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FOREWORD — FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the members of the 22nd Battalion Association, 1st A.I.F.
Gentlemen,

This issue, the 18th, of the "Echo" brings to you once again the greetings and good wishes of your Committee. What a grand connecting file this little paper is between all our members, men now in every State of the Commonwealth, in the U.K., France, U.S.A. and elsewhere, who look forward at this time each year to receiving news of old comrades and their doings.

One of the oldest and most affectionately remembered of these old comrades has, I deeply regret to say, passed on, Major W. E. Craig, D.S.O., a foundation member of our Association, a Past President and one of its keenest supporters, died on 22nd June, 1961. Reference to this great loss is made in the following pages. The Doctor will live on in the memory of all who knew him.

His name recalls that our Association is now 44 years old. It was formed in 1918 at a small meeting in Sargeant's Cafe, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. In this connection another name deserves special mention here, that of Harold Vawdon, himself a foundation member and who has served on the Committee ever since. Harold is also a Past President, and is the originator of some valuable ideas which have proved of great advantage to us. Notable among these was the Anzac Day button, the proceeds from the sale of which have gone far towards keeping us financially afloat. Furthermore, Harold is one of those quiet ones who "do good by stealth," and over the years many of us have cause to be grateful to him for acts of kindness and remembrance.

As mentioned at our last Reunion, I was privileged recently to visit some of the battlefields of France and Belgium, where the battalion had been engaged. Having looked down on those places from the ridges and high ground that had to be won, and remembering all too clearly the conditions, and the casualties sustained over those four terrible years, it is amazing to me to know that we can still boast 650 effective members on our roll. This says much for their powers of endurance and keen spirit of comradeship. It is no less a tribute to the immense amount of dedicated effort expended by Fred Russell and Fred Castledine, our Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively, over the last 42 years, without which our Association could never have achieved the success that it has. To both of them, once more, we offer our most grateful thanks.

Whilst in England I visited Padre Drunford, M.C., now living in retirement in the picturesque little town of Alwicks, not far from the Scottish border. He has the kindest recollections of his service with the battalion, which he describes as the most momentous and rewarding period of his life. He sends you all his greetings and very best wishes.

At the Reunion a special welcome was accorded to two well-known members, who must surely occupy a unique "Father and Son" position among former 1st A.I.F. personnel, Arthur Sturrock, now in his 81st year, and his son, Walter, our Immediate Past President, who served simultaneously over a long period, were there together.

Good luck to them, and we hope to see them both again at our next Reunion. I am told that we had altogether five "Father and Son" teams in the battalion—quite a family gathering.

This year there has been a move to shorten the march for the 1st A.I.F. Your Committee was given little time to consider the proposal, of which further details are given in this issue. After weighing the alternatives the Committee decided against making the proposed change this year, but it seems likely that the question will be raised again.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our rendezvous next Anzac Day. Even if you do not march, come along and meet your old friends. The 22nd has always had a name for putting up a good show, so lets do it again.

It is quite possible that this may be the last year in which the 1st A.I.F. in Victoria will march together through the city and Melbourne proper.

To all of you, at home and abroad, the members of the Committee join with me in wishing you good health and happiness in the years that lie ahead.

15th April, 1962.

BRIAN ARMSTRONG, President.

ANZAC DAY, 1962

**WE RENDEZVOUS AT SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR—IN
BOURKE STREET, RIGHT IN FRONT OF MYER'S MEN'S STORE.**

Time—9 a.m. The march is due to move off at 10 a.m., and as we are the second division in the order of march we should be on our way by 10.15 a.m.

We stress the time of assembly as 9 a.m., as that will allow only one hour together before the march starts, and that is all too short.

It had been suggested that the march for 1914-18 men be shortened by making their assembly point in Alexandra Avenue, and to march from there to the Shrine, via St. Kilda Road. 1st A.I.F. Unit Associations were contacted by the Anzac Day Commemoration Council to obtain their views on the proposal. With very few exceptions, the units concerned were against any curtailment of the march, and in some instances resented the implication that they were "too old." Furthermore, the proposed new route meant that the 1st A.I.F. would not march through Melbourne City proper, and this reduced the spectacle aspect of the march for relatives of World War I members.

The only salute made on the march will be that to the Eternal Flame, on the forecourt of the Shrine.

Sir Dallas Brooks will view the march from a dais on the forecourt, but will not take any salute.

He will thus be relieved of the heavy task and standing, at attention for the greater part of two hours, which is estimated the time taken by all units to pass a given point.

The changed timing of the Anzac Day March has adversely affected our receipts from the sale of buttons, and donations received on that day. Normally that is our only opportunity to have a muster of members at any one time, apart from the Reunions.

In the past the afternoon march gave us time to meet more fellows, and the Committee was able to get around among those present collecting subscriptions. The funds collected on that day are used to defray the cost of producing and distributing the "Echo." As the paper has proved such a tie with our members scattered world-wide, its continuance is of prime importance for our future. Therefore members who can possibly do so, are urged to attend the assembly on Anzac Day—even if they do not intend to march. We know that members want to make their annual subs. to the Association, and the Anzac Day assembly is the best opportunity. It has often been stressed in the "Echo" that distant members send contributions throughout the year, and all express their appreciation of the "Echo," so it does serve a good purpose in maintaining good contact with one another.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE, 1962

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine will be held on Sunday, 6th May. Assemble at Liallithgow Station on St. Kilda Road, opposite Victoria Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. From there we will march to the Shrine where a short service of Remembrance will be held in the Inner Shrine at 3 p.m.

Members are urged to attend this yearly parade in greater numbers than on previous years. It is the only occasion, once a year, in which we assemble for the express purpose of Remembering those of our war-time comrades who did not return, or have passed on since.

According to our records, there are over 600 who have died since their return to Australia. The Shrine was built for Remembrance, and a unit pilgrimage, such as ours on May 6th, at that edifice, is our expression of that sentiment towards "Departed Comrades."

HOSPITALIZATION

From time to time we learn, after their discharge, that members had been admitted to Heidelberg, and in some instances had been there for some weeks. We feel sure that such members would appreciate a visit from the Association representative, and we have a band of members who are able and willing to make such visits. The lack of a visit leaves the impression that we are indifferent, but, without prior information of a member's admission, no action transpires. It would help the Committee if members, who anticipate going to Heidelberg, or who have been admitted at short notice, arrange for the Secretary to be advised, and they are assured of a visit while in hospital.

1962 REUNION

Our Annual Reunion for 1962 will be held in the Lower Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, 21st September.

RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE

We have received a personal message from the State President, Mr. C. H. McKay, in which he requests our support in encouraging more ex-servicemen and women to join up with the R.S.L.

Needless to say, we heartily support the President in his endeavours, as the curse of apathy is no less apparent amongst ex-service personnel than it is in other walks of life.

Surely it requires no sacrifice for persons who have served in war areas and have consequently acquired the requisite status, to carry on a little longer and assist their less fortunate comrades in civil life.

That is one of the main purposes of the R.S.L., and is a mass obligation to us all. Remember those occasions in "our" war when things were real tough and the ration party failed to materialize. It was a case then of sharing what was available, and even cigarettes were halved.

Then the spirit of comradeship predominated, and men were better for the experience.

The need for such a spirit still exists, and the League is our medium for implementing it. One has only to read the State President's annual report to realize the scope and extent of League activities. His task and the progress of the League would be helped if every returned man and woman did his or her bit for the common good. Individual effort may be most commendable, but it is the organized effort which achieves most.

We would like to be able to tell the State President in our next issue of the "Echo" that all our members—wherever practicable—are members of the R.S.L.

"Now be ready, Twenty-Second."

ANZAC DAY, 1961

The least said about the weather and climatic conditions on Anzac Day 1961 the better. They could have been warrened, but laments now won't rectify matters. Suffice it to say that our attendance at the rendezvous was surprising—and after jostling for foot space on the crowded footpath under Myer's verandah, of which we usurped ownership—the march set off as scheduled, and we left our larger quote behind. A rough estimate gave our marchers approximately 100, but we must have left more than that number at the 107.

The band which led us must have been "wised up" on the ages of the 22nd members, for we carried out a leisurely stroll, uninterrupted, down St. Kilda Road, and with very few fall-outs, arrived in good order at the Shrine.

There must be a great attraction in the Melbourne march, for many of our members from other States gravitated this way and marched again with their old unit.

George Fealy, from Waratah, N.S.W., was there, looking as well as he did two years ago when he attended the Reunion.

Harry Waters, of St. Mary's, N.S.W., made the trip to Melbourne just to be in it on Anzac Day. Harry had spent many years of his life on the island of Gavutu in the Solomons, and has been in retirement in Sydney for a few years.

Bob Mallinson, of Griffith, N.S.W., made the trek to Melbourne to be on parade. It meant a car journey of nearly 300 miles each way, but all Bob had to do was just sit. His son did the driving. Bob reckons age does have some advantages.

We had a Kiwi member with us in the person of Mr. N. Dale, of Christchurch, New Zealand. He and Mrs. Dale were doing an extended tour of Australia, and were pleased to have the opportunity of participating in our ceremony at the Shrine.

Tom Heare was responsible for Mr. Dale's attendance, and we were pleased to have him and Mrs. Dale with us.

Norm is an Aussie, being born in Sydney, but left for N.Z. 40 years ago. This was his first visit to Melbourne in his lifetime. He served in World War I with the N.Z. Rifle Brigade, and as such was a member of A.N.Z.A.C.

THE LATE DR. W. B. CRAIG



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It was with profound regret that we learned, on 22nd June, 1961, of the death, at the age of 91, of our honoured friend and Past President from 1933-1945, Dr. William Bannerman Craig, D.S.O.

He was born at Middleburgh, Scotland, on 24th November, 1868, and received his early education at the Watson School, Edinburgh, and later at the Edinburgh University, where he qualified as M.D. in 1904, achieving the distinction of topping the school in Medicine and Surgery.

In search of wider fields he travelled far to New Zealand where he established a practice in Hastings from 1901 to 1906. For a while he practised in the Cook Islands, and later at Rarotonga in Fiji Group.

While stationed at Rarotonga he was one of a party invited to witness the famous fire-walking ceremony performed by the natives of

that island. In this ceremony a group of natives walk barefooted over a bed of stones previously heated to extreme heat by a huge fire, and suffer no ill-effects whatever. It is claimed by the participants that they are the only human beings in the world to perform the feat. We hesitate to say that the Doctor attempted it, but we have no doubt that at that age he would have "given it a go."

In 1906 he made a trip to Melbourne, where he and Mrs. Craig were married, and both returned to New Zealand until 1909, when he moved back to Victoria and set up practice in Warrnambool.

1911 saw him in the A.I.F., and he went overseas with the 6th Field Ambulance, eventually being posted to the 22nd Battalion as Medical Officer. He remained with the unit until October, 1917, when serious wounds resulted in his evacuation, and eventual return to Australia.

His record with the battalion was unique. He was not only the M.O. with its special status, but he was the friend of all ranks, and consequently earned an esteem only rarely found amongst so diversified a company of men as an A.I.F. battalion.

His ability as a medic was far in advance of his times. We all recollect his famed "balled sweets," and how on many occasions sick men parading for treatment were invited to "have a lolly," which they took with relish and wondered at the purpose behind the "bandage." Only in later years did we realize that, even in those hazardous times he knew the value of glucose, which has been so amply demonstrated nowadays. When things got really tough and the casualties became a torrent, the Doctor spared neither himself nor his devoted staff in his ministrations, and the badly wounded received encouragement and comfort from his kindly treatment.

He received a well-merited recognition, when he was awarded the D.S.O. in October, 1917.

On his return to Melbourne he was appointed an M.O. with the Repatriation Department, newly formed, and continued with that appointment until his retirement in 1938. On outbreak of World War 2 he was again in harness as M.O. on recruiting. Early in 1918 he was the convener of the 22nd Battalion Association, of which he became the first President, later relinquishing that office in favour of Colonel Wiltshire when he returned in 1919. In 1933 he was again elected President and continued in that office until 1945, when he refused further nomination.

Dr. Craig is survived by Mrs. Craig and a family of three sons, all of whom saw service in World War II, and two daughters.

Rev. C. T. F. Goy, ex-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, conducted the final Ceremony at the Brighton Cemetery on 28th June, at which over 90 members of the battalion, as well as a large number of his friends and acquaintances, were present.

STANLEY ROYSTON ADAMS

This Association and ex-servicemen in general are losers by the death on July 21st of Stan Adams, No. 103, 22nd Battalion A.I.F. For many years Stan had not enjoyed good health, as a result of his war service, and had had numerous spells in Heidelberg. He

was made T.P.I. in 1950. It was on account of his state of health that he had to retire from the Repatriation Department, where he had been a staff member from its inception.

Very soon after his return from war service he joined the Committee of the Association, and had been an active member ever since. He was President in 1955.

Stan was one of those individuals always on the lookout to do someone a good turn, and in that respect he excelled.

He was a foundation member, and for over 20 years a committee-man of the Caulfield Sub-Branch R.S.L., for 6 years of which he was the Senior Vice-President. In 1950 he was awarded life membership of the R.S.L.

Again it was ill-health, and the strain of League service, that forced him to retire from that field. Even so, he continued with hospital visiting, and his knowledge of Repatriation procedure was the means of many ex-servicemen being benefited.

It is with profound regret that we mourn the passing of such a sterling comrade, and our sympathy goes out to his bereaved family of Mrs. Adams, one son, Jim, now in Brisbane, and daughter Margaret, Mrs. Hurle, of Cheltenham, and four grandchildren.

GIFFORD THOMPSON — NO. 5097

After a prolonged period of ill-health, due to his war services, Giff Thompson died, at the age of 76 years, in Heidelberg, on 21st February. He was born at Beechworth and, apart from his years of war service, had spent all his life in that area.

After many years of service with the Beechworth Council he was appointed Town Clerk in 1932, and continued in that office until his retirement in 1955. His record in that town must have been most meritorious, as demonstrated by the tributes paid to him on his retirement. There did not appear to be any public activity in the town in which Giff was not interested in some way or other, usually in some executive capacity.

He joined the battalion in 1916 and soldiered on until he was badly wounded and captured near Bapaume. He spent two years as a P.O.W., and after his return to Australia was for months an inmate of the Caulfield Hospital.

However, he overcame those war disabilities to such an extent that he was able to perform the duties of a country town executive officer for another 30 years. Giff is survived by his widow and four children.

HORACE GOOD — NO. 602

After a prolonged illness, Horace Good died in Melbourne on 9th January, 1961. Horace had been for many years in Darwin, where he had been a successful grower. During World War II he and Lindsay had been together there, but Lindsay was a member of the 2nd A.I.F. in that area.

Amongst those present at the final ceremony at Springvale was the Secretary of the Darwin Sub-Branch R.S.L., who happened to be in Melbourne at that time.

JAMES N. SPITTLE

Jim Spittle (Cramerton) died in Robinvale District Hospital on 7th June. He had been a resident of that district for 23 years—a successful primary producer—and later acquired property at Euston Station, N.S.W.

In 1960 Jim and Mrs. Spittle retired to Portland, but had returned temporarily to Robinvale where he became ill and entered the Robinvale Hospital. He is survived by Mrs. Spittle and a family of one married daughter and two sons. Jim was a Lewis Gunner with "C" Coy before transferring to the 6th Brigade Gunners in 1916.

DONATIONS ON ANZAC DAY, 1961

Merci Beaucoup, soldats.

T. H. Jewell, South Morang.	C. F. Monk, Coburg.
H. B. Waters, St. Mary's, N.S.W.	S. Smythe, Heidelberg West.
A. J. Robertson, Hobart.	T. Whiteway, Coburg.
W. J. Cawthorn, Toorak.	S. Adams, Caulfield.
W. Halstock, Carrum.	N. Hamon, Coburg.
A. F. Ide, Williamstown.	J. Wright, Mitcham.
G. Pealy, Waratah, N.S.W.	J. Conway, Springvale.
A. Daig, Williamstown.	J. J. Peoples, Myrtleford.
A. J. Carter, Colac.	W. Ruthven, Preston.
G. Collishaw, Sth. Melbourne.	H. Norman, Hawthorn.
E. Mulrooney, Clayton.	N. H. Dooley, Ivanhoe.
F. Sturrock, Nth. Carlton.	N. Stevens, Oakleigh.
G. Cochran, Camberwell.	E. Draper, Footscray.
V. Handley, Warragul.	T. McKenzie, Albert Park.
A. H. Brown, Bon Beach.	H. Glasscock, East Kew.
A. G. Neal, Auburn.	W. Mathews, Caulfield.
F. Cline, Brunswick.	H. R. Barnett, Malvern.
C. H. Johnston, Glen Iris.	A. Downey, Yarraville.
A. C. Cook, Nth. Balwyn.	J. Young, Sorrento.
P. Rasmussen, Clayton.	J. G. Malloch, Shepparton.
W. Gascoyne, Ascot Vale.	R. S. Baker, Elsternwick.
A. B. Wiltshire, Toorak.	A. G. Parry, Leongatha.
J. Harwood, Essendon.	J. O'Farrell, Pascoe Vale Nth.
C. Cooper, Dandenong.	C. Hildebrand, Blackwood.
G. Rutter, Northcote.	L. T. Smith, Pascoe Vale.
H. Crosby, St. Andrews.	

1961 REUNION

Our annual "do" for 1961 was well up to our established standard, and if the flattering comments of our visitors can be accepted, we ran a show not excelled by any unit. The attendance of members was about 130, a number around which we have hovered for years.

We introduced an innovation, in that we engaged a caterer to look after the gastronomic part, and in that respect we were very well served. The refreshments provided were excellent and liberal, and those present did full justice.

In addition to the usual food items, hot coffee was served at 10 p.m., and that was a very popular item, so much so that the consumption of liquor showed a marked diminution.

Perhaps our ages has some bearing on that, for one could hardly imagine our members in 1920 being satisfied to accept coffee when there was beer to be consumed.

For years past we have attended to the food supplies ourselves, and co-opted our lady helpers in that regard. However, the caterer did everything as well as we could have done ourselves, and we are now quite satisfied to conduct future Reunions on the same lines. We were honoured by a full attendance of invited representatives from other units.

21st Bn. Assn., Norm. Straker, President, and Bill Power, Hon. Secretary.

23rd Bn. Assn., Gordon Frost and George Thompson.

24th Bn. Assn., E. J. Pittard, President, and J. Gibson, Vice-president.

2/22nd Bn. Assn., J. James, senior, Vice-President, and W. Gillespie.

22nd Inf. Bn., G. W. Farr, President, and G. J. Macfarlan.

We are pleased to record that at 10 p.m. when responding to the visitors' toast, our guests were accorded an attentive hearing, and both speakers, Mr. Pittard for the 1st A.I.F. units and Mr. James for the 2nd A.I.F. commented on the fact.

Naturally we take pride in knowing that our Reunions rank high in our guests' opinion, as orderly, well managed affairs, without curtailing in any respect the cordiality of the assembly.

President Brian Armstrong, in his address, gave an account of his recent tour overseas, and in particular of his visit to the battlefields of France and Belgium. He recounted names of places and events which had figured so prominently in our war experiences.

It brought back memories of stirring times when he mentioned amongst others, Pozieres, Villiers-Bretteaux, Bapaume and Ypres, but there our recollections were halted when he described their present condition. There is practically no trace of war scars in any of them, and Ypres, for one, is a completely rebuilt modern town.

Ray Baker proposed the toast of our guests, and in his usual style let them know in happy terms that we appreciated their presence as a symbol of the bond which exists amongst all ex-servicemen.

Mr. S. A. Kehn proposed the toast of "Absent Members," and from many of them we have since learned that they too, joined "in absentia" with us at 9.30 p.m. when their toast was honoured.

REUNION NOTES

Amongst Brian Armstrong's reminiscences of his tour is the story recounted to him by J. Goddard, ex-16th Battalion A.I.F., and now established in business in Amiens. Goddard managed to escape with his family to England after Dunkirk, but, soon after "D" Day, when our invasion forces were fanning out all over Northern France, he was appointed an official guide to our forces, in view of his intimate knowledge of the terrain.

He was leading a column, including a number of Generals, Staff Officers, motor transports, guns and troops on the road from Albert to Bapaume. When passing through Pozieres, where there is a special enclosure reserved as a memorial to the 1st A.I.F., and enclosed by a three rail fence, he noticed three cows in that sacred area.

Without any reference to the commanding general he halted the column and proceeded to chase the cows out of the enclosure and secure the gate.

Naturally the C.O. was intrigued by the guide's behaviour, but was human enough to condone it, when he learned of Goddard's motive.

1961 REUNION ABSENTEE DONATIONS

As has been stressed on so many occasions in the past, the success of our 1961 Reunion was made possible by the generous donations of our absent members, and in acknowledgment, we append hereto a list of them, which is published in appreciation.

H. W. Heathcote, Blackburn.	P. Laidler, Colac.
F. G. Robinson, Shepparton.	A. E. Hoyle, Kew.
A. E. Wiltshire, Toorak.	L. Howship, Surrey Hills.
Geo. Carter, Port Welshpool.	R. Tarrant, E. Bentleigh.
A. Q. Sinclair, N. Baiwyn.	H. C. Yeaman, Greensborough.
W. Cannon, Albury.	A. Milne, Upwey.
E. Wright, Camberwell.	W. Holmes, Terang.
Stan Tytler, Essendon.	L. W. Harricks, Ararat.
R. Mallinson, Griffith, N.S.W.	J. Graham, Nyah.
C. Fulton, Adelaide.	G. Thompson, Beechworth.
F. B. Stille, Coogee, N.S.W.	A. J. Mitchell, Ararat.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	A. W. Smith, Kilsyth.
A. Mason, Queensland.	H. Waters, St. Mary's, N.S.W.
A. G. Birkill, Sydney.	W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.
H. J. King, Hepburn Springs.	W. Wells, Manangatang.
F. Kerrigan, Robinvale.	R. Thomas, Camperdown.
E. Hamilton, Kew.	J. E. Zimmer, St. Arnaud.
W. H. Dowe, Sorrento.	K. Wale, Wedderburn.
Geo. Cutler, Preston.	W. Lyndon, Lorne.
J. Cugley, Thornbury.	R. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.
R. H. Bishop, Glen Waverley.	J. Chard, Sorrento.
J. E. Mathews, Caloundra, Qld.	F. W. Lavender, Mt. Eliza.
W. Cawthorn, Toorak.	A. G. Harper, Swan Hill.
R. H. Laughlin, Brunswick.	D. W. Edwards, Mitcham.
P. B. Jenkin, Box Hill.	H. F. Gould, Eaglehawk.
C. A. McPhee, Mortlake.	C. T. Willoughby, Bendigo.
C. F. Cox, Glen Iris.	W. Evely, Bendigo.
E. W. Edwards, Warracknabeal.	R. Lakeman, Richmond.

PRESTON R.S.L. MARCHING GIRLS' GROUP

We have become associated with the Ruthven Squad of the Preston R.S.L. Marching Girls, and were invited to attend their function in the Preston Club Rooms on 3rd October last year.

The squad derives its name from our V.C. winner, who had agreed to become its sponsor. The Battalion Association was co-opted to support the girls, and to each of them we have presented one of our battalion buttons.

Their badge is a Maltese Cross similar to that of the V.C.

At the function, Mr. A. Carroll represented the Association and presented the buttons to the girls. They were quite honoured to wear such an emblem. The girls made an appearance at the last Royal Show, and from time to time we will be hearing more of their activities.

GOING WALKABOUT

Some fellows can't stay put. In their younger days they were the chaps who had to walk about 5 or more kilos to another village, just to sample its "vin blanc," which was no better nor worse than that in their local estaminet, but they must have variety, and in doing so risked being caught "O.O.B." and/or A.W.L.

Different motives actuate them now, but the "urge" seems to be still there.

Norm and Mrs. Stevens left in January on the start of a twelve months' tour. He struck a shindy at Colombo, and all hands were confined to ship. Original members will recollect a similar restriction to the "passengers" on the "Ulysses," but the shindy had been on board then—not ashore.

Aden proved a poor substitute for entertainment of the tourists on Norm's ship, but he did pay his respects to the Sphinx and Pyramids. Both in the same place and much more weather worn. Mena House is still available for comforts of affluent visitors.

The Bay of Biscay acted up to its reputation and behaved accordingly. So much so that all hands wore overcoats, both on deck and below. He hit London in a snow storm—early in March—and was mainly concerned for the first week in recovering circulation.

Norm will visit U.S.A. on his return, and will then be qualified for the circumnavigators' club.

Bill Cornish, of Swan Hill, takes off in May for a tour of Europe only. He intends making a close tour of the available European countries. He has some friends in Germany and anticipates, with their assistance, to see a lot of that territory. Bill has achieved an ambition—deferred for many years—of making this tour, and can now offset realization against anticipation.

Ron and Mrs. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza, took off in April for same area—and parts beyond. Ron is doing it the modern way, by air, all the

way. Philippines, Japan, India and then the U.K., returning via U.S.A. He anticipates a look in at Grand Rapids to see "Waxy."

This is Ron's second trip and reckons when he returns he will have "had it." From then on he will concentrate on bowls and the country life at Mt. Eliza.

Geoff and Mrs. Littler, Devonport, Tasmania, left in March for a 9-months' trip. Proposes doing Europe in leisurely fashion, in his own car, thus avoiding the regimentation of a conducted tour. Maybe he aims including Moscow in his tour, if circumstances permit—and also will return via U.S.A. Anyway, he will see more of the countries he visits than Col. Glenn did in his recent world tour.

Roy and Mrs. Smith, of Brisbane, are also amongst the globe trotters. They were both in Melbourne in March when Roy was a player in the Limbless-Soldiers' Bowls tourney at Caulfield Central Green. This event was between interstate teams and for three days was keenly contested. Victoria emerged the champions.

Mrs. Smith participated rather prominently in a speculation in Queensland, and they are using that and other emoluments, to give themselves a world tour. Their trip will last about 12 months, and on their way home will be calling at Melbourne.

Whilst in Melbourne for the bowls, he called on Ray Baker to acquaint him of their movements.

In last "Echo" we reported on the very generous hospitality Roy and Mrs. Smith expended to Ray and Mrs. Baker when on their trip to Queensland.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1961

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of subscriptions from members, received throughout the year, and also donations from relatives of deceased members. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for such support.

G. Comeadow, Box Hill.	R. W. Hunter, Mt. Eliza.
C. H. Franklin, Morningside.	A. Seuling, East Brighton.
L. Jeffs, Woon Woon.	R. Day, Dimboola.
S. J. Tytler, Essendon.	T. E. Setchell, Springvale.
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DONATIONS

Mrs. H. Aston, Sydney.	Mrs. G. Thurathn, Lilydale.
Mrs. J. Tallyn, Caulfield.	Mrs. P. Ponder, Woolsthorpe.
Mrs. W. B. Craig, St. Kilda.	Mrs. L. Armstrong, Sydney.

Mr. Jim Tallyn sent a donation in memory of his Father, the late Jack Tallyn.

NUCLEUS

Charles C. Christie, of Alphington, has qualified, after many years assisting the Taxation Commissioner, to extract funds from the populace. He joined the roll of retired gentlemen last October.

Keith Sutherland is now numbered amongst the old and bold. For 40 years he has carried on the good work originated by the late Sir John Monash when he became the first Chairman of the State Electricity Commission.

Keith spent many adventurous years in the backblocks of Victoria superintending line construction jobs, but in the latter decade in the quasi-tranquil atmosphere as Engineer and General Manager for Victoria.

Walter C. Harley (Carnegie) has severed occupational attachment to the Victorian Railways as from October, 1961, and now basks in the pleasures of doing nothing industriously. He has taken the first step towards becoming a bowler by joining the East Malvern R.S.L. Club.

Dimboola must be a dead place now that Reg Day has retired, after 34 years with the Victorian Railways in that town. In July last he acquired "Nucleus" status, and was given very fitting send-offs by his railway associates and other townfolk. Had to have two functions in order to permit all sections to be represented. In years that are gone Reg was an enthusiastic footballer and cricketer in local competitions. In later years he has kept in touch by cricket umpiring—he found that he could not cope with the rigorous conditions of the same office in football—and apparently gave satisfaction. At the Smoke Night tendered to him, not one speaker had one word of criticism or condemnation.

Reg and Mrs. Day have moved to Adelaide to enjoy their retirement in the place from which he hails. Reg took a holiday to W.A. in August, but came all the way back to Melbourne for the Reunion in September. His first appearance at a function.

C. W. Scholes, Ascot Vale, is another. He retired from the Tourist Bureau in 1960 and took himself to England for a six months' tour. After years of booking travellers to Sydney, per Spirit of Progress, he had a go at this travelling business himself. Was with us on parade last Anzac Day.

Jerry Giroud is also numbered amongst the throng. Very soon the whole battalion will be on the inoperational list. Jerry was, for his working days, employed at the Mutual Store, but we do not know how they are carrying on now.

PERSONAL PARS

Clarry Monk, of Coburg, has been the recipient of a reward for 40 years' service with the Australian Red Cross Society. That length of service entitles him to a bar to his already held long service badge. At a ceremony held in the Melbourne Headquarters on 25th October Clarry received his award from Lady Brooks, President of the Victorian Division of Red Cross. Good on you, Clarry—now you will be able to find out whether or not the first 40 years are the hardest.

Alex Cook, North Balwyn, was out of action for a few weeks last October and spent some of them in Heidelberg. He was most concerned that his bout came at such an inopportune time—right at the beginning of the bowling season. While at Heidelberg he was not short of battalion cobbles. On the roll at that establishment at that time were **W. R. Watkins**, **J. B. O'Neil**, **R. Lakeman** and **F. Schleebs**.

Vic Moore, of Heidelberg, was another "hors de combat" in October. Vic underwent an operation and, for a short period, was in Mt. St. Evins Hospital. Apart from the inconvenience of a punctured abdomen and inability to take food for some days, he made a very good recovery. It was small consolation to him to learn that his attack originated in a bout of dysentery he had while on Gallipoli.

However, that may influence Repatriation in accepting his present condition.

There was quite a reunion touch about a meeting in Adelaide in October last year, when **Charlie Fulton** and **Bob Groves** attended at Port Adelaide *per* to extend a welcome to **Keith Anderson** on his return from a six months' trip to U.K. and Europe. Apparently the span of years had not altered any of them much, for recognition was mutual in spite of the fact that they had last met in Challeroi in 1918. We have more to say about Keith and his tour in other pages.

Roly Werratt's younger son **Pierre**, paid a flying visit to Melbourne last November to visit his Aunt and Uncle in Burwood. Pierre is an executive of Seaboard World Airlines in Paris, and his firm sent him on a three weeks' visit to Australia. On the return journey he left Sydney on Saturday morning and arrived in Paris on Sunday evening. Nearly as good as Aladdin's magic carpet. Both Roly's sons were born here, but the family returned to Berteauxcourt in 1924, and established a cafe in that village. Many of our globe trotters have had occasion to sample the hospitality of the Cafe de la Marie.

It was good to meet Pierre, who brought very cordial greetings to us all from his Father. Although a very short contact, we can anticipate that Pierre will have the urge to return again to his birth-place.

Arthur Starrock has achieved the distinction of having celebrated his 90th birthday on 3rd December last. The event was honoured by a family afternoon party at Wal's home, and a number of battalion members were invited to join in. It was one of the hottest days for the summer, but Arthur was in very good form and, to their mutual joy, six great-grandchildren assisted him in cutting the birthday cake.

Jim Kennett (Preston) has had a nasty experience. In July last he was knocked down by a taxi in his own suburb and suffered a broken leg, as well as other injuries. Jim had his leg encased in plaster for some months, and was a complete cut-case.

In last "Echo" we commented—quite favourably—on **Keith Anderson** on his New Year Honour of the C.B.E. Soon after that milestone in his career, he achieved another in his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Portland Harbour Trust, which position he had held from its inception. As a relaxation he took himself overseas and enjoyed a relaxed holiday in Europe, taking six months in the process. Amongst other highlights of the trip he took 8 days to tour the battlefields so well known to us, and of which he have had

reports of other globe-trotters. Keith did the job properly, by hiring a car—and driver—at Ostend, and with perfectly planned trip, made night stops at Cassel, Arras, St. Quentin, Amiens, Albert (two nights) and then Paris. He made good use of his camera and has brought back many excellent photographs of places, and in particular, of cemeteries and war memorials. At many of the latter he noted the names of our own comrades. One of these days we hope to have the opportunity of having a review of these pictures.

We have reported elsewhere of the great reunion he had with **Charles Fulton** and **Bob Groves** in Adelaide on his return trip.

We had a fleeting contact last year with **Edgar O. Davis** (Major), of Sydney. He passed through Melbourne en route to England, but his stay of a few hours did not permit of a personal contact so all we had was a telephoned message and exchange of letters. Mrs. Davis has been on a visit to England, but unfortunately met with an accident, resulting in a broken leg and a long spell in hospital in London. As she was unable to travel alone on the return trip, Edgar had to make the journey to England, and spent a few months there before returning. However, they are now back in their home in Sydney, and we trust Mrs. Davis has recovered fully.

Roy Hunter still enjoys the seclusion of his seaside habitat at Mt. Eliza. Occasionally he ventures up to Melbourne to survey progress at Caulfield R.S.L. Roy is accumulating both years and avoirdupois, but we can't condemn him for either.

Victor Kirby, of Bristol, England, is on the receiving end of our "Walkabout" membership. **Ron Holdsworth** and **John McKay** have already visited him, and very soon he will have another call from Ron, and no doubt others will look him up. Vic has just sent along a very generous donation of U.K. currency on which we gleaned 25 per cent. exchange. Having permitted himself to retire from active participation in his business, he has now become a tulip grower. Has imported special species from Holland, and is endeavouring to produce a world wonder—a Black Tulip.

DONATIONS

Although tinged with recollections, we do appreciate the motive of **Mrs. Stan Adams** in making a generous donation to our funds in memory of her husband, who passed on on 21st July last.

LEST WE FORGET

It is a rather melancholy coincidence, but on April 10th the following deaths were recorded:

W. J. SCHMEDJE , West Preston	21st Battalion
A. H. BUCKLAND , Garden City	22nd Battalion
A. F. H. GABRIEL , Castlemaine	23rd Battalion
W. J. S. GOTCH , Burwood	24th Battalion

LEST WE FORGET

1961.

3226	CHATFIELD, A.	January 28
6840	KING, W. J.	January 27
6814	GOSLING, L. W.	January 30
4654	HARRIS, L.	February 18
	FAUL, H. T.	February 25
2775	PURVIS, C. S.	March 8
2032	CAMPBELL, I. J.	March 12
294	ARMSTRONG, H., Concord, N.S.W.	April 9
699	THURLOW, P.	April 11
6812	HAINES, H. C.	April 18
5791	DICKER, W. H.	May 1
1029	WRIGHT, F., England	May 4
6900	WILSON, C. E.	May 10
1107	SMITH, E. W. R.	May 27
50056	GOTHARD, W.	May 21
4463	HOWDEN, W. M.	June 6
4144	JEFFS, L. R.	June 7
	SPITTLE, I. N.	June 7
5555	COUNAHAN, W. F.	June 13
	WEBSTER, E. E., Sydney	June 14
	CRAIG, Dr. W. B.	June 22
6457	BILSTON, A. W.	June 27
4282	TREACY, J. L.	June 28
5835	NEEDHAM, G.	June 29
1642	WOODWARD, J. T.	July 18
103	ADAMS, S. R.	July 21
50159	THOMAS, H. G.	July 24
578	CORBETT, P. J.	July 30
61864	GOODMAN, W. S.	August 4
3817	DOWNIE, A. E.	August 14
3822	DAVIDSON, J. W.	September 7
374	FOSKETT, W. J.	October 7
3888	McMANUS, A.	October 30
5783	PHILLIPS, A. E.	November 18
5696	HAMILTON, L. G.	December 9
5801a	EDWARDS, D. W.	December 14

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4143	BABBY, J.	January 5
602	GOOD, H.	January 9
4296	CONDON, M.	January 10
6871	O'NEILL, J. R.	January 22
01438	BISHOP, E. H.	January 25
	LAKEMAN, R.	February 20
5697	THOMPSON, J. G. L.	February 21
6832a	INIPER, J. H.	March 13
6283	ROWDEN, T. E.	March 23
	MASTERS, A. W.	March 31
	BUCKLAND, A. H.	April 10

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TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance S.S.B., 1/1/61	£220 38 0
Members' Subscriptions	56 9 0
Donations	15 9 6
Sale of Buttons & Donations—Anzac Day	75 17 6
Interest—S.S.B.	3 11 11
Credit Balance—Reunion, 22/9/61	6 16 3
	£378 15 2
	Printing "Echo"
	Postage "Echo"
	Buttons—Anzac Day
	Wreath—Shrine, 8/5/61
	Deposit—Town Hall—1962
	Telephone
	Postages—General
	Stationery & Printing
	Funeral Expenses—Dr. W. B. Craig
	Cheque Book
	General Expenses
	Repairs—Shrine Flag
	Appeals—R.S.L.
	Legacy
	Carry-On
	39 0 0
	Honorarium—Auditor
	Secretary
	Bank Balance—S.S.B.—31/12/61
	196 3 1
	£182 12 1