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## Foreword from the President

To fellow members of the 22nd Battalion Association,  
Gentlemen,

With the passing of another year our ranks may be slightly depleted, but the comradeship of our association members grows firmer with the years.

The Annual Reunion held at the Lower Town Hall and attended by 100 members and guests was a most enjoyable function. Amusing incidents were again recalled and memories of our old comrades refreshed.

We were delighted to welcome Roly Werrett on this occasion. Roly was enjoying a holiday in his homeland after many years' residence in France, where he and his wife conduct the Hotel De La Marie at Berteaucourt—Les-Dames on the Somme. During the evening he gave us an interesting talk on his early experiences in France and the trials he and his wife endured during the period of the Second World War.

We desire to record our congratulations to Sir Eugene Gorman. The news of the well-deserved honour conferred on him by Her Majesty The Queen for services to Australia, especially in the field of the Dried Fruit Industry, was received with great pleasure by his many friends in the Battalion Association.

Your Committee members are enthusiastic in maintaining the high standard of the Association, and are regular in their attendance at meetings.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Norm Stevens, whose long service as a Committeeman and Past President, was marked by untiring and unselfish devotion to the welfare of our organisation.

Due to ill-health, Fred Castledine found it necessary to tender his resignation as Treasurer of the Association. Fred's service over a long period is well known and appreciated by the members, and we wish him well in the years to come. In January a number of Committee members and wives made a surprise visit to Fred's home and presented him with a transistor radio in recognition of his years of service to the Association.

In conclusion I desire to thank the members for the privilege of serving as President. The loyal support of Committee members and the untiring efforts and guidance of our Hon. Secretary, Fred Russell, has made my task relatively easy and most enjoyable.

With the approach of Anzac Day we will look forward to again meeting many old pals.

15th April, 1967.

J. R. (JIM) BENNETT.

## Secretary's Report

Normally the activities of the Association are reported to members through the "Echo," and letters of appreciation—and the generous support from all over the world—leave no doubt that our place in their estimation is undoubted.

For their part the Committee is quite happy to carry on, and there are no indications of any need to change or alter our set-up. We have experienced a few set-backs this past year.

Norm Stevens passed out on 4th December, and his loss to the Committee, and the Association, is a severe one.

Fred Castledine is "hors de combat" and confined to his home. Fred's mobility is limited to that provided by a wheel chair, although otherwise he maintains his normal cheerful disposition. The Treasurership has been taken over by Ray Baker who, on accepting the job said that he had no desire to attempt to beat Fred's length of service. Human understanding binds us to accept Ray's stipulation.

Jack Russell has moved to Southport, Queensland, to enjoy the bountiful sunshine reputed to abound in that area. He backed a loser for the first three months there, when rain and floods predominated.

Len Macdonald is still confined to his home and his movements very much curtailed.

Charlie Hildebrand is now a permanent resident at Trentham—occupation, amateur fossicker—and visits Melbourne irregularly. He was in Queensland at the time of reunion and missed out on his usual job as cash receptionist.

Jack Kohn left in March for an extended tour of Europe, with H.Q. in Amsterdam. In his journeys around he has a number of battalion associates to visit.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH: RALPH DICKENS has agreed to join the Committee, and members will have the knowledge that the man who looked after their mail for the whole service life of the battalion, is now effective again in our affairs.

Apart from our social gatherings and the conduct of our part in the Anzac Day March, the Committee is constantly being co-opted for various reasons. Last year we were concerned in having one member admitted to Beechworth Mental Hospital, where he died subsequently. Another family contacted us regarding the father, 86 years of age, who had become a mental case not eligible for Repatriation benefits. He was eventually admitted to Kew.

A son approached us for help in getting his father admitted to Frankston Homes, and that is now being attended to.

From time to time we get requests from the family of a deceased member, hitherto not on our membership list, for the R.S.I. service at the funeral. Tom Hoare has been our representative on many occasions at such services.

## 1966 REUNION

Our annual function on September 20th, 1966, showed a marked decrease in members and the Committee is perturbed. Perhaps we were anticipating a repetition of our 1965 Jubilee Reunion, but it didn't work out that way.

The evening was conducted in our usual standard and we had guests from all kindred associations.

Messrs. C. Faulkner and G. Knowles (21st), H. Green (President) and A. Telford (23rd), H. V. Griffiths (President) and L. Henderson (24th), C. O. Harry (Hon. Sec.) and C. Hillard (2/22nd), J. Haynes (Vice-President) and K. Jury (22nd Inf. Bn.).

Mr. Harry responded to the toast of our guests and commented on the record of services of our Association and of the apparent agelessness of its members.

Roly Werrett attended this, his first reunion for over forty years, and comments on his presence have been made by the President in his remarks.

A write-up on Roly's extended holiday in his homeland appears elsewhere in this issue.

## 22nd Battalion Association

President: J. R. BENNETT

Vice-President: S. K. KIDDE

Hon. Treasurer: H. S. BAKER

### Committee:

"S. B. ARMSTRONG	"L. W. MACDONALD
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"H. W. LYNDON	"H. F. VAWDON

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### Hon. Secretary:

F. C. RUSSELL, 23 Karna Ave., East Malvern, S.E.S. (21) 4422.

## Anzac Day, 1967

Arrangements for the 1967 Anzac Day march were made known to a meeting of unit associations held at Anzac House on the 15th of March.

The route will remain unaltered and the head of the column will move off at 10 a.m.

Our division will be the first of the 1st A.I.F., so we should be on our way by 10.15 a.m. Our rendezvous will be the same as last year—in Bourke Street, in front of Myers Men's Store.

Members are invited to be on parade at 9 a.m., and even that will give us only an hour together. We have to accept the fact that only a percentage of our fellows can do the march nowadays, and the marchers are outnumbered by those who have to "stay put." So those able to attend the assembly point are urged to do so, to meet, for a short time at least, fellows who made and shared with them, the scenes of the 22nd Battalion.

The very generous financial support of our absentee members both for the Anzac Day March and the Reunion is sure evidence of their desire for the continuance of our Association, and we who participate in both functions do appreciate that.

We are fast reaching the stage when the restrictions of age will predominate, but as long as we can we intend to "carry on," relying as we do on those "Absent with Leave."

## Norm Stevens



N. S. STEVENS.

This Association suffered a great loss on December 4th, when Norman Stevens passed on at Heidelberg, after many months of physical deterioration. For years Norm had had spells of hospitalization in both Caulfield and Heidelberg, as a result of war injuries, and had undergone numerous surgical operations. Norm was a casualty at Bullecourt, where he received three bullets through the pelvis and leg for three days in the open before being found and brought in. After a lengthy period in hospital in England, he was invalided back to Australia and spent some months in Caulfield Hospital. In spite of his disabilities he retained his position as Mail Officer at Spencer Street Station, and managed to carry on until eventual retirement.

Over recent years, on medical advice, he spent lots of winter months in Queensland, and was at Coolangatta last September when he suffered a result of his injuries which necessitated his admission to Greenslopes Repat. Hospital in Brisbane. From there he was flown back to Heidelberg, where his condition gradually worsened until his death on December 4th.

The whole of the committee members attended the funeral at Springvale on December 6th, where the President, Mr. J. R. Bennett, conducted the R.S.L. service. Norm had been an active member of the Committee since October, 1929, and was President in 1954.

He was a stalwart of the Association in every respect, and all members will retain memories of a real cobbler.

He is survived by Mrs. Stevens and two married sons, Norman and Richard.

## Fred Castledine

In September, 1918, a number of ex-members of the 22nd Bn. gathered, by arrangement, in Sargent's Cafe, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, for the purpose of forming a battalion association. Amongst those present was F. B. Castledine, and as a result of deliberations, he was nominated and elected Honorary Treasurer.

That was a good beginning, but it was bettered by his subsequent record, for he retained that position—with no recorded challenge—until September, 1966, when ill-health compelled his resignation.

Cas. suffered the outcome of war injuries, which necessitated spells in Heidelberg, and has now so seriously restricted his mobility that he takes his daily outings in a wheel chair.

However, in spite of this disability, he retains his other faculties quite well, and indulges himself in his favourite sustenance.

NOTE: Further references to Fred's length of service as treasurer are included in the President's message. He was admitted to Heidelberg again on 4th April for a further course of treatment.

## Who were the "Diggers?"

As the outcome of his investigations, a professor at the Melbourne University has come up with some remarkable conclusions regarding the men who comprised the 1st A.I.F.

In a preliminary summary of his research, published in Melbourne "Age" last October, he makes the following astounding findings.

"The typical digger of the 1st A.I.F. was a manual worker in an unexciting dead-end job.

"He was 20 or 21, came from a large family, and had gone no further than sixth grade at school, if that.

"He was not a good soldier—not, if being a good soldier means keeping your head down and out of trouble. The average digger was afraid of being thought a sissy or effeminate by his mates, so he charged with his head in the air and refused to go to ground. Hence the high rate of casualties."

As to be expected, these imputations invited refutation, and Ralph Mitchell took up the challenge. He has passed on to us the outcome of his contact with the professor, which has been acknowledged by him.

We quote Ralph's letter verbatim.

Replying to the first paragraph of the findings he said:

"From my personal knowledge this was not so—there were many of those—but generally speaking there was a true cross-section of the community represented in a Battalion, clerks, teachers, policemen, tradesmen, labourers, seamen, some semi-professional men and an odd number of what one would call the higher professions. These last were generally in the ranks of Commissioned Officers."

With reference to second paragraph:

"There were no grades, as such in the days before the first war. The ordinary State School had classes from the infants—then the 'First Class' and so on to the sixth class. The last named being the 'Merit' standard."

A scholar now has to go to at least the second form at high school to reach this standard.

The statement in the Press report that: "The average digger charged with his head in the air and refused to go to ground" was not true as far as my observation went. He was trained otherwise, and well trained too; quite apart from this however, he was not silly enough to act like this; he knew what danger was, and although he would not shirk his duty, he wanted to live to return home again. I can assure you that I wanted to do so and kept my head down. There was a story current on Gallipoli that when Birdwood visited the Front Line in the sector held by my Battalion, that he was a bit careless in this regard, and one of the boys advised him to "keep his bloody head down."

We support Ralph in his contentions and doubtless our members have similar opinions.

As members of the 22nd, which was a fair sample of the A.I.F., we are concerned that such disparaging references should go unchallenged.

The reputation of the A.I.F. in World War I as the foremost fighting force in that great struggle, is a matter of history now, but nevertheless, such prejudiced conclusions as stated by the pro-pounder should be nailed pronto.

It will be interesting to read the ultimate report in the professor's investigations which we understand are still in progress.

Editor's Note: With very deep regret we have to record the death of No. 1, Ralph Mitchell, on January 29th. Ralph was the original R.S.M. of the battalion when formed in Broadmeadows. He was wounded at Armentieres and later invalided home to Australia.

## Shrine Pilgrimage, 1966

Our Annual Pilgrimage of Remembrance was held at the Shrine on Sunday, 8th May, 1966, and it proved a most impressive ceremony.

A representative muster—which could be very much increased— assembled opposite Victoria Barracks and after a short march to the Shrine the service commenced at 3 p.m. under direction of the President, Mr. L. Speak.

The address was given by our member, Rev. K. Wale, who stressed the purpose of such a ceremony in memory of our own members, and all other servicemen who had died either in war or since. Their sacrifice was the same and we who are left should keep their memory always in mind. The President laid a wreath at the Stone of Remembrance and poppies were deposited by all present. The ceremony concluded with the playing of Last Post and Reveille.

At the gathering of all those present on the south terrace of the Shrine after the ceremony, many commented on the impressiveness of the service, devoid as it was of all attempt at display.

On this occasion, our new Battalion Flag was flown at the Shrine Masthead. The former one, after 13 years' service, on our Unit Parade, and also that of the 2/22nd and 22nd Inf. Bn. had become unfit for further service, and had had to be renewed.

We look forward to this one also serving us for a similar period. It gives us quite a thrill to see our Red and Purple Diamond proudly waving so conspicuously on the occasion of our Annual Service of Remembrance.

The day and date was most appropriate, for it marked the 51st anniversary of the departure of the original unit from Port Melbourne on S.S. "Ulysses." What a wealth of experience and ordeals followed on that momentous event and what tragic losses the unit sustained in the four years which followed.

Note.—We regret that we record the death of the Rev. K. Wale on May 14th. He had only a few months previously retired from the Methodist Ministry, in which capacity he had been stationed at Wedderburn.

## 1966 Reunion absentee Donations

A. G. Birkhill, Mermaid Beach, Qld.	T. Strachan, Corowa.
J. A. Hocking, Footscray.	A. Wilson, Prahran.
L. Macdonald, Glenhuntly.	C. Fulton, Adelaide.
H. S. Harvey, Toorak.	K. Sutherland, Camberwell.
W. Boothroyd, Ballarat.	G. Comeadow, Aspendale.

W. E. Lambert, Deephaven.  
Gen. Carter, Port Macquarie.  
H. Chisler, Dalrymple.  
A. I. Moxley, Geelong.  
W. Tammen, E. Bowmore.  
D. Connell, Armadale.  
J. Sutherland, Kerriker.  
E. Wright, Camberwell.  
W. H. Jamieson, Armadale.  
W. Tustin, South Yarra.  
F. Kerrigan, Balaclava.  
F. H. Hughes, Bendigo.  
P. B. Stiller, Geelong, N.S.W.  
R. C. Yeaman, Greenborough.  
J. Sparks, Surrey Hills.  
C. S. Bell, Montrose.  
A. Coatsley, Quantong.  
A. Chapman, St. Kilda.  
E. MacLennan, Griffith, N.S.W.  
I. J. Warner, Frankston.  
A. E. Hoyle, Kew.  
A. W. Hutton, Heidelberg.  
L. E. Speak, Tweed Heads.  
F. J. Silver, Fairfield.  
G. Dempster, Dovvale.  
A. E. Hampton, Cadross.  
L. N. Castle, Mentone.  
V. F. Oscar, Parkdale.  
D. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.  
E. Thomas, Ivanhoe.  
J. Graham, Yarnagulla.  
M. Ridgway, Burleigh Heads, Qld.  
L. Trethewey, Tarilla, N.S.W.  
K. McKee, Echunga.

J. C. McCool, Toorak.  
E. Thompson, Hawthorn.  
E. Gorman, Caulfield.  
D. Phillips, Sorrento.  
R. Pothollick, Asot Vale.  
Barnett Gray, South Caulfield.  
I. E. Matthews, Brisbane.  
E. B. Edwards, Warracknabeal.  
R. Mitchell, W. Preston.  
A. G. Neal, Hawthorn.  
N. Hansen, Cheltenham.  
K. Meldrum, Elsternwick.  
A. R. Wiltshire, Toorak.  
A. A. McDonald, Sydney.  
R. Andrew, Clematis.  
A. E. Fella, W. Preston.  
H. Rayner, Red Cliffs.  
I. M. Dwyer, Bell Park.  
N. H. Browning, Oakleigh.  
W. Evely, Bendigo.  
W. H. McLean, Warragul.  
F. R. Castledine, Mitcham.  
S. Mossop, Seaford.  
H. Proud, Windsor.  
E. Tarrant, Bentleigh.  
F. G. Robinson, Shepparton.  
F. H. King, Bentleigh.  
A. G. Parry, Leongatha.  
A. Bottrill, Monash, S.A.  
H. Heathcote, Blackburn.  
R. Hunter, Mt. Eliza.  
A. W. Smith, Kilsyth.  
V. Handley, Warragul.

## Donations received at the 1966 Reunion

H. W. Lyndon.	J. Young.	J. B. Armstrong.
C. H. Campbell.	D. Ross.	B. Stringer.
T. Borrage.	A. Poesch.	N. Dooley.
A. Cranke.	W. Starrick.	J. Ryan.
D. Mitchell.	E. McKenzie.	T. Carter.
J. Gibson.	G. Giroud.	W. Freeman.
F. Downie.	W. Graham.	K. B. Lewis.
I. Bolton.	T. McKenzie.	R. J. Vaughan.
J. Topf.	T. Ross.	R. Ross.
J. Gannon.	A. Carroll.	H. F. Vawdon.
A. Salmon.	C. V. Gold.	F. W. Lavender.
F. E. Mann.	C. Christie.	H. Urquhart.
H. W. Barker.	J. R. McLeod.	W. Cawthorn.
J. E. Bennett.	J. Cagley.	G. A. McKenzie.
G. Caulfield.	R. Dickins.	W. P. Yelverton.
R. Warratt.	R. Baker.	

## PERSONAL PARS

President Jim Bennett has taken off for a month in New Zealand, but has arranged his trip to allow of his return two days before Anzac Day. We commend his assiduity.

Jack Russell paid a short visit to Melbourne to have Easter with members of his family. We were pleased to see him again, after four months in Queensland. He has not developed the "Banana-land Type" as yet, but no doubt that will come in time.

Jack Kohn has got the wanderlust again, for he and Mrs. Kohn left on 11th March for a six-months' tour of Europe and other places. His headquarters for most of the time will be with his married daughter in Amsterdam. He proposes to look up old comrades in U.K. and when in France will have a day or so with Eoly Warratt at Bertoncourt.

Roy Smith, of Brisbane, made one of his rare visits to Melbourne last month. Mrs. Smith was a participant in the Interstate Women's Bowling Carnival in Melbourne and Roy also indulged in that pastime in Sydney later, where he was one of a team from Brisbane competing in the Interstate Limbless Soldiers' Bowling Carnival.

Sailor Parsons suffered a mishap last December when he fell when getting out of a car and busted a knee. He was admitted to Heidelberg for a few weeks, but is still convalescing at home. Sailor was a notable absentee from our last reunion and his absence was so conspicuous that he was contacted for an explanation. Unfortunately, we have to record that his wife had died a short time before and that explained his non-appearance.

Age has caught up with Bill Tierney, for he has to forego night excursions. Bill lives in a part of Reservoir badly served by public transport and that makes travel difficult for him. Bill does not enjoy the best of health and his "staying-put" is understandable.

Roy Wright, who has had indifferent health since his retirement, has been admitted to Heidelberg for a check-up. Length of stay indefinite.

## MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS 1966

J. E. Smith, Geelong West.	A. Emry, Colac.
F. V. Kirby, Bristol, England.	J. P. Ryan, Alphington.
C. A. Davies, Rosebud.	G. Cochrane, Camberwell.
W. Lyndon, Glen Iris.	H. Benson, Armadale.
A. G. Birkill, Marmad Beach, Qld.	A. W. Hiddle, Dandenong.
W. F. Boothroyd, Ballarat.	A. Coatsley, Hershaw.
A. H. Blamey, Cawes.	J. K. McKay, Southport, Qld.
V. F. Oscar, Parkdale.	L. Rimes, Jeparit.
W. Wolf, Eaglemont.	F. W. Lavender, Mt. Eliza.
A. I. Meakin, Geelong.	J. J. Grigg, Crowsley.
G. Powerlett, Sunshine.	I. C. Guthrie, Sandstone, W.A.
L. W. Macdonald, Glenhuntingly.	H. W. Heathcote, Blackburn.
Gen. Carter, Port Welshpool.	L. G. Pothlett, Geelong, N.S.W.
A. Salmon, Caulfield.	C. A. Ward, Hobart.
L. Vanslow, Canterbury.	W. B. Higgins, Footscray.
C. S. Bell, Montrose.	R. Warratt, France.
H. Hamilton, E. Kew.	W. K. De Bosa, Burwood.
P. McKay, Manifold Heights.	

## Kindred Associations

We are happy to maintain contact with other associations, and exchange our annual publications.

The 7th Battalion Association produces "Despatches," edited by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Jamieson. This is a prodigious effort on the part of the Editor, and narrates news of individual members.

Bill Jamieson has a perpetual grievance against the 22nd in that he is unable to equal our secretary in length of service. He is about four years junior, and is still striving to bridge that gap. Honourable intent.

The 9th Bn. Association, Brisbane, Honorary Secretary, R. Benjamin, keeps us informed of their doings. In 1963 they instituted a move to embody 1st A.I.F. unit members and battalion colours in the present Commonwealth Forces. Representations were made at ministerial level, but to date the idea has not been implemented.

Ivor Hirtwistle, of Perth, sends along copies of the "Gallipoli Legion Quarterly Newsletter," which relates the doings of that body in W.A. Ivor's contribution to the last issue will bear repetition in "Echo."

"The night before our departure from Broadmeadows, Ivor played host to his tent mate at a 11 p.m. supper at the Cafe Francois—now defunct—in defiance of camp standing orders 'NO LEAVE'.

"Returning per taxi at 1 a.m., the party fell victims to a road picket and remained under arrest, sitting on the roadside, until 2 a.m., when they were marched, under armed escort, two miles back to camp. At 5 a.m. the process of recording names, etc., was completed, and they were dismissed to await the imposition of appropriate penalties later.

"However, that was the end of the matter, for by 6 p.m. the next day they were well at sea on H.M.A.T. "Ulysses" and the incident remains, in official jargon, 'proceedings incomplete'."

The 21st produces annually the "Red and Black Diamond," edited by Norm Straker until 1965, and now in the hands of George Barratt. It is interesting to note from this journal, that the 21st was the first Australian battalion to occupy the trenches in France, 7-4-16, and the last to leave them, 6-10-18.

The 21st sends out a circularized newsletter to its members, embodying details of its scattered membership for information of all. The secretary, Ern Welsh, prepares the narrative and obviously does some scouting in garnering news.

The 24th recounts its doings each year in a printed report of the year's functions and pending events. Hon. Secretary Gordon Birch is responsible for its production.

The 27th embodies in a circular form a report of its activities and in the section designated "The Shovel" relates incidents both personal and prophetic. Hon. Secretary Bill Harry is the scribe, and after some years of activity in that position has acquired a real technique.

The 22nd Inf. Bn. has a compact journal, "The Kunal Chronicle," edited by Graham Macfarlan (Past President). That Association has achieved a remarkable financial state, and that reflects great credit on them in pursuit of a praiseworthy objective for future needs.

## Roly Werrett



By courtesy of "Border Morning Mail," Albury.

Roly achieved his long deferred desire of a trip to his homeland last year. Since 1930 he has lived with his family at Bertesscourt, Mrs. Werrett's birthplace, and over the intervening years has always looked for the day when he could again associate with members of the 22nd Battalion. He arrived in W.A. on Anzac Day 1966, and participated in the march there. For some months he was living with his sister in Camberwell, and from there made many forays around the State. He had lots of relatives to visit and also many ex-members of the battalion with whom he had much in common. The happy reunions were many and mutually appreciated.

When he visited relatives in Albury he was induced to "meet the press" there, and the accompanying photograph is the outcome. We are indebted to the "Border Morning Mail" for their courtesy in giving us the block for inclusion in "Echo."

Roly was, at the reunion in September and was very agreeably surprised to meet again so many of the "batt." In the course of the evening Roly recounted some of the doings in France since 1918, and in particular the special service in the Amiens Cathedral to give thanks to the A.I.F. for the liberation of that city. Being the only Aussie present, he was given the place of honour at that service, amongst visiting dignitaries.

# Deaths—1966

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

1965		
224	T. E. PARKER, Vermont	October 28
1966		
1882	T. J. CLARINCK, Macarthur	March 15
8458	B. A. PRUSSER	March 16
321	L. R. ATKINS	March 18
2187	W. G. DEED, Box Hill North	April 1
8217	L. SIMMONS, Northcote	April 10
2821	A. G. ADAMS, Richmond	April 10
3343	A. W. LAWRENCE, Bunsyong	April 25
	H. DAYMOND, Camberwell	May 1
4925b	K. E. WALE, Blackburn	May 14
5017b	E. WOOLLEY	May 27
5233	W. R. WATKINS, Kew	June 2
4433	E. HAMILTON, E. Kew	June 3
479	W. R. McLEASH, Strathewan	June 3
6828	J. E. MAXWELL	June 5
4847	S. J. LINTON, Box Hill	June 7
4212	J. W. GREENWOOD, Caulfield	June 18
4770	E. A. R. McDONALD	June 18
5584	H. GARGUREVICH, Caulfield	July 1
4388	C. T. CLAPPER	July 1
8852	H. M. COLEMAN	July 8
1330	E. E. MOORE, Chelsea	July 9
548	J. W. SULLIVANT, Northcote	July 10
4459	R. L. HODGENS, Morwell	July 14
5857	J. S. KENNETT, Esserweir	July 21
4884	L. NICHOLSON, Baimedale	July 25
1288	D. PRICE	July 24
7	A. PAYTON, Hampton	August 5
175	E. COOPER, Williamstown	August 6
4726	D. E. HARVEY, Brunswick	August 8
6954	J. E. ZIMMER, St. Arnaud	August 9
	W. M. GREEN, Brighton	August 16
5457	F. G. MILNE	August 17
1527	C. E. DAVIS	August 18
711	W. A. WILSON	September 1
	W. A. WILLIAMS, Ballarat	September 2
4884	L. BUSHWORTH, Seaford	September 8
2829	R. J. HAMILTON, Kew	September 16
5170	T. J. MAHER, Kew	September 25
1990	R. E. CLARK, Ballarat	September 28
50119	G. POWERLETT, Sunshine	September 29
5413	W. SHAW, Castletary	October 9
1907	J. M. HORNE, Mildura	October 22
2868	H. H. COULAND, Coburg	November 6
3286	K. J. NEILSON	November 13
6418	W. WELLS, Manangatang	November 15
	B. W. CHESLETT, Warrnambool	November 16
5601	A. N. NORTON	November 20
2318	N. STEVENS, Oakleigh	December 4

1967		
2311	H. J. NICHOLLS, Lorne	January 18
4755	R. MOTH	January 18
4662	W. E. BROWN	January 22
	I. H. MITCHELL, Preston	January 26
	W. PURVIS, Horsham	February 11
4172	E. MCKENZIE, East Bentleigh	March 9
61813	D. H. AIKEN	February 6
326	A. R. ANDERSON	February 8
3184	W. C. HANDSON	January 19
6815	A. HITCHCOCK	February 6
1024	E. D. LEWIS	January 22
742	H. MORRIS	January 29
6784	A. A. COCKROFT, Moorabool	March 24

## DONATIONS RECEIVED ANZAC DAY 1966

K. E. Moore, Bacchus Marsh.	E. Baker, Epsomwick.
W. Wagner, Neerim South.	D. Leitch, Mt. Waverley.
F. Downie, Bentleigh.	S. Holmes, Reservoir.
E. Smart, Vermont.	I. Young, Sorrento.
G. Logan, Surrey Hills.	R. Mitchell, Preston.
W. J. Salter, Preston.	C. Pritchard, Northcote.
A. Seuling, Brighton.	W. Sturrock, Hampton.
E. Holdsworth, Mt. Eliza.	W. Almers, Ballwin.
I. Smith, Geelong.	J. R. Bennett, Mont Albert.
A. G. Parry, Leongatha.	R. Dickens, Ashburton.
W. K. De Boes, Burwood.	W. Hollock, Carrum.
S. Mossop, Seaford.	V. Handley, Warragul.
A. Wilson, Prahran.	H. W. Barker, Moorabool.
J. Gladman, Hawthorn East.	C. Samways, Strathmore.
C. V. Gold, Abbotsford.	T. Watson, Oakleigh.
K. R. Wale, Blackburn.	C. Hildebrand, Blackwood.
R. J. Wright, E. Camberwell.	L. H. Richmond, Nunawading.
F. Cline, Brunswick.	L. Speak, Epsomwick.
J. Wright, Box Hill North.	I. Kohn, Brighton.
N. A. Browning, Oakleigh.	E. C. Parsons, N. Fitzroy.
J. Liston, Oakleigh.	F. B. Mann, Brighton.
R. Andrew, Clematis.	W. Graham, Pascoe Vale.
N. Hammon, Coburg.	W. Vincent, Preston.
R. Lang	W. F. Yelverton, Brighton.
T. McKenzie, Albert Park.	G. Cochrane, Camberwell.
A. Pooock, Ferny Creek.	W. Bailey, Baywater.
W. Hobbs, Painesville.	F. Sturrock, Brunswick.
W. Beale, Thornbury.	W. J. Cawthron, Kallista.
A. Thomson, Brighton.	W. Simmons.
C. Monk, Coburg.	J. Nichols, Lorne.
J. B. Armstrong, Hawthorn.	N. Stevens, Oakleigh.
H. L. Norman, Hawthorn.	F. Strachan, Cecewa.
C. C. Christie, Alphington.	J. R. Carter, Thornbury.
A. R. Wiltshire, Toorak.	A. Carroll, Regent.
C. Stanley, Brunswick.	E. Draper, Footscray.
J. Gibson, Highett.	T. Hoare, Moorabool.
E. Evans, Surrey Hills.	C. H. Johnston, Glen Iris.
W. E. Smythe, Heidelberg West.	N. H. Dooler, Ivanhoe.
A. R. Hampton, Cadress.	E. G. Kerr, W. Geelong.
J. Nicholson, W. Midland, W.A.	

## Achieving the Impossible— Hommes 40 Chevaux 8 (en long)

We have become used to the term "logistics" in reports on our military activities both at home and abroad.

Oxford Dictionary gives the meaning of that word as "Art of moving and quartering troops."

From our own experience, the practice was in vogue prior to 1914, and particularly in France, where some bright genius resolved the capacities of rail wagons allotted to troop movements. He must have served his apprenticeship in a sardine packing factory, for no allowance was made in the establishment for the variations in the human structure. However, our first contact with those transport media was at Marcellin in April, 1916, and we were not impressed. At least they did provide cover, which did not apply to the open-platform rail trucks in which we had been carried in Egypt.

In the course we were allotted to vehicles as per label "Hommes 40." Each truck may have provided room for 40 men without equipment and then with minimum space for each, but with the impedimenta carried by each man the squeeze eventuated and personal comfort non-existent.

After the usual extended period of apparently aimless waiting at the terminal, we got under way about nightfall and commenced our first "tour de France." Darkness soon negated any sightseeing and the troops prepared for the "night's rest."

Arguments arose and eventually the situation which "couldn't be cured had to be endured" was resolved by general acceptance of the principle "make do."

The accumulated equipment, including rifles, were first deposited on the floor and then in rotation—according to his location—each man assumed the prone position on his side—by mutual consent, all adopted the right side—and the packing up of individuals arranged. At each end of the truck those fellows had "heads to truck end." The two center rows adopted feet to feet with their opposite numbers.

Naturally all hands remained fully clothed, including boots, for there were no repositories for any surplus clothing.

Eventually, all were apparently settled except one—a diminutive English lad who in general allocation had missed out on a "posse." He was certainly odd man out and his only resting place was sitting on top of some stowaway member who had scored a place on the floor. The unfortunate lad was well and truly cursed by all hands, and hounded from one place to another. As the train was under way, and the sliding doors closed, he had no means of escape from his predicament, nor his comrades from his unwanted presence. After some

hours of this situation the train made a temporary stop, and the unfortunate lad essayed to seek respite and to occupy the outside cabin at roof level of each truck, but which provided no shelter from the rush of air against the moving train. However, with his absence those remaining in the truck became more composed and reposed fitfully. After a few more hours the train stopped again, and a wail was heard from the unfortunate chum outside in the cabin.

He sought rescue from his position, and was so numbed with the cold that it required the assistance of others to get him down and inside again before the train moved on.

It took some vigorous action on the part of his rescuers to restore his circulation, and that experiment was not repeated for the rest of the journey.

For the whole of three days these conditions prevailed with only occasional stops for limited periods. At one halt around lunch time, the troops made a foray on the engine driver for hot water for tea making.

The hot fluid obtained may have been water at one time, but was now very discoloured and of a doubtful temperature. But it sufficed for those who got it. The driver soon cut off the supply when the demand assumed impossible proportions.

The following two nights on that train were much the same as the first, but the settling down process achieved without much fuss and at daylight the troops got to their feet "to have a rest."

In due course we arrived, at 2 a.m., at Aire, in the North of France, during a heavy snow fall and in discomfort of a different nature to that of the train, the battalion marched three miles to Roquetaire, our first billet in France.

Ray Baker had even more harrowing experiences on that journey. He was "lucky" to be allotted to a "carriage," but the luck was a very doubtful distinction. Like the trucks, the carriage also had an established complement, seven to a compartment. At "bed-time" allocation of sleeping space became a conundrum.

The luggage racks were fully utilized for equipment and gear, without which an infantryman was "inadequately equipped." Two men occupied each seat—end to end—and two likewise on the floor. Ray, being smallest in stature, was relegated to under one seat, with ample leg space, but decidedly limited on head room.

Ray in those days was not subject to claustrophobia but even so, admits he had difficulty in breathing normally.

At the occasional train stops he was, perforce, the last one to emerge and consequently lost out on any "buckshee" coffee which may have been the reason for the stop.

Like all the other members of the battalion, he was glad when the train finally stopped at Aire and he could enjoy a "rest" on the route march to Roquetaire.

## Shrine Pilgrimage, 1967

Our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine will be made on Sunday, the 7th of May, 1967, at 3 p.m. Assemble at Linlithgow Station opposite Victoria Barracks at 2.30 p.m., and after a short march, the service will be conducted in the Inner Shrine.



## Twenty-Second Battalion Association

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance S.S.B. 1/1/66	Printing "Echo"
Members' Subscriptions	Postage "Echo"
Donations	Buttons—Anzac Day
Sale of Buttons and Donations—Anzac Day	Shrine Pilgrimage—8/5/66
Interest—S.S.B.	Shrine Pilgrimage—Repairs to Flag
Sales—Battalion Book	Telephones—Rent
Credit Balance—Reserves 1966	Postages—General
	Stationery, Printing
	General Expenses
	Appeals—Legacy
	Carry On
	R.S.L.
	R.S.L. Dinner 1/6/66
	Deposit Town Hall, 1966
	Bank Balance—S.S.B. 31/12/66
\$274.35	\$397.36
167.40	
16.00	
114.20	
9.08	
1.00	
15.39	

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