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Foreword - From the President

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

Gentlemen,

This year marks the first of what are, to us, two great Anniversaries.

In August, fifty years will have gone by since the outbreak of "Our War". Next year, we shall celebrate even more vivid and personal events—the anniversary of the departure of the Battalion on Active Service and the 50th Anzac Day.

In 1914, most of us were just starting out in life, some still students or apprentices, others taking up trades or professions, or entering offices, works and the like. No other decade in known history has seen such appalling upheavals in war or witnessed such immense developments in peace. It is our hope that our children and grand-children will find a less turbulent era awaiting them.

Australia's youth has been twice tested in war and not found wanting. It remains to be tested in peace, and now there are newcomers on the scene. Since 1945, over two million migrants have come to this country, a large proportion being of British stock. Of these newcomers, 600,000 were children and another 700,000 have been born to migrant parents here. Twenty-five per cent of our entire population are migrants and their children, and I am informed that forty per cent of our population is still under 21 and accordingly not qualified to vote.

While we look back over our shoulders, it is plain to see from these startling figures what lies ahead, and to appreciate what a profound effect these young people, with all their ideals, opinions and prejudices will shortly have on this Country, its Government and its way of life.

There is no reason to suppose that, should a third great challenge come, it will not be met with the same, or even greater determination that was the case twice before. Anzac Day Anniversaries are healthy reminders of what has happened in the past, and may, unfortunately, happen again. Shortly after Federation, Henry Lawson composed a fine poem, "The Star of Australia", in which he envisaged our first major conflict. It was written long before Anzac and the terrible years that followed, but his vision came very close to the fact. There is space here for only one stanza, which bears this out:—

"There are boys out there by the western creeks, who hurry
away from school
To climb the sides of the breezy peaks or dive in the shaded
pool,
Who'll stick to their guns when the mountains quake to the
tread of a mighty war,
And fight for Right or a Grand Mistake as men never fought
before:
When the peaks are scarred and the sea walls crack, till the
farthest hills vibrate.
And the world for a while goes rolling back in a storm of
love and hate".

Let us therefore continue, as long as we can, to do our part by letting it be seen that the old Spirit of Comradeship, born on active service with the 1st A.I.F., is still as strong as ever it was and that we still honour the memory of comrades who laid down their lives that Australia might retain its present freedom.

Good luck and best wishes to you all. See you on Anzac Day.

BRIAN ARMSTRONG, President.

April, 1964.

Anzac Day, 1964

Plans for the Anzac Day March have been completed and were given consideration by Unit Associations at a meeting at Anzac House on 17th March.

No changes in the conduct of the March will be made and our assembly points will be the same as last year.

We rendezvous in front of Myer's Men's Store in Bourke Street at 9 a.m. The march will commence at 10 a.m., but our time of moving off should be about 10.30, as we will be the last division of the 1st A.I.F. to move. This will allow us a longer period to meet one another and all members are invited to take advantage of the opportunity.

Shrine Pilgrimage, 1964

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine will be made on Sunday, 10th May. Assembly at Linlithgow Statue opposite Victoria Barracks at 2.30 p.m. and the service in the Shrine will commence at 3 p.m. Mr. J. H. Bennett has been invited to give the address on this occasion.

1964 Re-union

Our 1964 Reunion will be held as usual in the Lower Hall, Melbourne Town Hall, on Friday, 18th September, 1964.

Anzac Day, 1963

Anzac Day, 1963, is now history, but still worthy of comment in our journal. We added to our importance by having our Unit's photograph in the Melbourne "Sun", a very worthy paper and one with a very discerning eye. Over the years we have been in the camera's eye on numerous occasions, and we are flattered accordingly.

Copies of the picture were sent to our overseas members and all were thrilled to see again — if only in pictorial form — comrades of years ago.

Clive Waxman had some breezy comments. He marvelled at Col. Wiltshire without a moustache and W. J. Cawthorn with one, Pat Brooley without a hat and Sailor Parsons with one. Incongruities, Waxy called them but just indicative of his recollections of those members as he remembered them, and as they are now.

Our muster was in keeping with that of recent years, but unfortunately our marchers are gradually fading away. However, those who did march performed quite creditably, and actually kept in step the whole way in spite of the fact that we had no band within hearing distance.

The shortage of sufficient bands is a problem for the Commemoration Council which, each year, is faced with a diminution of volunteer bands for the March.

But bands or no bands, the Anzac March will go on until we have to resort to regimental "triangles" for regulation of march pace. We can recall many English regiments on the march in France being preceded by a bandsman beating time on a "triangle".

Again we have the usual comments on members at our assembly point. Our standard-bearer of some years' standing, Fred Holmes, has moved to Gol Gol, N.S.W., but his son Stan has taken on the task and we are pleased that he is carrying on the family traditions.

Bill Speechley, Eaglehawk, was on parade for the first time, and shared that distinction with Dave McLay, of Werrisbee.

Reg Day, of Adelaide, made his first appearance for 27 years. Reg has now retired from the Railways, but came over specially for the march.

Geoff Littler, of Devonport (Tas.) was there, but he was in London for last Anzac Day.

Tom Maher, Frank Mann, Chris Shave and A. Dewe were all on parade after some years of absence.

Jack Johns, of Rainbow, put in an appearance after a break of some years, and brought news of another member, Jack Sherson, of Dimboola, who has never attended. Jack intends trying to induce J. Sherson to accompany him to 1964 show.

H. J. Waters, of St. Mary's, N.S.W., was there, having just returned from a run round in U.K. and Europe.

Lea Guthrie, of Morowa, W.A., came along after an absence of over 20 years, but in view of the distance we must excuse him from regular attendances.

Val Oscar was on parade and said that contact with Roy Thomas in Heidelberg recently provided the urge for him to attend the assembly at the March.

Donations Received Anzac Day 1963

A. J. Carter, Colac.	A. Neal, Auburn.
E. Anderson, Croydon.	J. A. Cameron, Spotswood.
P. McKay, Manifold Heights.	R. J. Wright, Camberwell.
J. Topliff, Chadstone.	E. Evans, Surrey Hills.
E. Draper, Footscray.	W. Ruthven, Regent.
W. Salter, W. Preston.	G. Mulronev, Clayton.
R. Samways, Strathmore.	A. R. Wiltshire, Teerak.
F. S. Trendall, Kew.	A. Thomson, Brighton.
A. Pella, Preston.	H. L. Norman, Hawthorn.
E. Clark, W. Melbourne.	A. Wilson, Prahran.
R. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.	G. A. McKenzie, Abbotsford.
C. Davie, Oakleigh.	G. Rutter, Northcote.
N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.	A. G. Parry, Leongatha.
W. Jamieson, Armadale.	G. Collishaw, Sth. Melbourne.

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| 1. L. Hodgson, Marvell. | T. Hoare, Moorabbin. |
| 2. Murray, Seaford. | T. Jewell, St. Morang. |
| 3. Wilson, Jr., Reservoir. | A. E. Moore, Banchus Marsh. |
| 4. Harbison, Castlemaine. | W. Speechley, Eaglehawk. |
| 5. F. Fisher, Geelong. | R. Day, Adelaide. |
| 6. J. Ross, Northcote. | D. Smart, Maffra. |
| 7. J. Yelverton, Brighton. | J. Esheridge, Mantona. |
| 8. E. Smythe, Muldrey West. | W. McLean, Strathawan. |
| 9. Aswell, W. Preston. | H. W. Lyndon, Glen Iris. |
| 10. Larkin, Mt. Waverley. | C. S. Mack, Coburg. |
| 11. Armstrong, Hawthorn. | T. Strachan, Corvica. |
| 12. Forrest, Canterbury. | W. Gibb, Doncaster. |
| 13. H. D. Danks, Inverloch. | A. Cameron, Oakleigh. |
| 14. Hamilton, Warragul. | J. Spencer, Thornbury. |
| 15. Smart, Vermont. | W. E. De Boos, Burwood. |
| 16. G. A. Goad, Surrey Hills. | J. McLeod, Wertheim. |
| 17. Butler, Oakleigh. | J. Finmer, St. Arnaud. |
| 18. Nicholas, W. Midland (W.A.). | J. Howell, Ringwood. |
| 19. S. Baker, Epsomwick. | T. Maher, Kew. |
| 20. Stannigan, Praeger. | F. Mann, Brighton East. |
| 21. Gregory, Mentone. | C. V. Gold, Clifton Hill. |
| 22. K. Francis, East Malvern. | E. Anderson, Ringwood. |
| 23. Paul Wilson, Reservoir. | J. Young, Sorrento. |
| 24. Graham, Camberwell. | T. A. McKenzie, Albert Park. |
| 25. E. Strang, East Albert. | C. C. Christie, Albionton. |
| 26. Finlay, Camberwell. | J. O'Brien, N. Fitzroy. |
| 27. Whiteway, Colong. | E. C. Smart, Vermont. |
| 28. E. Richmond, Nunawading. | W. J. Cawthorn, Tourak. |
| 29. Kohn, Brighton. | E. B. Hawkins, Ringwood East. |
| 30. Speck, Epsomwick. | W. Vincent, Preston. |
| 31. W. Baker, Kardinia. | A. Mitchell, Ararat. |
| 32. Carroll, Dagen. | W. E. Sturrock, Hampton. |
| 33. E. Johnston, Glen Iris. | G. F. Litter, Devonport, Tas. |
| 34. W. Gibson, Peace Vale. | A. Farnock, Hawthorn. |
| 35. Stewart, Brunswick. | F. Cline, Brunswick. |
| 36. Brown, Oakleigh. | G. J. Hall, Moorlet. |
| 37. Holliman, Caulfield. | W. Beale, Thornbury. |
| 38. Macdonald, Carnegie. | H. Waters, St. Mary's, N.E.W. |
| 39. Campbell, Northcote. | J. P. Gibson, Highett. |
| 40. E. Ross, Heidelberg. | C. Hauff, Shepparton. |
| 41. W. Fenton, Brighton. | E. G. Kerr, W. Geelong. |
| 42. McEwan, Edgewater. | W. Higgins, Footscray. |
| 43. F. Sear, Kardinia. | L. Collins, Murrumbidgee, W.A. |

Shrine Pilgrimage, 1963

On Sunday, May 19th, 1963, we carried out our annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine, at which 42 members attended. The roll-up of members at the ceremony is increasing each year, but there is room for greater expansion. In the Shrine proper a number of relatives and families of members joined in and the assembly in the Inner Shrine completed a Service of the Dead.

Mr. Armstrong conducted the Service of Remembrance and an address was given by Mr. Walter Cartwright, who spoke feelingly of

the many good comrades who died on service. Our memories are of them as they were then, in the prime of youth. He quoted Keats's poem, "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old."

The ceremony of today was not new, as evidence of which he read an oration given by a Greek General 2400 years ago on a similar occasion. The same sentiments expressed then were identical with those connected with the Service of Remembrance today.

Oration of Pericles over Athenian Dead in Great War between Athens and Peloponnesus, 431 B.C.

None of these men were enervated by wealth or hesitated to resign the pleasures of life: none of them put off the evil day in the hope, natural to poverty, that a man though poor may one day become rich but deeming that the defence of freedom and of their country was sweeter than any of these things and that they could fall in no nobler cause they determined at the hazard of their lives to be honourably avenged and to leave the rest and when the moment came they were minded to resist and suffer, rather than to fly and save their lives, they ran away from the world of dishonour but on the battlefield their feet stood fast and in an instant they passed away from the scene, not of their fear but of their glory. The sacrifice which they made collectively was individually repaid to them; for they received again a soul which grows not old, and the noblest of all souls. I speak not of that in which their remains are laid, but of that which their glory survives, and is proclaimed always and on every fitting occasion both in word and deed, for the whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men, not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions in their own country but in foreign lands there dwell an immortal memorial of them, graven not on stone, but in the hearts of men. Make them your example and esteem courage and freedom in their memory.

The speaker also referred to a speech by Sir William Slim, which again expressed Remembrance, as we were observing it.

Viceroy Slim, Governor-General of Australia, at Deddick of War Cemetery at Rabaul in New Guinea — 2000 Australians, 10 from U.K. and N.Z., 30 Papuans and 400 soldiers of the Indian Army.

"Never believe that they died in vain. Could they speak to us with the knowledge they now have they would say, 'Do not grieve that our lives were short, but achievement, not years, be the measure, for we, with our shortened lives brought for you a longer life in which you can walk as free men and women and lead your children, if you will, by clean and gentle paths'."

1963 Re-union

We would only be quiting the obvious in saying that we had another good reunion for 1963. All our reunions are good, but we do admit they are getting better and better. We are assured of that by comments of our visitors, who "hand it to us" after an evening in our company.

And — again we acknowledge with grateful thanks and appreciation the generous support of our absentee members. They contributed £71 towards the show, and those present at it enjoyed a function, at a price, which without their help, would not have been possible.

No wonder our association thrives, with such tangible support from members all over Australia, and the world too, for that matter.

Members forward donations to the reunion with greetings to Old Comrades and best wishes for a happy night, quite happy in so doing that they too are participating. It is most gratifying to the President and the Committee that members support them so loyally.

As illustrative of the dispersal of our members, the following list of interstate and overseas absentee donors is appended. These are all included in the list, elsewhere in this issue — of 63 members who contributed £71 to the function. We want to emphasize, however, that although we have listed the interstate donors, there were 46 from all over Victoria who are equally entitled to our regard.

ABSENT MEMBERS

PADRE DURNFORD, Northumberland. Air mail letter 12/9/63.	CHAS. FULTON, Adelaide.
COL. WILTSHIRE in Queensland.	REG. DAY, Northfield, S.A.
ALF. G. BIRKELL, Brisbane.	JIM MATHEWS, Caloundra, Qld.
ALEX. McDONALD, Sydney.	FRED HOLMES, Gol Gol, N.S.W.
FRED STILLEY, Coogee, N.S.W.	W. CANNON, Albury.
BOB. MALLINSON, Griffith, N.S.W.	I. T. BIRTWISTLE, Perth, W.A.
LEW. PIMBLETT, Gosford, N.S.W.	F. TRETAWAN, Urana, N.S.W.
	J. W. MASTERS, Dee Why, N.S.W.
	B. SMITH, Brisbane, N.S.W.

Also telegrams of goodwill were received from Chas. Fulton and Bob Groves, of Adelaide, and Arthur Blaney, of Cowes.

In response to our request a special message — sent by airmail — from Padre Durnford was read out. This is published in its entirety elsewhere in this issue.

At the request of the President, Mr. E. Gorman gave a short talk on his recent visit to Europe and the near East.

Mr. Gorman has paid numerous visits to both Turkey and Greece in his capacity of Chairman of the Australian Dried Fruits Export

Board. Apart from his now recent experiences, Mr. Gorman recounted some of his adventures in World War II, when he was Commissioner for the A.I.F. Comforts Fund. What happened to him and his small staff in the evacuation of Greece could not have been surpassed by Jules Verne at his best. It was most exhilarating to hear of the reckless abandon with which they loaded themselves with apparently worthless Greek Drachmas, and then prodigally spent them in escaping, only to learn on their arrival in Egypt that they had jettisoned a fortune.

As somebody has remarked, "truly it was no ordinary war."

We were pleased to have with us the following visitors:—

21st Battalion: C. Willis, President; W. Power, Hon. Secretary.

23rd Battalion: H. Dedman.

24th Battalion: D. Witherden, L. Hunter.

2/22nd Battalion: H. C. Smith.

22nd Inf. Battalion: H. R. B. Clark, Vice-President; B. J. Hickey.

The toast for whom was proposed by Mr. L. Speak, and responded to by Mr. Willis, of the 21st Btn., and Mr. H. C. Smith, of the 2/22nd.

Absentee Donations — Re-union, 1963

A. R. Wiltshire, Toorak.	K. McRae, Echuca.
J. McCaul, Toorak.	W. H. Tierney, E. Reservoir.
Geo. Carter, Port Welshpool.	W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.
J. Sutherland, Seymour.	J. Cleland, Bright.
H. Craiker, Oakleigh.	T. M. Dwyer, Geelong.
A. G. Stanley, N. Croydon.	W. Holstock, Carrum.
A. A. McDonald, Sydney.	A. R. Hamilton, Cardross.
F. B. Stille, Coogee, N.S.W.	R. McDonald, Fernbank.
H. J. King, Hepburn Springs.	R. Tarrant, E. Bentleigh.
A. S. Birkill, Mermaid Beach, Q'land.	L. Trethewan, Urana, N.S.W.
J. J. O'Beirne, N. Fitzroy.	J. H. Conway, Springvale.
A. I. Meakin, Geelong.	J. P. Greene, Wangaratta.
J. E. Mathews, Caloundra, Q'land.	J. W. Masters, Dee Why, N.S.W.
H. S. Harvey, Toorak.	W. Wells, Manangatang.
H. E. Glasscock, E. Kew.	K. S. Anderson, Portland.
K. R. Wale, Wedderburn.	E. Thomas, Camperdown.
R. Mallinson, Griffith, N.S.W.	E. Thompson, Hawthorn.
F. W. Holmes, Gol Gol, N.S.W.	G. Dempster, Donvale.
L. G. Pimblett, Gosford, N.S.W.	E. W. Edwards, Warracknabeal.
W. Cannon, Albury.	B. McCormack, Hawthorn.
A. Milne, Upwey.	R. Smith, Brisbane.
C. R. Bell, Montrose.	C. Fulton, Adelaide.
I. T. Birtwistle, Perth, W.A.	W. Groves, Adelaide.
A. Chapman, E. St. Kilda.	W. Cornish, Swan Hill.
J. S. Graham, Nyah.	S. Mason, Seaford.
W. Boothroyd, Ballarat.	N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.
A. Q. Sinclair, Toorak.	A. G. Harper, Swan Hill.
R. Day, Adelaide.	R. Hamilton, Kew.
H. Yeaman, Greenborough.	A. Hayle, Kew.
L. G. A. Good, Surrey Hills.	F. W. Lavender, Mt. Eliza.
	T. Hoare, Moorabbin.
	A. H. Michael, Geelong.

Donations at Re-union

H. Hayes.	F. Ansell.
R. Dickens.	A. Pocock.
W. Lyndon.	J. A. Hoeking.
T. Jewell.	D. Armstrong.
H. Neys.	K. Sutherland.
J. Marshall.	L. Speak.
J. Gibson.	T. Burrage.
T. Strachan.	J. Greig.
C. V. Gold.	B. J. Vaughan.
D. McCallum.	F. W. Alder.
A. Craike.	N. H. Dooley.
C. Christie.	J. Ryan.
E. Draper.	G. Phillips.
H. W. Barker.	H. S. Baker.
D. Mitchell.	L. W. Macdonald.
L. Howship.	W. K. Du Bois.
W. Graham.	E. Gorman.
R. E. Batten.	J. Crosbie.
A. Carroll.	R. Crosbie.
J. Young.	W. F. Sturrock.
W. J. Cawthorn.	V. N. Moore.
A. E. Cameron.	H. Johnson.
C. F. Monk.	S. Gilchrist.
C. Stanley.	H. Tully.
A. Cassland.	P. Yelverton.
S. Mann.	S. Simmons.
T. McKenzie.	J. P. Abercrombie.

Lest we Forget

A few words from a former Padre with the A.I.F. in the first World War—

My dear friends,

Your indefatigable and much loved secretary, F. C. Russell, has written and asked me to send a message to the Association.

It is not easy after 40 years. But however inadequate these words must be, I send them all the same.

Some of you here, I expect, when you were at school or college read a certain amount of Roman History. If so you may have come across the name of Quintilian. He was the leading orator in his day, and he wrote this in one of his books.

"It is important to keep on turning over in the mind the things which were illustriously done of old."

How true that is, and I for one, like from time to time to keep on turning over in the mind the courage, endurance, sense of humour—and the power of sticking to it—which the members of the 22nd Bn. exhibited in the 1st world war. And of course above all the unselfishness and self-sacrifice of the lives given.

This remark of the Roman orator, who was a pagan, was backed up by the writer of the New Testament who lived in the same century. By St. Paul and St. Peter for instance who exhorted the Christians to "call to remembrance the former days".

When one "turns over in the mind" the days spent with the 22nd Bn.—I would like to say this, and please do not think it exaggerated or that it savours of affectation. But I wonder if the Australian soldiers I had the honour to serve in those days realise how profoundly they in their turn helped and taught many lessons to a clergyman. Naturally one is glad that one's work as a Padre helped. But I can say truthfully, those years were a very real part of a Padre's education!

How can one ever forget the consideration for others—the wonderful spirit of FELLOWSHIP that existed, a fellowship which endures and lasts.

Like so many of my fellow clergy I am a little shy of speaking too boldly about the spiritual side of life. But I make bold to say this. It is a good thing also to keep on turning over in the mind the destiny of those who made the great sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends". And one of the most cherished possessions is a list of the fellow soldiers I had the honour to lay to rest.

May I be allowed to say—even at a function like this—JESUS CHRIST who made the supreme sacrifice surely accepted the sacrifice they so splendidly gave. And they passed on to the other State of Existence, which is ruled over by CHRIST as this world is ruled also.

I wish I could put this better! but again let me say how profoundly I appreciate the fact that you remember so kindly the Padre who had the honour to serve with the A.I.F. 22nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Brigade.

GOD BLESS every one in this room this evening.

F. H. DURNFORD.

Membership

Once upon a time—that's how all fairy tales open up—but this is not a fairy story—however it did happen once upon a time—in 1914-18 to be precise. We as a unit lived together, ate, slept, fought and generally conducted ourselves as normal he-men Aussies. But each and all were imbued with a common spirit—camaraderie—or otherwise "esprit de battalion."

The "thing" which held us together was the "Batt" and were beside anyone who said anything derogatory of our unit. In four years of very close association we became a close knit Community sharing together the good and the bad aspects of war conditions.

In due course our services became S.N.L.R. and we reverted to ordinary citizens, but we retained that spirit borne on Service, which has now become "sentiment".

And with the passing of the years youthful boisterousness has

been supplanted by a more sober appreciation of ourselves with thoughts of what we were once, but are not now.

That sentiment is very apparent today as evidenced by the very tangible support accorded our Association by members now scattered world-wide. Re-union time in particular brings out sentimental attachment to a unit which ceased to function 45 years ago. Remarkable no doubt and very much so to members of our 2nd World War counterparts who marvel that we retain such close contacts after such a span of years.

Be that as it may, we still wonder how so many of our members hide themselves in seclusion. In many instances our only tidings is a death notice, in which is mentioned "ex 22nd Bn."

We have urged members to suggest to those known to them, to contact the Secretary and become a member of the Association. As you all know there are no "tags"—just the privilege of joining in, nowadays, with the same crowd of men with whom they shared so much in "our war". Each re-union invariably brings to light a member who has not attended before and he is astounded to meet again cobbles with whom he has been separated for so long, and of whose existence he had forgotten.

Our war record includes 844 killed or died on service. Since 1918 we have records of 650 who have died, and a further list of 316, whose present address is unknown and are therefore non-effectives. Doubtless many of these may have passed on unbeknown to us.

On top of these records we have an effective roll of 550 members and we take particular pride in such a hefty roll. Still we welcome more, and invite members to become "enlistment agents" whenever opportunity allows.

It is estimated—we cannot confirm it now—that over 6000 men passed through the battalion on service, so—there are many more ex-members who are eligible, but at the moment, are out of touch with us.

Hygiene—Army Pattern

From time to time we receive copies of other unit Associations' periodical publications and are always glad to know how our contemporaries are progressing.

Amongst those received last year was the 21st Bn. "Red and Black Diamond", an annual publication. As well as interesting detail of the Association's activities the Editor had a bout of reminiscence in recalling events in the history of the 21st. They must have been a dirty mob, for the story—if acceptable as gospel—records an extraordinary number of bath parades. It appears they had 2 in 1916, 5 or 6 in 1917 and what happened in 1918 is left to conjecture.

Be that as it may it is most enlightening to read of how that battalion paid such homage to hygiene. However it's too late now to envy them their privilege of promiscuous bathing.

Which prompts us also to delve into our archives and recall such occurrences as happened to the 22nd.

One of the most enjoyable and no less momentous, was our first bath parade in France—at the Armentières Brewery no less.

After being warned beforehand of our destination, the whole battalion made the march from Erquinghem Buts to the rendezvous at the said brewery. The prospect in store allowed the wags full scope in bantering advice to each other as to the possible consequences of the ordeal ahead.

After our few months on Gallipoli where baths were unknown, and a swim in the freezing Aegean Sea, a very poor substitute, we had spent a few weeks in Sinai, where again water was far too precious to be wasted in such frivolities as bathing purposes.

Even on board the "Llandovery Castle" across the Mediterranean there were very limited facilities for baths.

Our early arrival in France was marked by a snow storm on our detraining at Aire and thence a route march to our first billets in Roquetoire.

Our first period of line duty was from 15th April, 1916, in the front line at Bois Grenier, and it was not until mid-May that we received the welcome order "Fall in for bath parade..." This was conducted in a huge brewery in Armentières.

We should point out here that the brewery had long since ceased beer production—due to hostile enemy shellfire—and the huge edifice was now lying idle.

Some bright genius had conceived the idea of utilizing the heating machinery and the huge square vats, each about 10' x 10' and 4' 6" deep, for purposes of human ablutions.

With much ribaldry and with obvious appreciation the whole battalion proceeded to accept the beneficent opportunity and it was a case of "last in lousy", even if they were not that always. Very soon the whole area was alive with naked troops in all stages of their ablutions, but all imbued with one common motive: "Make the most of it". The water—drawn from the nearby Lys River—was delightfully hot and soap was plentiful. After months of severance from such luxury as hot baths, the 22nd Bn. waxed appreciative, and the prospect of an early curtailment of the frolic cast its gloomy shadow.

However the best of things must end and after due warning the party was over. The troops very reluctantly proceeded to prepare for re-dressing.

But here another bombshell was released. We were to be provided with a complete change of underclothes. Loud cheers from the troops followed this announcement, but then the sugar-coating was knocked off the pill. The nice, clean, well-scrubbed troops had to proceed in their birthday suits up to a lair counter, at the end of the huge area, behind which was a large staff of women—of mixed ages—whose job was to exchange the dirty clothes for clean ones.

Can you imagine the embarrassment of the 22nd Battalion at having to face such an ordeal. Their modesty was strained beyond repair.

But necessity demanded action and the troops realized that they had to sacrifice something to secure their clean underwear. So, having overcome their initial reluctance, they advanced to the counter and made the exchange. It is worthy of note that the women in the picture were not at all put out by the spectacle of such unabashed nakedness, neither did they show any untoward interest, which could hardly be construed as a compliment to the troops.

This was the battalion's first contact with the French point of view of such matters. Later we were to grow quite accustomed to relationship between the sexes quite foreign to our standards, but the shock of the initial bath parade—with female audience—was the subject of much controversy amongst the troops. However the war went on, and later experiences were such as to reduce this one to triviality.

Walkabout

Some fellows cannot stay put, or perhaps it is due to itchy feet, but from time to time we have to record the travels of members who have had overseas trips.

Last year we had recorded Ron Holdsworth's tour and of his meeting up with Bill Carnish at Villiers Brettonaux. Bill returned in September, 1962, and has given us considerable details of places visited. He stayed for a few weeks with M. Denis in Charleroi. Bill had last seen him in 1919 prior to returning to Australia. At that time Bill had been billeted with them, and naturally the interval of 43 years between visits had to be gone over in detail. Incidentally M. Denis is now 90 years of age.

Bill also visited Gourdiann and stayed for a few days with the folk with whom he was billeted in January, 1919. He was quite thrilled to visit again the house near the church which had been his temporary home.

He visited Ypres and nearby the largest cemetery in Belgium, Sanctuary Wood, 62,000 graves, amongst which he found those of three ex 22nd men, Lt. Skene-Smith, J. D. Scott and W. E. Mitchell, all killed on 9/10/17.

Unfortunately Bill had a serious illness soon after his return and this has left him somewhat disabled. He has to use a special aid in walking and cannot drive his car. But he retains his cheerful outlook on life and looks forward to further travels.

Jim Bennett, of North Balwyn, and Mrs. Bennett, have just returned from 18 months overseas, mainly in U.K. and Europe. While in England he called on Padre Durnford and has brought back some excellent colour pictures of the Padre. Although now over 80 the Padre maintains good health, and as Jim relates, still retains a deep sentimental attachment to the 22nd. Jim also visited *Vic Kirby* in Bristol and over a few beers revived their battalion associations. Vic is now enjoying retirement but maintains an interest in two grocery stores in Bristol.

Jim was not at all pleased with last English winter, which was quite down to standard of the worst on record. But he has now thawed out and able to resume his job on committees.

Joek Russell, Bayswater, and Mrs. Russell took off for England in January and propose being away about eight months.

In due course we shall be hearing about Padre Durnford's reaction to a visit from another 22nd member.

Geoff Littler, Devonport, Tasmania, and Mrs. Littler did a flying world tour last year. Started north to Japan then across to Europe and by way of diversion a flying trip from U.K. to Singapore and back. Then to add full measure they flew west and after various stop-offs in U.S.A., landed back in Australia.

Tom Hoare and Mrs. Hoare took a six weeks' run round New Guinea and places adjacent last August. They visited all the places made historic in World War II, and Tom is most enthusiastic about the trip. He commends it to all those who look for a restful sea voyage with plenty of breaks ashore, and most interesting conducted trips. He travelled on the "Malaita" and recommends the ship and the service provided, in fact the food was so good and plentiful, that he was able to complain of fullness after meals—a very different outcome to troopship "Scran".

1965

This year will be a milestone on our record for it will mark the 50th year since the formation of the 22nd Battalion in Broadmeadows.

It is proposed to mark that historic event—to us anyway—by making a special issue of the "Echo" on Anzac Day next year.

In order to make the paper a more intimate journal to all of us, members are requested to forward to the Secretary any anecdotes personal or otherwise, humorous or solemn—but not libellous of other comrades—for inclusion. There may have been many personal experiences of members well worthy of publicity and what better means of achieving that than in our own paper.

Over the years we have gleaned items of experiences from individual members and when written up in "Echo" have invariably brought comment from others, who if not actual participants were very interested to read of them.

Just give date and place and names of others concerned and the secretary will make a story of it.

Sanctuary Wood

Apropos the item in last year's "Echo" regarding five Members of the battalion buried together in Sanctuary Wood.

Alex McDonald of Sydney, who witnessed the incident leading to their deaths has recorded his version of the episode.

"I well recall the events of the night of 22nd Sept., if of interest to members.

During the afternoon Captain Running ordered me to arrange a Salvage Party as we were in supports—a good deal of salvage lay

around after the attack of the 20th by the 1st Division.

When we got going, I pointed out that 2 Captive Balloons were observing and that artillery may register on us. He agreed of the danger, but of course could not alter things. Presently they started on us with 5.9s. in no uncertain manner.

During the night Fritz maintained a constant barrage of 5.9s. and from memory I think our Company (A) had about 40 killed (mainly due to the Brass who had the Salvage brain wave).

I was sitting waiting for a 5.9 with Nugget Mew who will be remembered by A Company (an original member). A shell came in near us and as it was too close, we decided to investigate. We used our hands to move the damp earth until we found the top of a tin hat. We moved enough earth until we found the hat belonged to Private McNiff. We got shovels to get him out, but he complained that he could not get one foot free as Red Wright (referred to) was sitting on it. In getting McNiff out, we dislocated his ankle where Red had been sitting on it.

Unfortunately, the others referred to were killed by the shell.

Subscriptions, 1963

During the year subscriptions from members widely dispersed, as the list shows, were received. Each was acknowledged to the sender, but the publishing of the list affords the committee an opportunity of recording its appreciation. Thank you Members.

W. Werritt, France.	H. Benson, Armadale.
C. A. Davies, Escondido.	A. H. Blamney, Cowes.
S. J. Tytler, Essendon.	M. Jacobs, Sydney.
F. B. Mann, East Brighton.	J. R. McKay, Mandagery, N.S.W.
E. Thompson, Hawthorn.	C. T. Willoughby, Bendigo.
W. Boothroyd, Ballarat.	W. Evely, Bendigo.
R. Dickens, Ashburton.	H. W. Heathcote, Blackburn.
F. G. Robinson, Shepparton.	L. Binns, Jeparit.
F. H. King, Bentleigh.	J. G. Malloch, Canada.
K. Wale, Wodderburn.	W. Bailey, Bayswater.
A. Birrell, Mermaid Beach, Q'land.	M. Ridgway, Norleigh Heads, Qld.
E. Thomas, Camperdown.	L. W. Garner, Mt. Waverley.
J. M. Sutherland, Forest Hill.	J. J. Gifford, East Kew.
W. Bentsch, Pyatok.	L. Sideworth, Seaford.
E. Kenna, North Dulbo, N.S.W.	G. J. Hill, Moolort.
C. S. Bell, Montrose.	A. H. Blamney, Cowes.
L. Vanslow, Canterbury.	A. Zinery, Colac.
F. E. Hughes, Bendigo.	G. Cochrane, Camberwell.
A. Conroy, Boroam.	P. Rives, Fairfield.
A. Miles, Uppery.	B. H. Jenkin, Box Hill.
C. Ward, Hobart.	T. W. Russell, East Malvern.
A. G. Harper, Swan Hill.	E. Mitchell, Preston.
C. Fulton, Adelaide.	W. Kesteven, East Malvern.
F. Ross, North Melbourne.	W. Carthorn, Toorak.
E. H. Lovell, Castfield.	H. Tiley, Essendon.
V. C. Reeson, Torcra.	K. Melham, Castfield.

The Ballad of a Rejuvenated T.P.I.

Why do I think my youth has been spent?
'Cos my "get up and go" has got up and went.
But in spite of all that I still raise a smile
And think that "my get up and go" was worth while.
Old age is golden I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I go to bed,
My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
And my eyes on the shelf until I get up.
Ere sleep dims my eyes I say to myself
"Is there anything else I should put on the shelf?"
When I was young I would romp in bed
And kick my heels right over my head,
I'd play round all day having lots of fun
Though my "get up and go" had barely begun.
As I grew older I still loved to play
But kicked up my heels in a different way
With dances and picnics and nice girls to kiss
My "get up and go" never gave it a miss.
Then I was twenty or a little bit more,
And 1914 brought in The First World War.
So down to Broadmeadows still looking for fun
I finished up toting an old Maxim Gun.
"Ulysses" to Egypt, Gallipoli, France
My "get up and go" surely led me a dance.
Then the mud and the duckboards the rats and the lice
Made ten days in the trenches (politely) not nice.
The sniping and see-sines, the "misses" and "crumps"
My "get up and go" was right down in the dumps
But Estaminets, Champagne, and the Folies Bergere
And my "get up and go" was right up in the air.
Then back to the duckboards still feeling mighty
I collected a pocket and woke up in Slighty.
I came back to Melbourne a limping not case
My legs rather wanky but still in their place
They lasted me well but in more recent years
A lot of my spare parts were slipping their gears.
Then a Medical Board said you've changed T.P.I.
And my "get up and go" said "Give Queensland a try."
So I came to the Gold Coast an arthritic wood
With kinks in my shoulder my knees and my neck.
But maybe the climate or maybe the beer
Has brushed up my knees and put me in gear.
So early each morning I shoo or I swim
And bring home for breakfast a taller or beam.
Then back for a sunbath, my head in a whirl,
My heart full of sunshine, my eyes full of gold,
Between Blouba and Bribara I'm wondrous content
For my "get up and go" had only been bent.

(MARK RIDGWAY).

Donations

We are pleased to record with our appreciation donations received from the following:—

Mr. A. Thompson (son-in-law W. Speechley).
Mrs. S. R. Adams, Caulfield.
Mrs. J. Emery, Macleod.
Mrs. C. W. Scholes, Moonee Ponds.
Mrs. Aston, Fairlight, N.S.W.
Mrs. Thurston, Lilydale.
T. Jeffs, Won Wron, in memory of brother L. Jeffs.

Battle Honours

The following Battle Honours have been awarded the 22nd Battalion, and will be emblazoned on our Regimental Colours now deposited in the Crypt at the Shrine.

Liberations of Australians, New Guinea.
Finchhaven.
Gusika, Fortification Point.
Rabaul.
South-West Pacific.
Wareo.
Lakona.
Kalueng River.

In due course a special ceremony will be held at the Shrine to commemorate these additional battle honours and on that occasion we will be co-opted by the 2/22nd and 22nd Inf. Bn. Associations.

2/22nd Battalion Association

We were pleased to accept an invitation to the Annual Meeting and Re-union of the 2/22nd held in Powlett Street Drill Hall on Saturday, 18th January.

There was a very good attendance which seems indicative of the attitude of members towards their Association. Many had travelled long distances to be present, including the C.O. H. H. Carr who had come up from Geelong and J. Mallard who flew down from Surfers Paradise.

Mr. George Russell, President, conducted the Annual Meeting which accepted the annual balance sheet showing a substantial accumulation of funds, and the election of office-bearers. Mr. Bert Smith was declared President elect for the next 12 months.

Election of Committee was made easy when one member nominated all the present Committee members for re-election. No-one quibbled and that was that.

It appears that this Association has secured two devoted members—similar to ourselves—for the positions of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. C. O. Harry and F. Field, both of whom have held

those offices for over 10 years, were re-elected without opposition and were each presented with small tokens of Members' appreciation.

Attention was directed to the fact that each of the three 22nd Battalion Associations has a Russell on the Committee. George Russell is President of the 2/22nd, Arthur Russell is Hon. Treasurer of the 22nd In./Bn. and Fred. Russell Hon. Secretary of the 22nd.

Incidentally, there were 6 Russells in our battalion, with no known relationship link.

524 F. C. Russell—Signal Section.
681 L. Russell—"C" Coy. K.I.A. 1918.
1728 Sgt. Les C. Russell, died 1929.
5659 T. W. H. Russell, East Malvern.
5907 G. J. Russell, Hayswater.
6939 G. B. Russell—(Deceased 12th September, 1963).

2/22nd Shrine Pilgrimage

On Sunday, 10th January, the 2/22nd conducted its Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine. There was a very representative attendance of Members and their families. Preceded by The City of Brunswick Salvation Army Band, the Unit marched from Assembly point at Victoria Barracks to the Shrine where an address was given on the forecourt by Mr. E. Garman, Q.C.

Following Mr. Gorman's address, the whole assembly gathered in the Inner Shrine where a short service was conducted by the Salvation Army Band and wreaths were laid on the Stone of Remembrance.

After the Shrine Ceremony, all those present were guests of the Association at afternoon tea on the lawns just east of the Shrine.

22nd Infantry Battalion Association

The 22nd Battalion Association is going great guns. *Graeme J. L. Macfarlan* is President this year and *Laurie Joseph* carries on as Secretary, and *Arthur Russell*, Treasurer. Their annual reunion was held last Anzac Eve in Forester's Hall, at which about 200 attended.

Their unit history "Etched in Green" is still having sales, but more are looked for.

On Sunday, 15th March, a picnic outing was conducted at Leongatha. Over 90 members with their families attended and spent a happy day together. A Service of Remembrance was held at the local Cenotaph in conjunction with the local R.S.L. and Shire Councillors, after which members had a picnic lunch and sports programme on the recreation reserve.

Leongatha was selected for this function as many members of that unit enlisted in the Gippsland area. Also it was the H.Q. of the 22nd Bn. C.M.F. prior to the dishandment of military training. Prior to the move to Leongatha the 22nd Bn. had been established in George Street, East Melbourne.

That Drill Hall still houses the wooden Cross erected by our battalion at Pozieres in memory of those killed in that battle. When an official divisional memorial was erected in Pozieres our Cross was returned to Australia for preservation.

G. J. L. Macfarlan had a very interesting few months last year on a journey to Japan and then U.S.A. where he inspected University Libraries in many cities in U.S.A.

Personal Pars

Last year Fred Russell paid a short visit to Queensland and made certain of contacting our fellows up there. Roy Smith of Brisbane approached himself best and guide to Fred and Mrs. Russell. Roy has ample leisure and spared no trouble in conducting them around. Roy lost a leg at Pozieres but that does not restrict his car driving ability.

One trip was a day to Surfers Paradise and places in that area. First call was on Alf Strick at Mermaid Beach. Alf retired from Commonwealth Public Service in Sydney and has adopted Queensland for his home from now on. He lives within 100 yards of the ocean beach.

Last year at that time he had joined the local Progress Association at which Mark Edgway had been elected to the committee. Alf had not realized that Mark was also a battalion member. So all hands then decided to visit Mark at Burleigh Heads, about one mile down the coast. The reunion was complete and Mark was the usual benevolent host—in fact his hospitality was overwhelming. Mark too is retired but the climate of Victoria was too cold for him and he moved to Queensland about two years ago. For many years, prior to World War II, Mark was Assistant-Administrator at Nauru. When the Japanese invasion was imminent most of the staff were evacuated, but the Administrator, Mr. Thompson, elected to remain on. Unfortunately he suffered death at the hands of the Japs.

Now that Mark has plenty of time to appreciate life on the Gold Coast and all that that entails. He has turned to composing and a compilation of his is included in this issue. While all of us were together Alf produced a battalion flag which had been used by the V.D.C. unit at Lew (Victoria) during World War II, and all four were photographed with it.

The visit was all too short but it was most enjoyable to contact all those fellows so far from their home State. Their interest in the battalion association is not diminished one bit by the distance intervening, and they don't feel so very much isolated in these days of Radio and T.V. They all look forward to the "Echo" each year.

On the return journey other members in Sydney were contacted. A very pleasant hour or so was spent with Alex McDonald at his business premises in Sydney. Alex conducts an importing business and is not at all concerned with retirement.

Others contacted by phone were Fred Hilley at Coogee, John Masters of Dee Why, and Edgar Davies of Potts Point. Each of them sent regards to their battalion associates and were pleased to have a visitor from H.Q. Incidentally John Masters paid a flying visit to Melbourne in December to visit his son in Burwood.

Lew Pimblett, of Gosford, was recuperating at Newcastle after a rather bad period of illness for some months. However his family reported him as fairly fit again but he would have to take life much more leisurely. We can anticipate having him in Melbourne for next reunion.

Experience is the best teacher, and if anyone wants advice as to how to escape being burned alive, contact Frank Benn. Last year he and Mrs. Benn awakened at 4 a.m. to find the bedroom wall at their heads well ablaze. The house next door went up in flames and Frank's place took fire also. Naturally hasty exit was imperative and Frank finished scorching on a neighbor's verandah. Fortunately his home was saved, except for the bedroom wall. This fellow has a charmed life, for we recall an experience with tear gas in Fovea Village in 1954. All others donned gas masks all night, but he and George Hughes slept on blissfully and awakened in the morning quite refreshed—and unaffected.

G. Hauff, of Moorooka, had a bad spell last year, and was admitted to R.G.H. for a partial leg amputation. However we are glad to know he has made a great recovery from that ordeal and carrying on quite well.

Charlie Monk, of Colberg, suffered a nasty accident when his right hand became entangled in his motor mower. He lost the little finger, and his hand was badly mutilated, necessitating a week or so in hospital. Latest report—recovering well.

Ted Draper has also been "in the wars". Unfortunately he fell from an Essendon tram in motion and sustained minor injuries and shock. At his age and weight, Ted cannot do these things—and get away with it.

Lindsay Good was admitted to R.G.H. last September for an operation but with medical consent decided to defer the ordeal for time being. Lindsay is now retired and filling in time leisurely. Not hard to take either, says Lindsay.

F. J. Pittard

With very deep regret we record the death on Good Friday, March 27, of Edward J. Pittard, of the 24th Battalion. Ted had always been an active member of the 24th Battalion Association from its inception, and had been President for the past three years.

He had been instrumental in fostering the bond between our respective associations and we join now with our Comrades of the 24th in our respects to a "Departed Comrade".

Deaths, 1963

"LEST WE FORGET"

1962		
5829	P. GREENBERG	November, 1958
4532	C. W. SHOLES	December 19, 1962
1963		
	J. J. BALL	January 16
6449	R. KENNEDY	January 18
6294	W. R. BELSHAW	March 14
50003	J. T. ANDREWS	April 3
4776	J. R. POULTER	May 6
5827	W. H. DOWE	May 6
5085	H. L. McCULLOCH	May 10
2630	W. G. CLUFF	June 1
2131	J. P. HARWOOD	June 3
4737	E. M. GREEN	June 5
6786	A. BELLINSON	June 12
1058	W. J. HOBMAN	June 17
	L. S. E. ROBERTS	June 22
4542	A. MILLAR	July 4
6802	C. BEALES	July 23
4392	V. H. CLARKE	July 24
50012	I. McQUEEN	July 25
4619	D. S. McDONNELL (Orange, N.S.W.)	July 25
2085	C. SCHAFER	July 28
4796	E. H. SUTHERLAND	August 6
357	G. H. TELFER	August 9
6919	S. J. TITLER	August 21
4789	M. L. WARTON	August 23
1082	Z. C. WATERS, Brisbane	August 29
4864	J. A. LEWIS	September 4
5645	W. G. BRIGGS	September 21
3132	W. T. LEGGETTE	September 24
5329	C. CLARK	September 26
1286	S. T. COFF	September 28
385	H. E. WARE	September 30
3227	J. G. DOUGLAS	October 1
429	W. A. BARRICK	October 16
1010	C. E. COOPER	October 29
3913	W. W. ROBERTS	November 1
3745	A. BRUCE	November 8
4708	C. R. FISK	November 12
50544	P. C. RASMUSSEN	November 26
4895	W. E. RYAN	November 28
113	H. Z. BARNETT	December 23
6939	L. J. TINGAY	December 25
5899	M. K. McLACHLAN	December 29
1964		
5884a	G. H. E. HOLLOWAY	January 10
1663	H. N. SMALL	January 17
5812	J. W. MORRAN	January 17
	R. C. RENTON	January 20
4398	R. H. L. COPE	January 27
	D. J. LIVINGSTON	February 26
6771	E. CLARKE	March 23
6862	F. McMILLAN	April 8
4449	P. T. GREGORY	April 9

Those We Remember

*They are not gone; their deeds remain
To point us to a nobler form of life,
Where selfless service takes the place
Of lust for wealth and power.
So we, remembering their sacrifice,
May dedicate our lives anew
To make this land they loved
Worthier their blood, and toil, and suffering,
And death in distant lands.*

—E. V. CRAVEN (4087, 22nd Bn.)