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FOREWORD — FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Members of the 22nd Battalion.

Gentlemen,—

Firstly, may I thank you for giving me the opportunity of being your President for the past year. It has been a very happy one for me, and has passed all too quickly. The small amount of work entailed has been made easy, due to the efforts of your Secretary (Fred Russell), Treasurer (Fred Castledine) and the members of the Committee.

The Annual Re-union last year, was again held in the Melbourne Town Hall, and was voted a great success. The attendance, which was a little above the average is remarkable, as we have lost a great number of members during the year. Many of those present expressed their pleasure at being present, and this, combined with the numbers, gave your committee great heart to carry on "till the last man and the last shilling." Our thanks were extended, and I repeat them, to Mrs. Russell and her band of helpers for doing such a grand job with the table decorations, and above all, the catering.

Very soon we will have Anzac Day again. Our arrangements are much the same as usual, although many of us cannot march, due to various reasons. May I request as many as possible to assemble at our meeting place, have a yarn with many of those who will be there, and in that way remember all those who have passed on since our formation in 1915. Especially, we send greetings to those members who are interstate, in the country, or for various reasons cannot be with us on that day. We wish them well.

The "Echo" is our only medium of thanking those members who, during the year, contribute to our funds. We, the Committee, say thank you, as your help goes a long way to help keep our Association financial. I also want to say thank you to the members of your Committee for their assistance, help and guidance during the past year. They have been very constant attenders at meetings and have always given great consideration to anything brought forward on your behalf.

No report would be complete without once again placing on record our appreciation of the work carried out by Fred Russell and his good lady. They have formed a team that has done a grand job for you over the years. I feel that our grateful thanks should be extended to them on your behalf.

May I, in conclusion, thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to serve you, also to wish you and yours the best of health and happiness for the future.

R. S. BAKER, President.

(15th April, 1922.

GENERAL

On September 21, 1918, a number of repatriated members of the Battalion met in *Serpentia* Cafe, in Elizabeth Street, and formed the 22nd Battalion Association. From that very quiet inauguration has come the present Association, which is now 40 years old, and we, who are carrying it on, have pleasure in reporting to our founders and the members of the progress made.

Incidentally, of that original committee, Harold Vawdon is the only one still active. Dr. Craig, the first President, is in retirement; but that does not deter him from an active interest and attendance at our functions. Fred Castleline, who joined soon after its inception, became the second treasurer, and retains that office still.

We wonder now, did they, at that time, envisage a membership of over 200 and a hefty bank balance, 40 years later. In this world of changes that would have been too far-sighted. Sufficient to say, they created the basis, and time and circumstances have brought about our present organization.

Ray Baker has been elected President for this year and, like all his predecessors, is well-known to our members. Ray suffered very serious injuries from a shell blast at Ville-sur-Aners in April, 1918, having both legs broken, very badly.

One portion of the bone of his left leg was completely destroyed and the doctors decided that it was better for Ray to have two even-length legs, and by means of manipulative surgery they managed to equalize matters. So, apart from the disability of two "wonky legs," Ray at least can walk on an even keel.

Those who know him well marvel at his remarkable spirit in carrying on over sixty, and even now, at a very much advanced age, has achieved distinction in his business occupation.

The Committee functions as a happy gang, and from time to time meet to carry on our affairs. Attention is drawn to "Welfare" matters, reported on elsewhere.

From letters received from country, interstate and overseas members, we are assured that the "Echo" folkis a very much appreciated link, and it will be continued.

The thanks of all are due to those members who subscribe from all corners with the expressed desire that "the Association shall continue," even for another 40 years.

Anzac Day last year was even better than usual; the attendance was well above that of previous years, but unfortunately that was the summit for many. They were content to assemble, meet as many as possible, and then let the march go by. The spirit was very willing but the flesh was not.

As evidence of the passing of years, the "Vale" list is significant. In this respect we are still very concerned at so many of our members keeping in oblivion until we learn, from death notices, of their previous existence. Remarkable, but true.

ANZAC DAY, 1958

Our rendezvous will be the same this year as last — in Bourke Street, North Side, right in front of Myer Emporium.

The march will start at 2.30 p.m., and our members are requested to assemble at 1 o'clock. Even if we move off early in the column, that time will be all too short to meet one another. Particularly is that important these days, for the greater proportion of those who assemble at the J.O.T. do not march.

Each year we find greater numbers of men enquiring for old comrades, and the difficulty is, in the short time available, to make the contact. We know the one sought is on parade, but in the crowded space it is hard to find him.

At the meeting held in Anzac House to arrange details of the march, it was suggested that it be shortened; but that presents all sorts of obstacles, and it was agreed that the 1914-18 men are not yet too old to march from Bourke Street to the Shrine. Anyway, so far, we have managed to reach the objective with practically full strength, and we have not reached the stage when we will admit that the march is too long for us.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our Annual Pilgrimage at the Shrine will be held this year on SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1958, AT 3 P.M. Meet on St. Kilda Road, opposite Victoria Barracks, at 2.30 p.m., and after a short march, starting at 2.45 p.m. from the assembly, led by the Coburg City Junior Band, to the Shrine, the Ceremony of Remembrance will be conducted in the Inner Chamber around the Rock of Remembrance.

In view of the significance and the impressiveness of this short ceremony in memory of our departed comrades, members are enjoined to make it an obligation to attend. Relatives are invited to join us.

This year President Ray Baker will lead the parade, and Rev. K. Wale has consented to conduct the short service of Remembrance and give the address.

Last year the ceremony was attended by an increased number of members and their relatives, as well as many relatives of deceased members, and all were impressed by it. The presence of the Coburg City Junior Band adds to the spirit of the parade and revives memories of days when we marched in our youth behind our own regimental band.

The President, B. J. Vaughan, conducted the short form of service and Rev. Keith Wale gave the address. He spoke of the lapse of time between the present ceremony and the period in which many comrades had paid the supreme sacrifice on service, or had passed on since as the result of war injuries. It was a privilege for us present to gather on such an occasion as a mark of respect to their memory.

COMING EVENTS

Remembrance Church Service

Our member, Rev. Keith Wale, has organised a special REMEMBRANCE CHURCH SERVICE for members of the 6th Brigade, to be held at his church, FLEMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH, 165 Mt. Alexander Road, Flemington, on SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1958, at 7 o'clock.

This Association has been co-opted and we are only too pleased to join in. Members attending are requested to assemble at the church not later than 6.45 p.m. Take the Essendon tram in Elizabeth Street and alight at Stop No. 25.

In view of the purpose of this service, and that it is for men of the 6th Brigade in particular, our members are urged to attend in force to do honour to our departed comrades, and at the same time support our member, Keith, in his ministry at Flemington.

Shrine Pilgrimage

SUNDAY, May 4, 1958, at 2.30 p.m.

Assemble on St. Kilda Road, opposite Victoria Barracks at 2.30 p.m. and the service at the Shrine will commence at 3 p.m.

Annual Re-union, 1958

In case members should need a reminder, our ANNUAL RE-UNION this year will be held in the Lower Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on FRIDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, at 8 o'clock.

The report, given elsewhere in this "Echo," of last year's function should convince members that they are depriving themselves of a really worthwhile celebration by non-attendance. You'll be surprised at the number of old comrades you will meet there, after the lapse of so many years.

ANZAC DAY, 1957 — COMMENTS

The great event amongst ex-servicemen of two world wars, the Anzac Day March, was honoured last year by an even larger muster than on previous years, and again we were fortunate in having splendid weather. We can recall occasions when we marched up Bourke Street to the Exhibition Building in pouring rain, and many were the colds and other ills which eventuated.

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The muster was up to our usual standard; but, with regret, we have to record the fact that a very large percentage have to be satisfied with meeting at the assembly point only.

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For many reasons, particularly age and the consequent physical disabilities, the majority cannot do the march. However, about 150 of our fellows marched the distance and, with our sister units of the 6th Brigade, did our part in honouring Anzac Day. As usual, there was a crop of happy incidents, when comrades of 1914-18 met again for the first time since those momentous years, and literally crawled over one another. We must recognize that Melbourne is a long way from the homes of many of our country members, and although they would have preferred to join their old units at the march, they had to be content to celebrate the day with their comrades at their local ceremonies. Time has brought changes, and those who have moved to Melbourne or its vicinity take advantage of the opportunity to parade again with their A.I.F. units. We had our share of such members, and gave a hearty welcome to Tom Burrage, late of Nyah, and now living at Clayton.

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F. Watkins, of Newport, who admitted to absence for 20 years. For that period of A.W.L. we have no appropriate punishment, as he has been reprimanded and he will earn our serious displeasure if he offends again.

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R. W. Wilkinson, Carnegie, was not quite so bad. He had been in smoke for only eight years, so he received the same caution, and a hearty welcome to the parade. Fined 10/-.

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Peter McKay, of Cressy, had been absent for three years, but made amends by a hefty contribution. We were pleased to see him, all the way from Cressy. Peter is a sheep man down that way and standing up to the strain of years quite well.

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Frank Cline, of Brunswick, had last paraded fifteen years ago; but had quite a good reason for his absence, as he had been in the country and trips to Melbourne for the Anzac Day march were taboo. However, now that Brunswick is his home, he anticipates regular attendance from now on.

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We had a visitor on parade — W. Gray, from Sydney, late 23rd Battalion. He brought a message from our member over there, A. A. McDonald, with greetings to various old battalion conferees. Stan Tyler was able to make contact accordingly.

Tom Strachan, of Corowa, also appeared after many years' absence. He can claim good reason, for his town is just about in N.S.W. and a long way away.

H. W. Skeogh, Diamond Creek, was 82 on 10th August, 1957, yet he walked three miles to catch a train to Melbourne to be on parade. What a man! He must have been a wonderful baby.

W. Martin, of Thornbury, celebrated his 80th birthday on December 29 last, but is proud of the fact that he still parades with us, and will continue for some years yet.

A. W. Gould, of Hopetoun, dodges the cold weather every year by migrating to Queensland. Must be getting soft, when the cold weather affects him. How would he go now in a 1916 winter, mud and all.

We had the really young generation with us on parade. Bill Bessell's two great-grand-children were with us, both proudly wearing Battalion buttons.

Stan Wilson made the journey from Mildura to be with us. Stan does not enjoy good health at all and finds that the Mildura climate suits him best.

"Duckie" McFarlane, who resides in Port Melbourne, attended after eight years' absence. Did not even bring a note. We will fine him a note if he does not improve his performances.

Jack Balch was there, without his Coburg City Band. In past years he has made a fleeting visit at our assembly and then dashed off to join his band somewhere else on the march. Jack's wind has given out, so cornet playing is off for him.

DONATIONS — ANZAC DAY, 1957

The following list of donations received on Anzac Day is published as an acknowledgment and with the thanks of the Association. This is the least we can do in recognition of the very tangible support of members, who donate liberally and get no other receipt. Furthermore, it will inform them why the Secretary and the Treasurer are so anxious to record the names and addresses of donors.

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W. J. Bailey.

KNIGHTHOOD

We were "hooked no end" to learn from the New Year's Honours List of the bestowal of a Knighthood on Major-General W. J. Cawthorn, and the following exchange of letters is published for the information of members:—

"Dear Sir Walter,

6th January, 1958.

It was with considerable pride that we learned from the New Year's Honours List of your elevation to a Knighthood, and on behalf of all the members of the 22nd Battalion Association I wish to express to you our heartiest congratulations on the honour. It is a source of gratification to us, that your outstanding career, which we like to believe, had its inception with the 22nd Battalion in Broadmeadows in 1915, has been recognised by Her Majesty. We look forward to the time when you will again return to Melbourne and we will have an opportunity of expressing our sentiments in no uncertain manner.

In the meantime, we express to you and Lady Cawthorn our sincerest regards."

In his reply, Sir Walter said:—

"I would be grateful if you would convey to the members of the Association my gratitude for the congratulations which you sent in your letter of 6th January.

"I always feel that whatever success I may have achieved later has been primarily due to my membership of the old Battalion and the support and friendship of my old comrades, which I enjoyed in those early years.

"I look forward to my return to Australia and to having, once again, the opportunity of meeting you all again, and saying 'Thank you' in person."

AN APPRECIATION

On 30th November last, the Secretary and Mrs. Russell celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary, and amongst the many tokens received on that occasion was a very beautiful silver salver from the members of the 22nd Battalion Association, inscribed:—

Presented to

MR. and MRS F. C. RUSSELL

on the occasion of their

25th Wedding Anniversary

30th November, 1957

by

the members of the 22nd Battalion Association
in token of affection, esteem and appreciation for
their joint and devoted service to the Association.

For many years the Committee has held its meetings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, which explains the reason for the conjoint presentation. In expressing their thanks to the Committee and members, they are deeply appreciative of such a wonderful gift and tangible recognition of their efforts to promote the good of the Association.

The salver will be a valued possession, and in due course become an heirloom, reminding future generations of the "esprit de battalion" which existed in the 22nd Battalion.

PERSONAL PARS

W. J. Cawthorn, Pakistan, had such happy memories of his contact with old comrades at the 1956 Re-union, that he forwarded a donation prior to the 1957 show, so that he could feel he was again participating. We are appreciative of his donation, and more so of his very tangible interest in the Association, considering the calls on his time in his official position in Pakistan.

Charles Franklin, of Mornington, prepared in advance for his inability to attend the Re-union for, early in July, he forwarded a donation, with the advanced knowledge that he would not be able to attend.

Charles has advised us that Frank Schleich, who has been T.P.I. with paralysis for years, has been admitted to Heidelberg, where he will be able to get the treatment and attention so essential for him.

Jack Sutherland, of Seymour, saved time and effort in writing to us; but his circular envelope, with note enclosed, was returned prior to the Re-union, so we "comprehend" what Jack intended.

John Quiggan, of Shepparton, has just been recovering from a spell in hospital, so attendance at the Re-union was taboo, but he was "standing to" at 9.30 p.m. and contributed in absentia.

N. Hansen, of Clifton Hill, had the right idea. He certainly economised in writing paper; 4 ins. by 4 ins. was the dimension of his note, but it contained all that was necessary to allocate the donation to the annual "do."

Jim Mathews has moved from his caravan home at Coolangatta and spent a few months living like Robinson Crusoe on Magnetic Island. He has moved back to Brisbane in order to be nearer to Repatriation for treatment which he requires these days.

Our liaison officer in London, W. H. Bunning, continues to look after visiting members' interests when they are in Blighty, and both visitors and visited have happy comments on their contacts. Last year Bill had no Battalion member to support him at the Anzac Day ceremony in Whitehall; he had Norm Stevens and Jack Nichols with him in 1956, but he did make other contacts at the Australian dinner held in London about that time. During that function, No. 731, Arthur Brownell, made himself known, and Bill has been good enough to send us Arthur's address in Surrey. So we have roped in another overseas member and he will receive this "Echo."

In October, last year, Bill was co-opted by the British Broadcasting Commission to put over a talk on the Broodseinde Battle. The occasion was the 40th anniversary of that battle and the broadcast was a national hook-up. Bill was asked to speak on behalf of the Australian Forces, and he advised us in advance of the talk. We contacted as many as we could in the short time available to listen, and Bill's voice came over the air in a re-broadcast from the A.B.C. in Sydney. We got quite a kick out of hearing his voice telling the story of the Battalion's part in that stunt.

Arthur Starrock underwent a rather serious operation last year, but has recovered very well. Arthur tops the 84 mark this year.

Arch. Salmon had a short holiday at Southport last year and by way of diversion went on a launch trip. A fellow traveller was Jack McCaul, so naturally they teamed up for the voyage. Both are wondering how chance threw them together in such a remote area.

Andrew Chapman started off on December 4 for a prolonged sea trip, travelling west all the way, going via Suez to United Kingdom, and returning via Panama. He will have only three weeks in England and the trip will take three months. He should qualify for the ancient mariner's badge by the time he returns.

Wal. Starrock is quite proud of himself — his fourth grand-child and the first grand-daughter was born on his 60th birthday. Won't Grandpa be pleased when the anniversaries come round.

Tom Hoare went on a trip to Darwin last year, and on the way collided with a cow at Horsham. He struggled on to Adelaide and there threw himself and the damaged auto on Charles Fulton's mercy. True to form, Charles fixed it and Tom continued his trip with no further mishaps — at least, we have heard of no more. But the silence of the Northern Territory is proverbial.

Fred Holmes, of Brunswick, is a contender for the record family tree. He has 7 children and 17 grand-children. Pretty good for an old chap.

Should any of our members desire to locate a missing comrade, it is suggested that he takes up the game of bowls. Already we have had some very happy reports from members who indulge in that ancient and honourable pastime. Ron Holdsworth was participating in a game at Frankston during the Christmas holidays, when he noticed one of his opponents was wearing a Colgea Club badge. On enquiring, he learned that the visitor was a next-door neighbour of Bill Hennessy. Ron requested him to convey his regards to Bill and, arising from that contact, they have corresponded with each other and Ron hopes to induce Bill to attend the Anzac Day march.

East Malvern E.S.L. has a fair representation of 22nd members on its roll. F. C. Russell is Honorary Treasurer. Harry Hayes is an enthusiastic bowler, and Wal Entwistle a member but non-playing at the moment. Wal is still deciding whether he has the age qualifications.

F. W. Lavender (retired) was an interested spectator at a game at Swan Hill, and was being entertained by a local member. In the course of conversation they got on to the subject of war service, and Lew was very agreeably surprised to learn that his companion was J. G. Parker, ex-22nd and an identity of Swan Hill for many years. This experience impressed both of them with the "esprit de battalion" which does exist. Although both had been residents of the same area for years, it took a game of bowls to get them acquainted.

Visitors to Bendigo should beware of the Lions, of which Tom Wiloughby is the second top this year. We understand the Lions are not nearly so savage as their name implies, and are in fact working very constructively in their area in the community. In other fields Tom is Secretary of the Bendigo Bowling Club, so he has time for a little diversion in that respect.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1957

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of donations received throughout the year from members and relatives, listed below. With such support, the Committee has an incentive to "carry on," as it demonstrates the Association has a place in our members' esteem.

O. J. Hull, Brisbane.	A. T. Salmon, Caulfield.
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G. Comeadow, Box Hill.	C. E. Wilson, Brighton.
P. H. Hobbs, Rosebud.	S. Gilchrist, West Footscray.
H. Hoyle, Kew.	P. H. Hobbs, Cheltenham.
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J. B. Armstrong, Toorak.	

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Mrs. H. Noskes, Brighton.	Mrs. G. Thurston, Lilydale.
Mrs. J. Aston, Sydney.	Mrs. Emry, West Preston.
Mrs. H. J. Sparrow, Murrumbidgee.	

1957 RE-UNION

We hate to admit any deficiency in our attention to members' welfare at our Re-unions, but we want to apologise for serving lukewarm pies at our last show. The cause was due to too much attention—not the lack of it—in the kitchen. Sid Kohn was in charge of the heating appliances, and he was so anxious to have everything right that he most carefully turned on the current for all the stoves, but omitted the main switch. Naturally, the stoves did not heat up, and only an investigation showed the cause of the trouble. Sid is most apologetic.

Bob Briginshaw is certainly growing old. He missed the Re-union through inexcusable forgetfulness. Only when he was about to retire to his bed did he wake up that it was Re-union night. Now, what can you do with a fellow who forgets the Re-union; in spite of every intention of being there. Fined 40 piastres.

Dave Sinclair forwarded his usual subscription with regrets for non-attendance. We do appreciate Dave's continued support, although we haven't had him at a show for years. However, he never fails to do the right thing and we must not push him too far.

Bob Dawson, of Beaufort, will not accept the dictates of years and retire gracefully. He persists in attempting to do his bit around the property, and for that purpose has invested in a light broom so that he can do a little sweeping up in the woolshed. We suggest that he gets a modified Hoover for that job, and then he will only have to follow it round.

Fred Stillee, of Coogee, sent his donation all the way from N.S.W., so that his spirit could be in attendance. We do like that idea. Fred still has happy recollections of his visit to Melbourne in 1955, when he and J. Masters attended their first Re-union for years. They were both in hopes of repeating that performance before, we abandoned all Re-unions. Perish the thought.

Mark Ridgway (retired), now at Lang Lang, was accosted in town just before the Re-union and he volunteered to contribute to the show, as circumstances would prevent his attendance. On the day of the Re-union he was hooked to undergo dental treatment, and as the result would not have been conducive to beer drinking, he was afraid his appetite for beer may have been impaired and he preferred not to take the risk. We do not know whether to condone or to condemn such practices — beer drinking, not dental treatment.

Len Harricks, of Ararat, suggests that we conduct our Re-unions in summer, as our usual date clashes with shearing time, and, naturally, the sheep come first. With his customary contribution, Len sent greetings and best wishes to all, with the admonition: "Enjoy yourselves, Fellows, it's later than you think." Now, what did he mean by that?

George Carter, Port Welshpool (76 years of age), had to forgo the Re-union, but his spirit was there at 9.30 p.m. Much to his self-satisfaction, George keeps very good health. It must be a good climate at Port Welshpool.

2/22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

We do like to keep our members informed of the doings of our "cub" Association, and to acquaint them of the close liaison we maintain. That Association is thriving well and is now 13 years old.

Alex Tolmer has just completed his year of Presidency and has been succeeded by W. Reid, who was the original Secretary and continued in that office for five years. Bill Harry has inherited that position and all indications point to his retention of it for many years. That is his reward for a job well done. Just to fill in his leisure hours, Bill is State Treasurer of the R.S.L. Victorian Branch. Fred Field retains the Treasurership.

At the last meeting of Unit Associations, held in Anzac House in February, Alex Tolmer was elected as the Unit Associations' representative on the Anzac Day Commemoration Council. He had been previously co-opted by that body, but under the reorganisation he is now an accredited member of it.

22nd INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

For want of a better title, we refer to the 22nd Infantry Battalion Association as the Junior member of the "Red and Purple Diamond Trio." They go along quite nicely, and G. W. Farr has been elected President this year. Their energetic Secretary, L. Joseph, continues in that office. We reciprocate in invitations to our respective functions. They usually hold their annual show on Anzac Eve; but there is such an avalanche of Re-unions at that time that our difficulty is to get representatives to attend them. Last year Herb Mitchell attended their function and was given a very cordial reception. In fact, he reckons that they are a great bunch.

We were pleased to receive a copy of their condensed history of service, and we do congratulate them on such a record. G. J. Macfarlan, as the editor, and his publication is a worthy brother of the "Echo."

RE-UNION SUBSCRIPTIONS — ABSENTEES

As we have so often mentioned in "Echo," the success of our Re-unions is due in a great measure to those generous members who subscribe in absentia. Last year was typical, and our grateful thanks are accorded to the following members. Their total contributions amounted to £95/10/6.

W. J. Cawthorn, Pakistan.	M. Ridgway, Lang Lang.
C. H. Franklin, Mornington.	Reg. Day, Dimboola.
A. C. Cook, Toorak.	H. F. G. Hart, Mildura.
J. E. Mathews, Brisbane.	S. Wilson, Mildura.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	J. C. McCaul, Beaumaris.
J. C. Quiggan, Shepparton.	H. W. Smith, Alphington.
N. Hansen, Clifton Hill.	A. T. Salmon, Caulfield.
A. Q. Sinclair, North Balwyn.	H. Jamieson, Armadale.
H. Dawson, Beaufort.	F. W. Warman, Tatura.
F. Stille, Coogee, N.S.W.	A. Chapman, St. Kilda.
L. W. Harricks, Ararat.	C. S. Bell, Montrose.
Geo. Carter, Port Welshpool.	W. Holstock, Chelsea.
C. Ponder, Woolathorpe.	S. G. Fawcett, Northcote.
T. Edwards, Warracknabeal.	H. J. King, Heppburn Springs.
F. Kerrigan, Bobinvale.	J. M. Main, Castlemaine.
J. Welsh, Kyneton.	F. E. Hughes, Dumbalk.
G. Thompson, Beechworth.	C. Fulton, Adelaide.
W. R. Casman, Albury.	R. W. Groves, Adelaide.
H. C. Yeaman, Greensborough.	Dr. W. B. Craig, Kew.
J. S. Grayland, Camperdown.	R. Penhallurick, Ascot Vale.
J. G. Mallock, Shepparton.	W. C. Cornish, Swan Hill.
J. G. Graham, Nyah West.	H. Proud, Newport.
A. Wilson, Prahran.	T. E. Satchell, Springvale.
W. D. Frazer, Lockhart, N.S.W.	J. Alderson, Sydney.
A. R. Hampton, Irymple.	E. H. Paul, East Malvern.
G. Cottam, Ringwood.	W. R. Entwisle, East Malvern.
E. A. Davis, Sydney.	R. Hamilton, East Kew.
R. H. Bishop, Elwood.	

NUCLEUS

Freeman W. Lavender, late of Mildura, has now joined the "sere and mellow" — if the decision of the Commonwealth Public Service can be taken as any criterion — because he has been retired from his position of calibrating the alcoholic content of the Irymple vintage, otherwise excise officer in that area.

After many years of managing the affairs of ships in and out of the Port of Melbourne, Alex. Cook has decided to rest on his laurels in retirement. A sojourn up north was the first instalment.

Ern. Paul, late of Lemnos, has vacated the land for more leisurely pastures of retirement in East Malvern. Next thing we will find him joining up with the East Malvern R.S.L. Bowling Club. He is already a member of that sub-branch, but so far he has balked at bowls.

Wal Entwisle has given up banking and is also a resident of East Malvern. He has taken the first step towards bowls, by joining the East Malvern Club; but so far he has not appeared on the green. Perhaps he is waiting till he is old enough.

Stan Mossop is another who has admitted to his years and retired gracefully.

Tom W. H. Russell, also of East Malvern, has been on the nucleus for some years now. Horticulture was his occupation, but he has had to give that away.

Sid Wicks has been with nucleus for four years. His war injuries, sustained at Bullecourt, are not getting any better with the passing of years, and in January had to have a spell in Heidelberg. His injuries necessitate the wearing of surgical boots, which have to be renewed from time to time.

WELFARE

So that members will be informed of the Committee's activities in welfare matters, the following reports are included in this issue. Naturally, we do not mention the members' names, which would be embarrassing for them.

Case No. 1. A member, 78 years of age, through circumstances beyond his control, was suddenly in need of a home and was not able to secure admission to the War Veterans' Homes. Through our contacts, we were able to pave the way for him and, without detriment to any other applicant, his application was approved, and early in July he was accepted at the War Veterans' Hostel at Frankston, where he is now quite comfortably established.

Case No. 2. A member of 73 years of age suffered a stroke and was at Williamstown Hospital for three months and was about to be discharged. His relatives rang us to request our help in getting him into a suitable home as he was unable to look after himself. Mr. T. Hoare was co-opted and he spent all one day around Melbourne seeking a home for him. As his incapacity was not due to war service, repatriation could not assist. However, after interviewing numerous charitable organizations, Tom succeeded in getting him accepted by a benevolent home in Cheltenham, to which he was removed by ambulance early in July.

The Committee have expressed their appreciation to Tom for his very excellent services and members will endorse that sentiment. However, within a month that establishment changed ownership and the new proprietor increased the charges to such a degree that it was impossible for our member to remain there. Again Mr. Hoare was co-operative and, through his efforts and powers of persuasion, succeeded in getting him transferred to Mount Royal, where he is at present. Negotiations are still going on to have him accepted for Repatriation benefits.

In December last we had two other calls on our services. One member, aged 86, was served with a "notice to quit" the home of which he had been a tenant for 40 years. We were able to set in motion negotiations for another home for him to stay ejection proceedings for the time being.

Another rural member, well on in years, has been a pensioner for years, and developed a further complaint which called for medical treatment. We investigated the case and steps are now in hand to have an application made to Repatriation for consideration.

These instances of assistance to necessitous members will inform our members generally that the Association is carrying on the purposes for which it was formed in 1918, one of which is "Furthering the interests of members at home and on service."

LEST WE FORGET

The following list of departed comrades demonstrates how the years are taking their toll. Such is our inevitable destiny, and we mourn the passing of good mates of years ago. In Remembrance we publish their names and record our sympathy to their bereaved relatives.

3527A	GUPPY, N. G. W. Burnley	April 4, 1955
1041	GILHAM, G. C., Hobart	August 23, 1956
940	WEEKES, J. W., Ivanhoe	October 14, 1956
1944	DREWERY, B. J., Geelong	November 11, 1956

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4788	BONALD, E. W., Charlton	February 10
1963	MARTIN, A., Clifton Hill	March 17
3876	MOLLOY, W., Footscray	March 19
4785	REID, A. R., Mount Royal	April 2
	APSEY, E. H., Sydney	April 13
5890	MURPHY, J. F., North Fitzroy	April 13
2964	TUCKER, B., Pascoe Vale South	April 14
50107	MEYERS, A. H., Ascot Vale	April 19
4155	LAWSON, W. J., Hampton	April 29
6642	LIVINGSTON, G. J., Bendigo	May 25
6321	DYER, E. E., Heidelberg	May 30
2210	RICHARDS, H. B. T., Glenroy	June 1
Capt.	SPARROW, H. J., Murrumbidgee	June 17
5428	WATSON, C. H., Forntree Gully	June 27
5719	LYNCH, W. A., Kew	July 1
4582	CARLIN, C. J., Casterton	July 6
660A	McKENZIE, J. K., Heidelberg	July 19
1288	STEWART, A., Fitzroy	July 29
Lieut.	SOUTHWELL, N. J. C., Sydney	August 11
	TAYLOR, J. M. R., Stawell	August 27
6904	TOMLINSON, R. F., St. Vincent's	August 28
2413	SULLIVAN, A. W., North Carlton	August 29
5113	BRETT, C. L., Oakleigh	September 8
Capt.	SPILLER, W., Caulfield	September 9
686	ALLEN, W. G., Royal Melbourne	September 9
726	CASHMORE, D. G., Heidelberg	September 15
5467	STOREY, W., Rosebud	October 1
2455	WARE, J. J., Geelong	October 6
328	BAUDINETTE, A. S., Carnegie	October 20
183	LARKIN, A., South Yarra	October 27
6841	LE NEUF, C. E. G., Collingwood	October 27
451	ROBIN, A. A.	October 29
5037	KEARNEY, A., St. Dominic's Rectory, Camberwell,	Nov. 10
Capt.	MULLAR, T., Cheltenham	November 13
6824	HARROP, A. T., Spotswood	December 6
Col.	ALDERSON, V. C., Sydney	December 19

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Capt.	ELMIGER, L., Sydney	January 2
	LONGSTAFF, A. G., Cheltenham	January 27
544	SHEARN, S. J., Castlemaine	February 19
5332	CROCKER, J., Clifton Hill	March 1