
| Mr Leo | McCartin | L McCartin-G'Uncle |
| Mr T | McMillan | Ernest McMillan-Father |
| Mrs L | McMillan | William Melville Chamberlain-Father |
| M/s Kate | Melville | Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father |
| M/s Tess | Melville | Frederick Charles Russell-G'G'father |
| Mr Brett | Melville | Fredeick Charles Russell-G'G'father |
| Mr A | Meyers | Alfred H Meyers-Father |
| Mr J | Miles | Tom Miles - Father |
| Mr S | Miles | Tom Miles G'father |
| Mr G | Monk | Clarrie Monk - Grandfather |
| M/s Kaye | Moore | Henry George Moore-G'Father |
| Mr BJ | Moore | Henry George Moore- G'father |
| Mr K | Moore | George Henry Moore-Father |
| Mrs K | Newey | Fred Russell-G'G' father |
| Mrs J | Nicholson | RW Day - Father of Joan, Grandfather of Brian |

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Mrs D O'Mara Frank Lindsay MM-G'father
 M/s M O'Shannassy Albert Ziebell-G'father
 Mr L F Owen Mathew Mitchell-G'father
 Mr A Paterson Ernest Ellerman Paterson-G'G'father
 Mr S Pattinson AJ Pattinson - Uncle
 Mr J T Phelan James Steven Hogan-Uncle
 M/s G Porter George Giroud - Father,GF Michelle,GG/F Rebecca,GGG/F Riley, Zachary,
 Prudence
 Mr J Powell William Henry Powell-G'Uncle,Uncle Mick,Stan Mc Curdy
 Mrs D Powell Stanley Robert McCurdy-Father,also Meridith Lennie,Stanley Robert
 McCurdy,G'father Jim
 Mr K Powerlett George Powerlett-Father, Wendy Thomas-G' daughter
 Mr D Rebbeschi Charles Henry Haar-G/G'father
 Mr R Reed Albert Louis Reed-Father
 Mr B Reed Albert Louis Reed-father
 Ms N Ridgeway Mark Ridgway - cousin
 Mr W G Ridgway Mark Ridgway-Uncle
 Dr J Robinson John Urquhart-G' father
 Mr M Rodda Edmund Rodda - Father
 Mr I Russell Fred Russell - Father
 Mr P Russell Fred Russell - G' father
 Mr E J Russell George Russell - Father
 Mrs K Russell Fred Russell - G' father
 Mr WJ Searle George Norman Searle-Father,G'father Aiden
 Mrs J Shaw Leo Mc Cartin-Uncle
 Mr J Smart Robert Smart, George Smart-Uncles
 Mrs G Smith John Cumming Father, G'father Joanne,Sandra,G'fatherames,Daniel,Caitlin,Amber
 Mr HarrySmith Charles Watson- G'Father
 Mrs N Smith W.A.Ball-Father
 Mrs B Sommers Athur Ernest Leonard Baker-Uncle
 Mrs B Strawhorn Lewis Strawhorn-Father-in Law, G'Father- Jean Bellis
 Mr PD Tehan Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle
 Mr D Thewlis Eric Thewlis MC - Great Uncle and William Wilson
 Ms J Topliss Charles Hutton - Father
 Mr R L Urquhart Horace Urquhart - Father
 Mr C Wakefield John McKenzie - Uncle
 Mr W Wakefield John McKenzie - Uncle
 M/s E Walker William A Ball-G'G'father, G' father P Walker
 Mr M Ward Eugene Gorman-G'Uncle & his friend W McC Braithwaite
 Mr A Warman Fred Warman
 Mr David Watson Anthony Albert Watson-G'Uncle
 Mrs Janet Weddle Walter Foskett-Father
 Mrs R Wells Charles Bloomfield - G'father,(Beryl)GG'father,(Rhonda)GGG'father,(Hannah)
 Mr J W West John West - Father
 Mrs H Whiley Charles Bullock - Grandfather
 Mrs H Wilde Alex Milne - Father
 Mr R G Wilkins Leonard Walter Wilkins-G'Uncle
 Mr/MrsE/ Winter Edwin Canham- Father,also daughterJean Harves
 Mr J Wood Jonathan Wood-Father
 Mrs J Woolhouse Herbert Franklin Curnow-Uncle also Norma Gallacher- Uncle

THE "TORCH" HANDED DOWN FROM 1920 TO LATER 22ND FAMILY GENERATIONS

On this Anzac Day, 25 April 2020 I would like to pay a personal tribute to my grandfather, Frederick Charles Russell.

He was a young man of just 18 years from country Victoria in 1915, when he enlisted in the AIF with the 22nd Battalion and left for overseas. He landed at Gallipoli on 5 September 1915 and was one of the last to leave on 19 December 1915.



**Fred Russell Reg. No. 524
22nd Battalion 1 AIF**

The next few years saw him fighting in France in battles of Fleuxbaix, Pozieres and the battle of Bullecourt to name a few.

He was wounded twice and spent time in the hospital at Brighton Sussex England. On May 1918 he was back with the 22nd Battalion and involved in the recapture of Villers Bretonneux.

On 8 August 1918 the 22nd Battalion was part of the AIF advance that decimated the German troops leading to their surrender. He was here on 11 November 1918 when the Armistice was signed which ended WW1.

One cannot even begin to imagine how one processes this kind of journey in one's life, but somehow he did. Returning members of the 22nd Battalion, keen to keep in contact with their "Brothers-in-arms", instigated the foundation of the 22nd Battalion 1st AIF Association .

In 1920 my grandfather took on the role of Honorary Secretary of the 22nd Battalion Association and remained in this role for 58 years until his death in 1978. In 1975 he was awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) for services to veterans.

My father Ian has continued in this role since his passing to honour the memory of my grandfather and the great men of the 22nd Battalion.

As a family we were privy to this great Australian "mateship" through Fred Russell. My Dad has fond memories as a child going with his father to visit returned soldiers in hospitals and homes. We shared many happy family events which included all these amazing guys we called "uncle" who were not technically family at all, but they were "Grampie's" "mates". The bond they shared was far stronger than any "blood " relationship could be.



**22nd Battn, Reunion Sargent's Café Melbourne
1920**

My grandfather was a strong, firm, dignified old gentleman with a "twinkle in his eye" that gave away the warm and loving heart beneath. A man who had seen so many painful things that no human should endure and yet shielded his family from it all.

Affectionally known as "Grampie" to me, he was a much revered and respected Patriarch of the Russell family and all the "adopted " members.

He never spoke of any of the pain and suffering, but he always did speak with great affection about the town of Villers Bretonneux in France. In 1975 my grandfather responded to an article in the Australian newspapers requesting donations for a museum to be opened in the school at Villers Bretonneux. My grandfather was the very first person to donate his uniform to the museum of which the Russell family is very proud.



Villers Bretonneux School/Museum plaque, expressing gratitude for the sacrifice by Australians in the recapture of the village, 24 April 1918



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Fiona Caffery at Australian War Memorial near Villers Bretonneux 2015

This little part of France is a place very dear in the hearts of the Russell family. I made a visit there most recently in 2015. It was a very emotional journey for me as I imagined the horrors that took place in this now peaceful and green countryside many years ago.

I highly recommend every Australian should visit the beautiful peaceful village of Villers Bretonneux and pay your respects at the Australian National Memorial. It is a wonderful tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives so we may live as we do today.

Australians are free to be proud of their country and heritage, free to realize themselves as individuals and free to pursue their hopes and ideals. We value excellence as well as fairness, independence as dearly as "mateship".

We shall remember them.

Fiona Caffery, Director, Travel Sense, Personalised Travel Experiences, Level 1, 395 Wattletree Rd Malvern East, Vic, 3145 Aust.

Descendant 22nd family members are encouraged to March behind the 22nd Association Unit Banner as your tribute to your veteran forebears.

Member Badge

The Member Badge below can be cut-out and inserted in a plastic holder available from most Stationers. The Badge can be worn at official events.



22nd Battalion Association marching Anzac Day 2019



22nd Battalion Association members after the March

KEY COMMEMORATION DATES 2020

April 25 Anzac Day March and 1st Battle of Villers Bretonneux

July 4 Battle of Hamel

August 8 Battle of Amiens

August 30 Battle of Mont St Quentin

November 11 Armistice Day

Facebook/Web: Following The Twenty-Second

PROTOCOL/GUIDELINES FOR DESCENDANTS IN ANZAC DAY MARCH 2020

Participating in the official March is a great privilege but brings with the responsibility to do so with dignity and respect in memory of our "22nd" forebears in particular.

- *Marchers (not young children) must be respectfully dressed in accordance with the solemnity of the Commemoration March (sporting gear/footwear/torn jeans/photos are not approved).*
- *Descendants should wear the medals of forebears on the right breast; their own on the left.*
- *Marchers are to form up 6 abreast and maintain step with the Banner Bearer.*
- *At the Eternal Flame in the forecourt (not the official dais) "Eyes Right" will be ordered and the Battalion Banner lowered. Once past "Eyes Front" will be ordered and the Banner raised.*

Strict adherence to these reflects the commitment to remember them.