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Foreword—From the President

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

Once again your Committee welcomes the opportunity provided by the "Echo", now in its 18th year, to send greetings to all members of the 22nd Battalion Association. It has been a momentous year—more threats of war, economic upheavals, the Empire Games, and an outstanding event—a visit from Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who appear this time to have had a pretty good look at Australia.

Our Annual Reunion, held as usual during Show Week, at the Melbourne Town Hall, proved to be a most successful and enjoyable evening. We were especially pleased to have with us our C.O., Lieut. Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire, Major-General Sir Walter Cawthorn and Mr. Eugene Gorman, Q.C., all of whom received a very warm welcome. Our caterers did an excellent job, and it was noticed that we have got to the stage of looking forward to hot coffee at the end of the evening. Time marches on!

I am most thankful to report that our two Freds, Fred Russell and Fred Castledine are still at their posts, and are heading confidently towards a half-century of wonderful service to the Association. Be sure to look them up on Anzac Day. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that day, so please make the effort. There are many who do not march nowadays, but come along early and meet your old comrades at the starting point. You will find details of the March arrangements set out in these pages.

Some of you may not know that the Battalion's Battle Colours are now installed in the Crypt of the Shrine of Remembrance, along with those of many other Formations of the A.I.F. The Crypt is worth a visit. An opportunity will occur when the Battalion Association pays its personal tribute of Remembrance to our departed Comrades at the Shrine on Sunday, 5th May. On that day, the nearest available Sunday to the anniversary of the Battle of Bullecourt, our Flag is flown on one of the three masts at the Shrine, and all members who can come along will be very welcome.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Committee, of thanking all of you who have contributed during the year to our Battalion funds. We have no sources of revenue other than personal donations, and your support has enabled us to meet all current expenses and to put aside a little to keep down the entrance fee for the Reunion. For this relief from financial worry we are very grateful.

And now, Good luck to you all. Your Committee joins with me in sending to each one of you, wherever you may be, cordial greetings and all good wishes.

10th April, 1963.

BRIAN ARMSTRONG, President.

COMMITTEE DOINGS

The "Echo" has become a valued medium of contact between our dispersed membership, and we have received many indications that its continuance is essential. We have no intention of allowing it to lapse as members can be assured that it will be distributed just prior to Anzac Day for many years to come.

The Committee suffered two losses during the year in the persons of Harold Smith on 21st May and Joe Chamberlain on 2nd November.

Harold had not had good health for some years, and retired from active business in 1960. For the last 12 months he had been practically confined to his home.

Joe Chamberlain had also been retired for some years. He had been associated with the A.M.P. Society from 1965 and had been that company's representative at Bendigo, Sale, Shepparton and Melbourne.

During the years 1929-1931 he was a member of Wesley crew in the head of river rowing contests.

The Association is fortunate in having Mr. Brian Armstrong continue as President. With his customary reserve he was desirous of relinquishing after one year, but was prevailed to continue.

Mr. J. E. Bennett and Mr. W. Lyndon have joined the Committee to fill vacancies created by the death of two members mentioned.

Jim Bennett is a retired High School Headmaster, having during his years of service been stationed at various schools the last at Box Hill.

Bill Lyndon is well known to most of us. For some years he was proprietor of "Coriyya" at Lorne. He is now retired and living at Glen Iris.

ANZAC DAY, 1963

Plans are now completed for this year's Anzac Day March which will be carried out as on former years. Last year it was suggested, that it would be in their interests for 1914-18 men to assemble in Alexandra Avenue and join the March at its intersection with St. Klida Road.

However at a meeting of unit associations held at Anzac House, on 12th March it was agreed to leave the present conduct of the march as it was until such time as the old veterans requested a change.

SO OUR RENDEZVOUS WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, IN BOURKE STREET IN FRONT OF MYER'S MEN'S STORE, AT 9 A.M.

As we will be the best division to move off, at 10 a.m.—our members are urged to be at 10.7. before 9 a.m. so that we can take full advantage of one short hour together before we move off. In that time

the Committee members will be intent on disposing of battalion buttons.

We must stress the point that this assembly is our only opportunity to contact members for Subscriptions to defray cost of production of the "Echo".

Last year the printing and postage of the "Echo" cost £90, and sale of buttons and donations netted £97, so it is obvious that we rely to a great extent on members' Subs. on Anzac Day to keep the Association going.

We know that members will appreciate the frankness with which we have set out the foregoing details, but we feel assured, by their generous support over the years, that we are on the right lines.

2nd DIVISION BANNER

The distinguishing banner, which will be carried at the head of the 2nd Division on the Anzac Day March has been furnished by contributions from each of the 6th Brigade Battalion Association and the Artillery and Engineer units associations. General Beavis, who will lead the Division suggested that we should have a special emblem to distinguish the division in the March, and we, with other units contributed. The banner will be on display before the March at the head of the Division, corner of Bourke and Swanston Streets.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Remembrance Service will be conducted at the Shrine on Sunday, 5th May 1963, at 3 p.m. Assembly at Linlithgow Statue, opposite Victoria Barracks at 2.30 p.m. and after a short march to the Shrine the Service will be conducted in the Inner Shrine.

Families of members are invited to this ceremony which affords members an opportunity of remembering comrades, who did not return, and others who have passed on since.

Sir Walter J. Cawthorn, K.B.E., will give a short talk.

LUCK'S A FORTUNE

During the melee at our rendezvous prior to the March last Anzac Day one of our Members picked up two £5 notes on the footpath, right under the feet of the 22nd.

He reported his find to the Secretary and stated that it would be available to the loser, with one proviso, he would have to name the amount.

Later in the day another Member, quite oblivious of the previous incident, reported to the Secretary that he had somehow or other lost £10, in two fivers.

Imagine his relief when informed of its whereabouts. A special

trip was made to the home of the finder, who was only too willing to hand over the loot to the loser.

It was a most happy conclusion to a dual situation which meant relief to the loser and considerable self-satisfaction to the finder in having assisted another member in such a manner.

"ESPRIT de BATTALION."

1962 RE-UNION

Our annual function for 1962 was well up to our established standard, and 130 members and guests attended.

Similarly with other years we had members present for the first time, or after very prolonged absences, and furthermore we had some very senior—in years—members present.

George Hardy from Bendigo will be 90 next June. George brought himself down for the night and returned next day. George served in South Africa, was with the battalion in France, and in 1939 wanted to have another go but was very incensed when the recruiting people turned him down on account of age.

Wally Martin, 83, was brought along by Don Phillips, both of whom are now at Veterans Hostel, Frankston.

Bill Boothroyd of Ballarat is only in his 70's but he came down specially for the Reunion and was shepherded by his son-in-law, Les Williams, an ex-Commando.

Quite a number of Father and Son combinations were there: Ben Vaughan and two sons, Ben and Jack; Harold Vawdon and son Laurie; H. Walters and son, Keith Smith was present as our guest to represent his late father, Harold Smith.

We like to encourage this "Father and Son" habit for it assures that "Pop" will be properly escorted, to and from, and furthermore he can boast to his sons that this was the unit in which he served, and the sons will be duly impressed by the "old-timers" of 1914-18 who can still muster 50 years after, and relive for a few hours their times together in World War I.

For future Reunions we request "Mums" to see that "Dad" is provided with appropriate escort and send him along to the show. We settle ourselves that we do conduct a really good night, and members are able to have a few hours together just yarning with old coppers. Age has its own limitations and we have all reached that stage, when *colours* brings no longer appeal.

We can recall an occasion when so much liquor was spilt—not comment—that the surplus seeped down one wall to the lower floor and we nearly incurred a large bill for damage to the building.

The financial result of the Reunion is assured, again due in no uncertain degree to the generous support of absentee members, who subscribe to the show, although they have no prospects of attending.

We must pride ourselves on having such members, who maintain their attachment for the 22nd Battalion 40 years after its disbandment.

In proposing the "absentee members" toast at 9.30 p.m., Wal Sturrock dwelt on this feature and mentioned the following interstate members, who had accompanied their donations with remembrance to all old comrades and best wishes for a happy night: A. G. Birkhill, Brisbane; Mark Ridgway, Barleigh Heads, Qld.; Alex McDonald, Sydney; Fred Stille, Coopers, N.S.W.; Bob Mellinson, Griffith, N.S.W.; Lou Pindlett, Gosford, N.S.W.; Bill Fraser, Lockhart, N.S.W.; Charles

Fulton, Adelaide; Reg. Day, Northfield, S.A.; Ivar Birtwale, Cottesloe, W.A.

In naming these members, we are not overlooking the many country members in this State who contributed just as liberally. Their names appear in the list published in this issue. But in view of their location in other States, a special reference was made to them.

Also greetings and good wishes had been received from Clive Waxman, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., whose airmail letter of 13th September had been received on 19th. Waxy is as eloquent as ever on his pride of service with the 22nd.

Greetings had also been received from Norm Stevens from Detroit, U.S.A. His airmail also dated 13th September and received on 19th was written after having had a long distance telephone conversation with "Waxy". He said Clive sounded quite hysterical on the phone, when he learned he was speaking to an old cobbler who had shared adventures with him in the battalion.

Norm was then on his return journey after having had the previous 8 months trotting around Europe.

Ron Holdsworth who had just returned from a 6 months' tour around the world, gave us a short report on his travels. Time limited him to a very short talk but he told us of his attendance at the Villiers Bretonneux Memorial Service on July 19th, in company with Roly Werrett, and Bill Cornish, of Swan Hill. Bill has been in Europe for four months and drove down from Charleroi to attend the service.

So the only three members of the A.I.F. who attended the service in 1962 were all members of the 22nd.

After the service at the memorial, all those present moved on to the village school which had been rebuilt after the 1914 war by collections of the school children of Victoria.

The visitors were treated to singing by the children of Australian songs sung in English, as Ron said, they put on a really good show. Afterwards the guests were treated to a lunch in The "Marie" at which champagne flowed freely. Without undue boasting Ron managed to convey the impression that our three representatives stood up to the ordeal very well.

Eugene Gorman who had just returned from 3 months in Europe gave a short account of a visit to Marcinelle in particular to call on his hostess of his 1918 billet. She is now 83, the widow of a Doctor and retains very happy recollections of the battalion members with whom she came in contact during our stay there.

We were again favoured by the presence of representatives of sister units.

21st Bn., E. J. Caldwell, President, and W. Power, Hon. Sec.

23rd Bn., W. Wyatt and P. Sweatman.

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

2/22nd Bn., R. James, President, and C. O. Harry, Hon. Secretary.

22nd Inf. Bn., L. Joseph, Hon. Secretary.

Les Speak proposed the toast of our Guests, and referred to the bond of service which we all shared and such an occasion as a unit reunion did much to keep alive the associations we shared as one brigade on service.

It was also our privilege to have with us members of our associated units of the 2nd A.I.F. who shared with us the distinction of wearing the same colour patch.

Mr. Caldwell, in responding for the 1st A.I.F. units commented on the record of service of our secretary and compared it with that of Bill Power who had fostered the 21st Association for 30 odd years.

Mr. Ralph James of 2/22nd responded for the 2nd A.I.F. and was

good enough to say that he marvelled at the apparent vigour of the members of the 22nd Battalion and that it was a privilege to be associated with such veterans.

Following on the inauguration of last year catering was in the hands of a caterer and all members expressed their appreciation of the catering including the serving of coffee and hot pies and pastries at 10 p.m.

PRESTON R.S.L. MARCHING GIRLS

Last year we reported the inauguration of the Preston R.S.L. Marching Girls, designated the Ruthven Group, after our V.C. winner.

At that ceremony we were invited to attend as representatives of the 22nd Battalion, of which unit Mr. Ruthven was our distinguished member.

On Saturday, 20th October 1962, under auspices of the Mayor of Preston, Cr. I. Dale, a colourful ceremony was conducted in the Raglan Street Drill Hall to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the Group's formation.

The girls paraded in their striking blue uniform with maroon sash hats and treated the onlookers to a splendid demonstration of their marching prowess.

During the afternoon the Mayor presented the freedom of the city to Mr. W. Ruthven, V.C., and Mr. L. D. McCarthy, V.C., both residents of Preston, and in honour of these two recipients, the girls formed the letters V.C. in the hall. A further honour was bestowed on the two gentlemen in being installed as Patrons of the Preston Sub-Branch R.S.L.

Apart from W. Ruthven this battalion association was represented by Mr. T. Hoare, who was accompanied by Mrs. Hoare. Over the years Tom has given material assistance to this group of marching girls, and the invitation was extended to him in recognition of his interest.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1962

Throughout the year members from all parts of Australia and overseas sent along subscriptions which are hereby acknowledged in the following lists. Naturally we express our thanks to each and all of them, but we are more gratified in knowing that their tangible support is evidence of their appreciation of our association.

W. C. Corrick, Swan Hill.	H. Waters, St. Mary's, N.S.W.
P. T. Kirby, Bristol, England.	W. Holstock, Carrum.
H. E. Gussowick, East Lew.	W. Corrick, Swan Hill.
E. J. Tyler, Extonian.	W. Rutter, Preston.
E. Jensen, Pakenham.	G. H. D. Williams, Hailwyn.
A. C. Cook, North Melbourne.	C. Brown, Menna, N.S.W.
S. Hartley, Camberwell.	W. Southey, Bayswater.
K. Sealing, East Brighton.	J. K. Bennett, Mount Albert.
A. D. Bell, Camberwell.	S. Waters, St. Mary's, N.S.W.
H. Dawson, Hamilton.	D. Davison, East Brighton.
G. Smith, Melbourne.	G. Ross, Inverell.
J. G. Hill, Kewdale Road, S.W.	W. Pearce, East Malvern.
C. W. Irvine, Brighton.	A. Sealing, East Brighton.
A. J. Archer, Camberwell.	

DONATIONS RECEIVED ANZAC DAY, 1962

Merri Bouscay, *editor.*

G. Cochran, Camberwell.	W. E. Watkins, Kew.
C. Monk, Coburg.	S. J. Linton, Kew Hill.
R. Forsyth, Camberwell.	W. Lyden, Glen Iris.
G. Giroud, Fawkner.	T. Strachan, Croydon.
H. Gargurevich, Caulfield.	R. B. Hawkins, Ringwood West.
A. S. Ide, Glenroy.	F. Laidler, Colac.
J. Greene, Wangaratta.	J. Gladman, Hawthorn.
A. Cumper, Hawthorn.	W. Alcorn, Bulleen.
I. G. Good, Surrey Hills.	V. Handley, Warragul.
L. Richmond, Glen Iris.	S. Mowry, Seaford.
C. C. Christie, Alphington.	W. Ruthven, Regent.
E. Mulrooney, Clayton.	A. G. Neal, Auburn.
P. Rasmussen, Dandenong.	H. W. Heathcote, Blackburn.
J. O'Beirne, North Fitzroy.	C. Stanley, Brunswick.
A. Pocock, Hawthorn.	J. A. Lewis, Pascoe Vale South.
W. Gascayne, Ascot Vale.	N. H. Dooley, Inverke.
T. Whiteway, Coburg.	A. Salmon, Caulfield.
G. Powerlott, Sunshine.	T. Hoare, McKinnon.
J. Edwards, Nyah.	D. Locke, Mt. Waverley.
J. E. Lovelace, Tecoma.	N. McKinnon, Kew.
J. R. Macleod, Wonthaggi.	L. Macdonald, Carnegie.
G. Collishaw, South Melbourne.	J. Young, Sorrento.
T. Burrage, Springvale.	T. Mackenzie, Albert Park.
W. Corbin, Catani.	W. Starvoek, Brighton.
A. Wilson, Prahran.	A. Starvoek, Frankston.
T. McKenzie, Albert Park.	V. N. Moon, Inverke.
R. J. Wright, Camberwell.	E. Armstrong, Hawthorn.
H. L. Norman, Hawthorn.	E. S. Baker, Elsternwick.
W. Bailey, Bayswater.	C. E. Johnston, Glen Iris.
H. W. Barker, Mordialloc.	A. Carroll, Regent.
W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.	J. Sutherland, West Albert.
F. Cline, Brunswick.	W. Beale, Thornbury.
J. J. Ball, Prahran.	E. Gorman, Caulfield.
J. Ryan, Alphington.	W. E. Smythe, Heideburg West.
W. Fritchard, Northcote.	F. Starvoek, East Brunswick.
T. H. Jewell, South Mornings.	J. E. Wright, Naremnading.
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K. E. Moore, Ratchway Marsh.	J. Dundas, Thornbury.
F. South, Bairnsdale.	W. E. Vincent, Preston.
P. Gregory, Mentone.	A. Thomson, Brighton.
R. Dickens, Ashburton.	W. Graham, Pascoe Hill.
C. Davis, Oakleigh.	K. G. Kerr, Geelong West.
T. Hatty, Preston.	L. Vassler, Camberwell.
N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.	J. G. Abernethy, Traralgon.
W. J. Cawthorn, Poreoh.	G. W. (Mildred) Wadman.
E. M. Francis, East Malvern.	
Received at Home 2nd May, 1962	
G. Cochran, Camberwell.	A. Spencer, Thornbury.
T. W. Russell, East Malvern.	D. Smith, Malba.
E. Evans, Surrey Hills.	E. Mitchell, Preston.
W. Entwistle, East Malvern.	

DONATION, 1962

We express our thanks and appreciation to the following relatives of deceased members, for their actions in donating to the association in memory of their loved ones, also to those members who made donations in memory of a departed comrade.

Mrs. S. Adams, Caulfield. Mrs. Thurston, Lilydale.
Mrs. J. Aston, Fairlight, N.S.W. Mr. Jim Tallyn, Strathmore.
Mrs. Sullivan, North Carlton.
Alex Cumper in memory of A. Downey.
Tom Jeffs, Won Wron, in memory of his brother, L. Jeffs.
Don Forbes in memory of his Father, C. C. A. Forbes.

1963 RE-UNION

Our 1963 Reunion will be held in the Lower Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, 20th September, 1963.

1962 RE-UNION ABSENTEE DONATIONS

S. J. Tytler, Essendon.	J. E. Mathews, Caloundra, Qld.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	A. Chapman, St. Kilda.
A. Q. Sinclair, Balwyn.	W. H. Tierney, East Reservoir.
H. Craker, Oakleigh.	H. Yeoman, Greensborough.
R. Hamilton, Kew East.	F. Kerrigan, Robinvale.
F. G. Robinson, Shepparton.	C. M. Chamberlain, Elwood.
A. G. Birkhill, Mermaid Beach Qld.	W. M. Wilson, Hawthorn.
C. Fulton, Adelaide.	J. Cleland, Brighton.
E. Mallinson, Griffith, N.S.W.	R. H. Crusell, Ringwood.
W. McLean, Nilma.	E. W. Edwards, Warracknabeal.
H. E. Glasscock, East Kew.	W. Fraser, Lockhart, N.S.W.
F. B. Stillee, Coogee, N.S.W.	N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.
K. McRae, Echuca.	K. S. Anderson, Portland.
A. A. McDonald, Sydney.	A. Hoyle, Kew.
L. G. Pimblett, Gosford, N.S.W.	J. Conway, Springvale.
Geo. Carter, Port Welshpool.	A. Salmon, Caulfield.
G. Comeadow, Box Hill.	I. Birtwistle, Cottesloe, W.A.
M. Ridgway, Burleigh Hds., N.S.W.	W. Holmes, Terang.
J. P. Geesee, Wangaratta.	J. S. Graham, Nyah.
R. Day, Northfield, S.A.	F. W. Lavender, Mt. Eliza.
H. J. King, Hepburn Springs.	S. Mossop, Seaford.
A. R. Hampton, Cadross.	J. Greig, Clayton.
J. Hocking, Sunshine.	A. W. Hiddle, Dandenong.
A. I. Meakin, Geelong.	

The total contributed by these members was £49/1/-, and assured the financial result of the Reunion. Our very special thank-yous to them all.

NUCLEUS

It would appear from all the evidence available that references to "Nucleus" have now become redundant. In spite of our efforts to circumvent "Anno Domini", we have all qualified for that select body, so from now on we will not be quoting the obvious.

However we will still give our usual publicity to the doings of our members, without reference to their ages.

Unfortunately the column "Lest We Forget" is only too indicative of the fact that we are all near or nearing the "allotted span". We do not quote ages in those lists, but a great number of them were around 60 years.

SANCTUARY WOOD

We are indebted to Mr. O. Yule of Ararat for a unique record of the 22nd.

In 1961 he had a tour of Europe and spent considerable time visiting the war areas, and in particular the war cemeteries. At Sanctuary Wood Cemetery he took a photograph of 5 22nd members who are buried there, side by side.

We have received confirmation of the records of these deaths from the War Graves Commission and they are:—

2041 D. H. Robertson.
663A W. H. Stephens.
6427 W. Penny.
63 H. E. Wright.

4552 A. E. Jones (Served as "St. Leon").

In our Honour Roll, included in the battalion history, their deaths are recorded as having occurred on night of 22/23 September, 1917. Some members may recall the melancholy events in that area.

Incidentally Mr. Yule is a brother of 2457 R. O. Yule who was killed in action near Dernancourt on 14th April, 1918.

SERVICE RECORDS

Someone has had the temerity to challenge the record of service of our Secretary and invoked the columns of the "Age" in justification. Our President, Mr. B. Armstrong responded quickly to the challenge and the following pars appeared in the "Age":

RECORD?

A reader from Alphington claiming a "world's record" term of service for the secretary of the 37th Battalion, First A.I.F., Mr. Joe O'Carroll, member of Parliament for Clifton Hill.

Mr. O'Carroll has seen 42 years of service in that post. He is also a former mayor of Heidelberg.

At present he is helping make arrangements for the transfer of the battalion's Queen's Colors from the Church of England, Sale, to the Shrine of Remembrance next June.

Claims for record terms of service, though made in good faith, can often be matched. Can anyone beat Mr. O'Carroll's?

RECORD?

We thought that somebody would challenge the claim that Mr. Joe O'Carroll, M.L.A., secretary of the 37th Battalion Association, had the longest record of service for such a post.

Mr. Brian Armstrong, president of the 22nd Battalion Association, says that Mr. Fred Castledine became secretary and treasurer of his group in 1918.

Two years later the secretaryship was taken over by Mr. Fred Russell, but Mr. Castledine remained treasurer and has now held that post for 44 years.

Mr. Russell is still in his post after 42 years—the same term as Mr. O'Carroll's.

The association is very proud of its two Freds. Justifiably.

FATHER AND SON

Mr. Brian Armstrong wonders whether his association has another record.

At the last reunion, a father and son who had both seen considerable active service simultaneously in the same battalion were both present.

The father was Mr. Arthur Sturrock, now in his 91st year, and the son the association's immediate past president Mr. Walter Sturrock.

Surely this must be a rare circumstance.

The matter was not pursued further and allowed to drop, but we are still of the opinion that our two "Fred's" held the trumps.

Anyway Fred Russell's tenure of Secretary for 42 years takes some beating. That's a fair slice of anyone's life. There may be other challengers.

ANZAC DAY, 1962

We were favoured by much better weather for the March last year, in fact a decided improvement over that of 1961.

Our muster at J.O.T. was the usual but only about 100 marched, and they all "did the distance."

In keeping with previous marches we had the unusual to combine with the usual.

Present for the first time for 20 years was Tom Batty, of Preston, and he was very agreeably surprised to meet so many old coppers.

Bob Forsyth, of Camberwell, broke an absence record of some years, but won't offend again.

A. G. Neal, of St. Andrew's was one of the victims of the bush fire in January, 1962, but is becoming re-established.

Jack Zimmer, of St. Arnaud, made the trip to Melbourne for the March and brought his pal, D. Kuchell, of 9th L.H. from East Adelaide.

Shanty Harwood couldn't make the March as his health prevents him from much movement at all. Tom Hoare brought his regards to his old pals.

Tom Strachan came all the way from Corowa, just to be in it. Eric Craven could not attend but his thoughts were there. Eric is now in a hospital in Murrumbidgee and deputed Charlie Christie to convey his best wishes to all.

Geo. Powerlott, of Sunshine, boasts of being on nucleus since 1955, but is surviving quite well.

Also on parade were:— Jack Edwards, Nyah; P. Laidler, Colac; J. Lovelace, Tecoma; J. R. McLeod, Wonthaggi; V. Handley, Warragul.

Space limits reference to all who were on parade, but we endeavour to include new names in succeeding "Echoes", so that in time each will get honourable mention.

RUTHVEN (RAILWAY STATION)

Bill Ruthven has given free rein to his souveniring habits for he has now got his name on a Railway Station.

In days that are gone it was customary to place your name on any particular object coveted, and then assume that action justified possession.

But never before has a member tacked his name on a Railway Station.

This year a new suburban station will be built on the Reservoir line between Reservoir and Keon Park and has been given the name "RUTHVEN", in honor of our member, who was also for 14 years M.L.A. for that district.

We congratulate Bill on the honour given him and suggest that if members desire to move residence, that they "GO TO RUTHVEN."

REV. W. J. SALTER

It is usually assumed that an Army Chaplain leads a somewhat uneventful existence and does not encounter thrills in the course of his duties.

But Bill Salter can tell a very different story of his experiences in World War II.

In 1942 he was posted to the 26th L. H. Machine Gunners (Mechanised) and on arrival was greeted by the 2 I.C. Major L. Binns, who immediately spotted Bill's Colours, "Red & Purple Diamond." Laurie introduced Bill to the troops by dispensing with a Church service and invited him to give the troops a talk on the record of the 22nd Battalion.

Later on Bill was posted to a P.O.W. Camp at Murchison, to which Bill Ruthven was attached. Also at that unit was P. Garner, so the three of them had much to commune on.

In 1944 Bill was stationed at Portland temporarily. He was invited to a Rotary function and introduced to the President, Mr. K. Anderson. Keith had been Bill's Platoon Sergeant in France so that sealed their introduction and entailed another invitation to address the members at the local Club.

After the war he was in uniform in Flinders Street one morning when a "civvie" accosted him with "if you are as good a Padre as the last war little 22nd man, you'll do."

Obviously an ex-22nd Member, and Bill reckons his reference to Padre Durnford could not have been more flattering.

HAROLD W. SMITH

The death occurred at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, on May 21, of Mr. Harold Wilfred Smith, M.C., M.M., of 2 View St., Alphington.

Mr. Smith retired as manager of an ironmongery warehouse in the city four years ago, through ill-health.

He served with the 22nd Battalion in the first world war, in Gallipoli and France, where he was awarded the Military Cross and Military Medal. He held the rank of lieutenant, and was adjutant of his battalion for six months while in France. He was twice mentioned in dispatches, and served on the committee of the 22nd Battalion since the war.

During the second world war, he joined the Voluntary Defence Corps, and was commanding officer at Ivanhoe. He was a member of Ivanhoe R.S.L.

WALKABOUT

In this "space" age "tourism" makes good reading, and creates wonder to recall doings of our youth. Members will, no doubt, derive certain pride of their past accomplishments in the narrative of travel in Northern France in 1962 as related by Ron Holdsworth. Ron has

made a second tour of Europe and other places, and sent back a report of his travels in areas so well remembered by us.

Comparisons may be odious, but it is at least most interesting to compare Ron's report of places and distances covered in 1 day, with our laborious route marches which took weeks to cover only a fraction of the distance.

Ron spent 18 days with Roly Werrett at Berteaucourt les Dames in July last and has recounted in detail one day's travel.

Under guidance of Pierre Werrett, Roly's son, he had a day's tour on 14th July, which covered the following places, starting at 7.30 a.m. and terminating at 10.30 p.m.; distance covered 250 miles.

Berteaucourt, Raineville, Villa sur Ancre, Albert, Pozieres (stop for morning tea), Bouzincourt, Leulvillers, Puchvillers, Doullens, Bethune, Fleur Baix, Armentieres, Messines, Ypres, Arras, Vimy, Lens, Loos and back to Berteaucourt. Don't these place names bring back memories. Can you imagine us having "morning tea" at Pozieres in 1916.

On 19th July Ron and Roly with their wives attended the special ceremony at Villiers Brittonnoux, an annual event at this Memorial since 1919. On arrival at the monument, Ron ran into Bill Cornish, of Swan Hill, who had driven down from Charleroi for the ceremony. So our 3 members represented us at the 1962 Service.

After the Service at the memorial an inspection of the village followed and then the guests were taken to the school where the children entertained the visitors by singing Australian songs — in English.

Then followed a champagne banquet and Ron admits our members did full justice, so much so that the party broke up at 1 a.m.

Can any of our members recall another "party" in V.B. when someone located the deserted winery, and proceeded to indulge in the beneficent opportunity. That and the raid on the stocking factory were highlight of the wreck of Villiers Brett.

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The 2/22nd held their 17th Annual Reunion in the Richmond Town Hall on Saturday, 19th January.

Prior to "socialities" the business of the association was conducted. Mr. George Russell, who has been a Committeeman for years, was elected President for 1963.

The retiring President, Mr. J. James, when calling for nominations for Secretary and Treasurer challenged anyone present to dare to nominate against the present holders of those offices. There were no takers and Mr. C. O. Harry was duly elected Hon. Secretary for 19th year and Mr. F. Field as Hon. Treasurer for a similar lengthy period of service. These two members are hot on the heels of our own two counterparts.

Mr. H. Carr, who was C.O. of the battalion and Sir William Leggett 2/IC were present. Sir William who is now Agent General for Victoria in London was enjoying a 3 months' furlough from U.K. We were represented by Messrs. H. Stevens and F. C. Russell.

PERSONAL PARS

Jack Sutherland, of Seymour, is taking advantage of his retirement to indulge in his favourite pastime of firewood production. However he has discarded the axe and wields a much more modern con-

trivance, a power saw. Jack reckons wood cutting now-a-days is quite a pleasure.

Bill Cannon, of Albury, has a lament. He is now a retired gentleman and T.P.I. as well. But he cannot touch liquor in any form and has to derive what pleasure there is in watching others do so. Bill spends a lot of time in the Commercial Club, and purely as an on-looker of the members' activities. However Bill is quite happy going there and still enjoys life in Albury.

Lew Pimblett paid a flying visit to Melbourne in February. He has not been in the big smoke for some years. Unfortunately Lew suffered a sad bereavement in December last in the death of his wife, who had been an invalid for some years. Lew has intentions of attending our next reunion.

Keith Sutherland took advantage of his freedom from occupational demands to take a trip to U.K. and Europe, ostensibly to be on hand at the birth of his first grandchild. He and Mrs. Sutherland were away 9 months in course of which time they had a few tours of Europe.

Keith was good enough to time his return to Melbourne 10 days before the reunion in September. As he said he could not afford to miss two reunions in succession, having been an absentee in 1961.

Norm and Mrs. Stevens had a very interesting 8 months abroad last year. This was their second tour, but this one included U.S.A. and Canada.

They spent many weeks in Spain and Portugal, quite off the beaten tourist track. Too bad they couldn't make Moscow in the programme.

In England Norm made another call on Padre Durnford and found him as full of life as ever, in spite of an accumulation of nearly 80 years. Comment appears elsewhere on Norm's telephone contact with "Waxy" at Grand Rapids, U.S.A.

Ray Baker and Mrs. Baker enjoyed a three weeks' cruise to New Zealand last December—just there and back, with a few visits to spots in South Island. On way back he met up with some of our Sydney confreres, Mark Jacobs, Ed. Davies, Horrie Carter, Gen. Allen, Alex McDonald. Their meeting place was in a Sydney Club and apparently the time passed all too quickly in nattering and grogging, an equal proportion of each. All send greetings to their associates in Victoria.

The wanderlust has still got some of our fellows in its coils. J. W. Walters, of Sydney, had a three months' trip to U.K. last June and in April, Paul Jones, of Coburg, also breezed off. We have mentioned elsewhere the travels of Ron Holdsworth, and Bill Cornish, also Norm Stevens and Keith Sutherland.

Roy J. Wright, of Camberwell, joined the retired gentlemen last year, after 50 years' association with the Guardian Assurance Coy. That's a long spell in anyone's lifetime, and Roy saw the company grow from a small one in Queen Street to the splendid offices now part of the insurance world in Collins Street. Roy pioneered his profession on foot, before acquiring the doubtful transport medium of a Model T Ford.

However he survived that ordeal to progress to a better locomotion now enjoyed by a younger generation, starting off 50 years later than he did.

Now that opportunity permits, Roy has taken up bowls for recreation. He should be warned now not to let it become an obsession.

Roudy Hull had occasion to write to Ted Draper and opened up with: "I still have recollections of your voice in "K" Sep 40 years

agn." Ted does not deny being in that spot, but is wondering what he said to imprint it so indelibly in Roudy's memory.

Charlie Fulton still covers lots of ground in the shortest time. He dashed over to Melbourne in March and within 24 hours dashed back to Adelaide. He broke the order of March to call on W. J. Cawthorn and exchange a few pleasantries.

The Victorian Railways Department is becoming denuded of staff. Cas pulled out last year now Jim Gladman of Hawthorn and Norm A. Browning of Oakleigh, and W. C. Harley, of Carnegie, have also severed their connections with the show. However they are all thriving in their new diversions of doing nothing industriously.

Fred Ansell has earned an honourable mention in "Echo". On 18th November 1962, he and Mrs. Ansell celebrated their Ruby Wedding (40 years hitched) in company with their 6 children and 21 grandchildren, and numerous friends. The party was held at Fred's home, 9 McNamara St., West Preston.

Then on 21st January, 1963, Fred had his 65th birthday celebration, and festivities were on again.

Our warmest congratulations to Fred and Mrs. Ansell on their happy events, and also on their bevy of grandchildren. At the moment their score of 21 seems to have established a record—amongst battalion members anyway.

1961 DONATIONS

Our apologies to the following members who made donations during 1961, but whose names were inadvertently omitted from last "Echo". Rather late to apologize but this is the only means of doing so and we will try to avoid such misdemeanours in future.

DONATIONS ANZAC DAY, 1961

J. F. Collins, Strathmore.	E. Williamson, South Yarra.
T. Hoare, Highett.	W. McLeish, Strathewan.
K. E. Moore, Bacchus Marsh.	J. O'Beirne, North Fitzroy.
J. Edwards, Nyah.	H. Kelly, Pascoe Vale.
R. Dickens, Ashburton.	R. McDonald, Fernbank.
D. Lechte, Mt. Waverley.	P. Laidler, Colac.
T. Maher, Kew.	A. Spencer, Thornbury.
W. Bailey, Baywater.	J. Grigg, Carnegie.
C. Sawways, Pascoe Vale.	G. Scholes, Moonee Ponds.
F. Warman, Somerville.	T. Strachan, Corowa.
P. Gregory, Mentone.	E. McKenzie, Ormond.
W. Starrock, Brighton.	C. G. Barn, Hampton.
A. Salmon, Caulfield.	G. Giroud, Fawkner.
S. Messop, Seaford.	A. Carroll, Regent.
W. Graham, Pascoe Vale.	N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.
L. Vanslow, Canterbury.	W. Aimers, Bulleen.
C. Liston, Oakleigh.	A. Buckland, Garden City.
V. Trompf, Warragul.	I. Speak, Elsternwick.
W. Jamieson, Armadale.	R. Wright, Camberwell.
T. Watson, Oakleigh.	J. Cameron, Spotwood.
J. P. Yelverton, Brighton.	C. Dagg, Yarraville.
H. W. Barker, Mordialloc.	J. Gladman, Hawthorn.
W. Vincent, Preston.	T. Russell, East Malvern.
R. Mitchell, Preston.	

1961 RE-UNION DONATIONS

T. Jewell, South Morang.	A. Salmon, Caulfield.
A. Richards, Ascot Vale.	F. Alder, Pascoe Vale South.
L. Good, Surrey Hills.	E. Armstrong, Hawthorn.
D. Phillips, Frankston.	L. Pimblett, Gosford, N.S.W.
W. Martin, Frankston.	W. Starrock, Brighton.
R. S. Baker, Elsternwick.	W. Aimers, Bulleen.
J. Marshall, Ashburton.	A. Pocock, Hawthorn.
W. E. Smythe, Heidelberg West.	D. McCallum, Newport.
G. Caulfield, Mentone.	W. A. Freeman, Castlemaine.
E. Draper, Footscray.	N. B. Dooley, Ivanhoe.
J. C. McCaul, Toorak.	T. McKenzie, Albert Park.
R. Day, Adelaide.	W. K. DeBoa, Burwood.
J. Gibson, Highett.	C. Dagg, Yarraville.
W. Rowe, Northcote.	J. P. Yelverton, Brighton.
T. Strachan, Corowa.	R. Crosbie, St. Andrews.
R. Dickens, Ashburton.	J. Conway, Springvale.
A. R. Hampton, Cadroan.	W. Gibb, Doncaster.
J. Hocking, Sunshine.	G. Phillips, Hampton.
J. Gladman, Hawthorn.	B. J. Vaughan, Camberwell.
W. Graham, Pascoe Vale.	C. Pritchard, Northcote.
W. Wilson, Hawthorn.	W. Tuddin, South Yarra.
C. C. Christie, Alphington.	J. Greene, Wangaratta.
J. Topliff, Chadstone.	L. Bodsworth, Noble Park.
H. Craker, Oakleigh.	C. F. Monk, Coburg.
H. L. Clifford, Geelong.	E. C. Smart, Vermont.
H. A. Hayes, East Malvern.	J. O'Beirne, North Fitzroy.

DONATIONS AT RE-UNION, 1962

T. H. Jewell.	E. Nugent.	N. H. Dooley.
T. Hoare.	L. G. Goode.	B. J. Vaughan.
A. E. Richards.	J. Campbell.	L. W. Garner.
H. A. Hayes.	W. Lyndon.	C. Stanley.
R. Holdsworth.	W. J. Cawthorn.	D. Phillips.
C. H. Campbell.	J. Gifford.	E. Gorman.
W. Graham.	L. R. Stringer.	K. Lewis.
J. Topliff.	J. Young.	C. H. Johnston.
C. C. Christie.	G. Hardy.	G. Caulfield.
A. Craske.	N. Crosby.	E. McKenzie.
J. R. Bennett.	C. F. Monk.	W. P. Yelverton.
L. Howship.	W. Gibb.	W. Gascoyne.
E. Draper.	N. Forsyth.	W. Aimers.
F. Alder.	H. R. Barnett.	J. F. Collins.
W. E. Smythe.	H. F. Vawdon.	A. Pocock.
J. Urquhart.	J. Gibson.	S. Gilchrist.
J. C. McCaul.	N. Bringinshaw.	K. Meldrum.
H. W. Heathcote.	A. Manon.	W. McLeish.
T. Burrage.	H. Tilley.	W. Boothroyd.
G. Rutter.	K. Sutherland.	A. Hinds.
H. Warman.	J. B. Armstrong.	H. R. Barnett.
R. Dickens.	L. R. Speak.	C. F. Monk.
C. V. Gold.	A. R. Wiltshire.	W. E. Smythe.

LEST WE FORGET

800	KEEVER, E. D.	1962	December 8, 1959
		1962.	February 12
	HUTCHINSON, G.		March 3
20696	MEEK, V.		April 10
4523	FRENTICE, W. L. E.		April 13
2295	McTAVISH, H.		May 3
1898	FORBES, C. C. A.		May 3
4371	BOHN, D.		May 3
21394	BAKER, J. G.		May 13
3022	FRANKLIN, C. H., Morningson		May 16
3917	ROGERS, C. E., East Malvern		May 21
1.	SMITH, H. W., Alphington		May 24
6762	BOWLES, P. H.		May 25
4674	CHANTER, F. W.		May 30
6039	KENNEDY, F. C.		June 11
2224	SARGEANT, H. N.		June 16
3921	SCHLEERS, F. L., Morningson		June 16
6784	CANOVAN, J. S. J., Preston		June 24
3992	NIPPE, S. C.		July 18
1168	FITTON, H. J.		July 21
864	McCASH, J. McD., Albert Park		July 21
4546	STURROCK, A. A., Heidelberg		July 24
317	COOPER, M. J. (Arthur Woods)		July 31
2030	CLIFFORD, H. L., Geelong		August 1
6891	STARR, P. H.		August 15
1528	COOK, A. C., North Balwyn		August 15
6039	RUSSELL, G. B.		September 12
2288	CHARD, J., Sorrento		September 21
50178	WILLIAMS, H. L.		September 24
61829	CAMERON, A.		September 28
1866	TAYLOR, H., Carlton		October 16
6330	ECCLES, W. C.		October 23
5879	CHAMBERLAIN, C. M., Elwood		November 2
4065	BRUNTON, H. A., East Brighton		November 26
2104	HEDE, F. P., Mordialloc		November 26
57894	GEEVES, R. L., Croydon		December 3
767	BROWNE, R. E., Malvern		December 5
184	LAUGHLIN, H. R. V., Brunswick		December 5
4789	SALMON, N. M.		December 13
6890	RICHARDS, A. E., Ascot Vale		December 27
		1963.	
841	JOHNSTON, G. W., Brunswick		January 7
6099	CUTLER, G., Preston		January 7
1089	IDE, A. S., Glenroy		January 7
5346	EVANS, C. J., Coburg		January 15
	ROBERTSON, W.		February 13
	BAILEY, C. E.		March 18
	WILKINSON, H. E., Coburg		March 20
	WILLIAMS, J. T., Yuroke		March 29
	NEALER, J., North Fitzroy		March 30

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

RECEIPTS	£196	s	d
Bank Balance S.S.B. 1/1/62	43	13	3
Members' Subscriptions	6	4	0
Donations	67	2	0
Sale of Buttons & Donations—Anzac Day	4	9	10
Interest—S.S.B.	8	1	8
Credit Balance—Reunion, 21/11/62	10	0	0
Sales—Battalion Book	..	..	..
Total	138	19	23
	£226	1	10

EXPENDITURE	£196	s	d
Printing "Echo"	..	..	..
Postage "Echo"	1	13	0
Buttons—Anzac Day	2	15	0
Shrine Pilgrimages—6/5/62	3	0	0
Deposit—Town Hall—1962	14	12	6
Telegrams—Rural	6	0	0
Postages—General	1	11	0
Stationery, Printing	..	..	..
Contribution—2nd Div. Banner for Anzac Day March	4	3	7
General Expenses	10	0	0
Appraisals—Legacy	10	0	0
Carry-Over	10	0	0
R.S.B.	..	..	..
Total	60	0	0
Bank Balance—S.S.B. 31/12/62	20	0	0
	175	15	0
£226	1	10	..