



22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION



TWENTY-SECOND'S

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THE ECHO

Since 1943 the Echo has been our annual contact journal and over those years the paper has proved a much appreciated medium for maintaining contact with one another. The 1963 issue was produced, embodying the frontispiece of the original Echo issued in France on April 1st 1918, and including a foreword written by Col. Wiltshire in which he referred to his inaugural foreword in the original issue, 47 years previously. That frontispiece has been retained ever since and is a reminder of our war-time camaraderie.

From time to time members have expressed their appreciation of the Echo and its discontinuance would be a calamity. However the committee has no such retrogressive intentions and the Echo will continue until "time with us shall be no more", and that is a big "X".

But we have had to conform with modern restrictions and "cut our costs" much as we deplore the circumstances. Last year's issue cost \$229 to produce and \$25 for postage. As retention of the journal is a "must" for us we have had to revise its structure. The elimination of the battalion colours in two colours on the front page will mean a considerable diminution in the printing costs and its despatch under wrapper instead of envelopes will mean a further reduction. We have had a ready co-operation from Mr. J. Meehan, Sr., director of C. G. Meehan & Co., who have, since its inception been our printers and have been advised by him of possible economies. It is intended to continue the format of the paper and include items of mutual interest to ex-members of the 22nd Battalion.

Modern circumstances require, diplomatically, that we minimize the use of W.O.T.B.G.

First World War Veterans Luncheon

R.S.L. Headquarters has advised us of the following function:—

The Government of Victoria has agreed to tender a luncheon to 200 veterans of the First World War to mark the 61st anniversary of Anzac Day at the National Gallery of Victoria, Great Hall, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne on Friday, 23rd April, 1976 at 12.30 p.m.

All First World War Unit Associations and Sub-Branches of the R.S.L. are invited to nominate up to three veterans in order of preference for inclusion in the guest list to be submitted to the Premier's Department.

Those veterans who attended last year's luncheon are **not** eligible to attend this year's function.

It is hoped that the luncheon will become a regular event, in which case another invitation to First World War Unit Associations and Sub-Branches will be sent next year, and those who are nominated but do not receive an invitation this time could be included on next year's list.

It is important to bear in mind that each nominee should be physically well enough to attend such a luncheon, and each invitee will be responsible for arranging his own transport to and from the National Gallery.

The names of the veterans submitted to the Government will receive an official invitation as soon as possible before the event.

We have submitted our nominations, but in view of the fact that we still have 60 members who were on Gallipoli we have named 6 in the hope that they may be included. Eight of our members attended last year's function. Our membership is now 180.

OBITUARIES

It will be of interest to our members to have some details relating to some of our members who have died during the last twelve months, and before.

No. 82, WILLIAM WILSON died in Williamstown in December 1972. He was the first Bandmaster of the battalion band when formed in Broadmeadows and was an accomplished cornet player. He was succeeded in that position by Jim Cugley who died in 1969.

No. 521, ROBERT L. PERCY died on 22nd August, 1975 at age of 80. Bob was the original Drum Major of the battalion band in Broadmeadows and in Egypt. He will be remembered by the original members for his spectacular wielding of the drum master's baton on parades in Heliopolis. He had transferred to another unit and did not accompany the battalion to France.

No. 668 (Lt.) BERT PEACOCK died in Sydney in July 1975. Bert was one of the early promotions to officer rank, actually while on Gallipoli in October 1915 when Sergeants Cawthorn, Sparrow, Rodda and Peacock received their commissions. He transferred to the 57th Bn. in March 1916 and served in that unit for the duration with promotion to Captain and an M.C.

No. 979, JIM CAFFREY died in Echuca on 3rd October, 1975. On his return to Australia in 1919 Jim took up a citrus block at Woorinen and on retirement his family carried on the farm. While on service Jim had attained quite a good record for his boxing ability and was amongst the top contestants in the Divisional sports held in 1918.

No. 2493, ROBERT E. BATTON, D.C.M., M.M. and Bar, died at Oakleigh on 13th October, 1975. From early in that year Bob had suffered a continual deterioration in health and for the last few months had been unable to move out of his home. He was looking forward to attending on September 24th but had to cancel that as the effect in travelling to the city — even by taxi — was beyond him. He died on October 13th and was cremated privately at Springvale on 15th.

No. 2149, WALTER C. HARLEY died at Macleod on 3rd November, 1975. Wally had been a member of the signal section but was wounded in 1918 and invalided back to Australia. He rejoined the Railway Department and continued with that department until his retirement in 1966.

No. 2322, ALBERT WILSON died at Elsternwick on 23rd November, 1975. Al had been a member of the signal section but suffered severe injuries at Ville sur Avre and was invalided back to Australia.

No. 6937, CECIL E. DAVIE died in R.G.H. on 13th February and was cremated at Springvale on 18th. He had been, for many years, a resident of Echuca. His son, Keith, telephoned us to advise of his father's death and we do appreciate his action, much as we deplore such tidings. Cecil's brother, No. 6938, ARTHUR R. DAVIE, who had enlisted with Cecil on 23rd May, 1917 had died at Dadswell Bridge on 22nd November, 1970. He had been invalided home before the Armistice but Cecil saw the show out and was discharged on 20th June, 1919.

No. 5893, FRANK H. KING died on 7th March, 1976, aged 83, and was privately cremated at Springvale on 10th. Mrs. King, who telephoned us these details mentioned that she was carrying out Frank's last wishes in that we were to be informed of his demise, in that eventuality. We do appreciate Mrs. King's action and have expressed our condolences to her and her family.

1975 REUNION

Our Annual Reunion is proving even more popular with our members as the years roll on. It appears to be improving with age. 44 attended the function on 24th September and spent a few congenial hours together recounting their reminiscences of events and places which predominated over 50 years ago. From all appearances age may have been very apparent but it had not wearied them much. It certainly had not lessened the battalion spirit which is our binding link. That was evident by the number who attended and by the generous support of members, who by circumstances of location or the restrictions of age had to be present "in absentia". Those "absentee" members contributed \$158.50 towards the show and recognition and appreciation of their support is in a special list published elsewhere in this issue. With such "esprit de battalion" we can be proud of our Association which ranks high in the records of kindred bodies.

The C.T.A. Club provided excellent accommodation for the function and the services of the club facilities could not be bettered.

President Wal Sturrock gave special welcome to a number of members present from distant parts.—Arthur Robinson from Hobart, Bill Freeman, Castlemaine, Joe Green, Wangaratta, Les Turner, Warrnambool, Jim Young, Sorrento, Freeman Lavender, Mt. Eliza, Jack Mallock, Nathalia, Alf Pocock, Ferny Creek, who is suffering severe disability with a paralysed arm and leg.

To all of them he expressed appreciation of their dedication in making such long journeys in order to attend the reunion.

Our most senior member Bill DeBoos, who is 92, was present and in remarkably good form, although his eyesight is restricted and he has difficulty in recognising his old associates.

Tom Watson was celebrating his 80th birthday in ideal company and was accorded a special toast in recognition of that happy occasion.

In appreciation of their donations received at the reunion, the following list of members is recorded.

B. J. Vaughan	L. Garner	T. Hoare
C. E. Hildebrand	L. Coburn	W. Sturrock
C. C. Christie	S. Kohn	L. Turner
K. Moore	J. Lovelace	L. Guthrie
A. Salmon	H. F. Vawdon	W. A. Freeman
A. J. Spencer	D. Lechte	J. Young
O. Cornell	F. W. Lavender	W. DeBoos
A. J. Robertson	A. Pocock	C. Dagg
B. Stringer	C. H. Johnson	J. H. Bennett
R. Holdsworth	N. Dooley	J. B. Armstrong
T. M. McKenzie	J. P. Greene	J. G. Mallock
W. Bailey	G. Giroud	L. J. Smith

REUNION — ABSENTEES' DONATIONS

In appreciation of their support for a function at which they had to be "Absentees" acknowledgement is recorded of donations received from the following members.

F. King, Bentleigh	F. J. Warman, Somerville
C. F. Cox, Glen Iris	J. E. Smith, Geelong West
W. F. O'Connor, Lubeck	L. R. Speak, Tweed Heads
J. A. Cameron, Laverton	J. Graham, Tarnagulla
K. Sutherland, Camberwell	J. W. Masters, Dee Why, N.S.W.
E. Thompson, Hawthorn	K. Anderson, Portland
R. B. Hawkins, Fern Tree Gully	H. Symons, Geelong Nth.
H. L. Jackson, Kew	A. A. McDonald, Sydney

F. E. Hughes, Bendigo
R. Smith, Brisbane
I. T. Birrwisle, Roleystone, W.A.
C. W. Hutton, Warrandyte

F. A. Benn, N. Balwyn
F. Rowden, Nedlands, W.A.
T. Burrage, Swan Hill
M. Ridgway, Burleigh Heads

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Throughout the year subscriptions have been received from the following members and this record is made in appreciation. Each sub had been acknowledged previously and this list is recorded in the Echo as indicative of their attachment to the Association.

F. S. Maskell, Tongala	W. J. Salter, W. Preston
G. Comeadow, Footscray West	E. Evans, Surrey Hills
H. W. Heathcote, Blackburn	E. Thompson, Hawthorn
F. Cline, Glenroy	F. Silver, Fairfield
W. Liston, Oakleigh	L. Vanslow, Canterbury
L. O'Connor, Lubeck	C. Samways, Strathmore
H. L. Jackson, Kew	A. Salmon, Caulfield
A. W. Smith, Kilsyth	A. Robertson, Hobart
A. Hinds, Blackburn	H. E. Urquhart, Brunswick
J. A. Cameron, Laverton	A. J. Ward, Balwyn
L. Binns, Jeparit	F. W. Robinson, Shepparton
J. A. Welsh, Warburton	V. Handley, Warragul

DONATIONS

We are indeed favoured that so many bereaved relatives of members who have passed on are good enough to send us each year donations in memory of their loved ones. We appreciate their sentiments which actuate their donations to our Association and take particular pleasure in expressing our sincere thanks to all of them. Each will receive this copy of the "Echo".

Mrs. J. Aston, Fairlight, N.S.W.	Mr. E. A. McEvey, W. Preston (son of A. H. McEvey, d'ced.)
Mrs. D. Howship, Surrey Hills	Mr. J. M. Sutherland, Horsham on behalf of his father, 2387, Arthur E. Sutherland.
Mrs. O. Harvey, Torok	Mrs. H. Stevens, Templestowe
Mrs. E. McRae, EchUCA	Mrs. M. McKay, Main Beach, Qld.
Mrs. H. Strachan, Corowa	
Mrs. N. Stevens, Templestowe	

THE "GRAPE VINE"

ROLY WERRETT is in retirement in Berleaucourt les Dames having built himself and Mme. Werrett a home in that village. Roly is now 85 and Mme. Werrett wrote us to say that she had written on his behalf as Roly has difficulty in writing these days. Roly had attended the opening ceremony of the Villers Bret. museum on Anzac Day but was disappointed that our donation of a uniform was not then at the museum.

CLIVE WAXMAN and Mrs. Waxman have adopted the quiet life in their own home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Last year they moved temporarily to their daughter's home in Muskegon in the same State but have decided that their home is best. Clive is now bordering on 80 and retains a very deep rooted admiration for the 22nd Bn. and

those men with whom he shared so many experiences in his youth.

GEORGE COMEADOW is not exactly a bird of passage but he shares two habitats. He spends at least 9 months of each year at Maroochydore — to avoid Melbourne's cold weather — and the remainder of the year with his daughter in Footscray.

WAL STURROCK may have been one of the youngest men in the battalion but he has achieved distinction now in becoming our youngest great-grandfather, and he is not 80 years old yet. He and Mrs Sturrock are elated, and elevated, when their daughter's elder son, Andrew, now attending the Stanford University in California has just become the father of a daughter, born on 27th February.

Wal considers that he has now sealed our relationships with U.S.A. and brotherly love can continue, unhampered by political manoeuvring.

ANDREW CHAPMAN of St. Kilda suffered a stroke last September and is still in Lucinda Hospital, Robe Street, St. Kilda. Andrew has lost the use of his right arm and leg but his other faculties are unimpaired. He is having therapy treatment but making progress towards recovery. An indication of his dedication to the Association was his letter of apology for absence from the reunion. That letter was written by his left hand in block letters and must have meant a mighty effort for him.

SID KOHN suffered a minor stroke early this year and had a few weeks in R.G.H. as a result. However he made sufficient progress towards recovery to warrant his discharge and he is now at his home in Flat 3, 72 Seacombe Street, Caulfield. Sid lost, temporarily, the use of his right hand but has managed to get rid of that defect but he has been deprived of speech. However his wife, Dorothy, managed to transport him to the Secretary's home for the last committee meeting held in February and Sid took his place in the meeting but was not able to participate in the discussions. But he signalled his acquiescence to discussions and he appears in the records as having seconded a motion — without saying a word.

In these days of change much emphasis is placed on Public Relations and its far reaching influences. Organisations such as ours are well aware of the need for social relationships, and we have been particularly favoured in that regard by the voluntary service by HAROLD VAWDON, who, for the past 33 years has undertaken that task and carried it on with assiduity.

Members who have received tokens of Harold's interest in them will be cognizant of the work involved. Items which have come under his notice were of personal nature such as birthday cards, bereavements and events occurring in every day life. From time to time members have sent him their donations and subscriptions to be passed on to the Secretary. We have to commend Harold for maintaining this task for some many years and are pleased to have a record of it appearing in the Echo. He can be named as our senior member.

He attended the inaugural meeting of the Association in August 1938 and was nominated for the committee and is the last surviving member of it. He has been a contributor ever since and was President in 1948.

In his business life he was associated with the clothing trade in Flinders Lane and last year was presented with a 50 years' membership badge of the Antiquaries Club. He, and Mrs. Vawdon, who has not enjoyed good health for many years, have occupied their home in Caulfield for the past 50 years.

I, *Shirley Sutherland of Hardham* contacted us with a view of obtaining a copy of our unit history to present to her father, Sir 138/14710, R. S. SUTHERLAND on his 80th birthday on 31st July, 1975. Fortunately we had a convenient label copy to send him and for which

he forwarded the cost and, furthermore, was pleased to send us a donation to our funds.

In due course Arthur was a pleased recipient of his unit's history. Sutherland Jr., had once seen a copy in the custody of Mr. J. Bennett and that prompted him to contact us. Which goes to show that there is still a demand for copies of our unit history. We disposed of two in 1975 both to collectors of war histories. Our stock of battalion histories is now depleted and as the incident just quoted shows there is still a call for it. Should any of our members know of a copy in the possession of any friends, or relatives of deceased members and have no particular reason to retain it, please pass on the details to the Secretary.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

The Committee gave much consideration to the continuance of our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine. For some time past the attendance of members at the ceremony has been mediocre and that would appear to indicate that the function has ceased to evoke sufficient interest to warrant its continuance.

The Pilgrimage has been held each year since 1953 when the ceremony was held on Sunday, 10th May. That day was selected as the nearest Sunday to the 8th May, to commemorate the date on which the battalion embarked on S.S. Ulysses at Port Melbourne for overseas service. A special flag embodying the battalion colours on a white ground was purchased in 1953 for £8-13-5 and that flag is still in the custody of the Trustees at the Shrine.

The Committee is of the opinion that this action is in no way derogatory to our Spirit of Remembrance to departed comrades but is actuated by due appreciation of the existing social attitudes. We have to bear in mind that the Armistice occurred 58 years ago.

1975 CEREMONY

Last year's ceremony was attended by a token force only, and a number of relatives of deceased members. Mr. W. Sturrock gave the address in the Inner Shrine and in the course of that address he said:—

Once again we are gathered at this Shrine of Remembrance to honour the memory of our departed comrades of the 22nd Battalion.

It is significant that this year, 1975, not only marks the 80th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign where the military history of our battalion began but is also the 80th anniversary of its departure from Australia for overseas service on 8th May, 1915 on board the S.S. Ulysses.

We know that the graves of the fallen who lie buried in Gallipoli are beautifully tended with no scum out of place, but sadly, except for occasional pilgrimages, they are rarely visited. But, in this instance, and in this small way, we remember them on this 80th Anniversary year with pride in their achievements and sadness in our hearts.

As we who are left grow older we hope and pray that the younger generation will continue to honour and remember them when we are no longer here.

LEST WE FORGET

525	E. RODDA, Morwell	February 28, 1963
6938	A. R. DAVIE, Dadswell Bridge	November 22 1970
82	W. WILSON, Williamstown	December 1972
1038	G. W. BROWN,	December 16 1974

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247	G. W. SMITH, Brunswick	February 6
3491	W. P. CLARKE, R.G.H.	April 22
5051	F. S. MASKELL, Tongala	April 25
5043	J. E. RYAN, R.G.H.	April 27
4782	T. W. ROBERTS,	May 11
50026	R. E. BURTON,	May 17
2347	J. E. McFARLANE,	May 28
764	H. ALLSOPP, Carrum	May 31
780	W. BEALE, Thornbury	July 9
4077	F. B. AYERS, Mounse Ponds	July 12
469	B. PEACOCK, Sydney	July 14
4677A	A. J. MITCHELL, Ararat	August 2
521	B. PERCY, R.G.H.	August 22
	W. HOBBS, Morwell	August 5
4832	F. M. SMILL,	September 2
6022	N. J. HANSEN, Mount Royal	September 19
879	J. CAPPREY, Echoes	October 3
2495	B. E. BATTON, Oakleigh	October 13
329	G. R. MURRAY, Red Cliffs	October 19
4586	J. T. FARSHILL, Colac	November 8
2249	W. C. HURLEY, Camogie	November 7
2302	A. WILSON, Essendon	November 23
2497	B. W. WELSHOFF, Blackburn	December 26

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2495	C. E. GUYER, Linton	February 11
2495	F. A. KING, Baringh	March 7

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1975.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance, S.S.B. 1/1/75	\$243.13	Printing "Echo"	\$229.00
Banked Subscriptions	\$110.00	Postage "Echo"	24.86
Monthly Subscriptions - August Dry	83.00	General Expenses	14.52
Monthly Subscriptions - Abroad	158.50	Printing and Stationery	17.46
Bank	351.50	Telephone - Rent to 28.3.75	65.00
Grants	50.00	Fuel - Donation to Villers Bretonneux Museum	26.58
Interest, G.S.B.	5.34	Honourarium - Auditor	10.00
		Donations	
		Dorwin Appeal	510.00
		Lapses	10.00
		Carry On	10.00
		R.S.L.	10.00
		Debit Balance, Reimbursement	24.975
		Postages	7.37
		Bank Balance, S.S.B. 31/12/75	23.48
			161.70
			\$651.97

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