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Foreword from the President

Gentlemen,

Another year has passed, and it is my privilege to again submit a report of your Committee's stewardship of the Battalion Association activities for that period.

We regret to record the passing of 47 members of our Battalion Association. Included in the list we mourn are Fred Castledine, our late Treasurer, and that well-known Battalion identity, "Sailor" Parsons. We who were honoured to call them pals will remember them.

"When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
He summoned up remembrance of things past."

The Annual Reunion held at the Lower Town Hall showed a slight decrease in attendance. However, the 100 members and guests present thoroughly enjoyed the comradeship of a traditional 22nd Battalion gathering. We were delighted to have with us Lieut-Col. A. R. L. Wiltshire, who had planned a return flight from Queensland on the morning of the Reunion to be present at the function.

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine in May last was well attended. Following the short march to the Shrine, Mr. Phil Bateman, who served as Lieut. with the 2/22nd Btn., delivered an interesting and

inspiring address. Mr. Bateman's father, Lieut-Col. W. Bateman, at one time commanded the 23rd Battalion.

With the approach of Anzac Day, many of us will be looking forward to meeting old friends at the assembly point, and recounting incidents we so jealously cherish. We hope to have a good muster on parade, and that those of us, who are able, will join the March. We extend our sympathy to those unable to attend through sickness and physical disabilities, and our regards to those debarred from attending because of distance.

Over the years ANZAC has become a symbol of the Spirit of Service. It is imperative that the high standard of service rendered, and the sacrifices made by our fighting men in the many theatres of war, should be remembered and presented to inspire the youth of today in unselfish Community Service and a resolve to maintain the peace and liberties their forefathers won for them.

The Anzac Day March can only be successful if we maintain public interest and understanding. With this aim in view, your Committee offered suggestions for consideration to the Organising Committee. A copy of the letter forwarded, and a report by the Hon. Treasurer, Ray Baker, who attended the meeting, will be found in this edition of the "Echo."

May I, on behalf of the Committee, extend our thanks to those who contributed to our Association funds. Many of the donations received were from members unable to attend the Reunion and Anzac Day March. Their generous gesture indicates they are always with us in spirit.

Your Committee meets, when required, at the home of our Hon. Secretary, Fred Russell. Meetings are always well attended, and an excellent comradeship exists among the Committee members. We regret the unfortunate accident suffered by Mrs. Russell, necessitating a sojourn in hospital and subsequent inaction. We wish her a speedy recovery.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all members of the Committee for their loyal support throughout the year; especially our Hon. Secretary, Fred Russell. We are indeed fortunate in having the dedicated service and guidance of Fred, who has made the welfare of our Association a large part of his life for so many years.

Your Committee joins with me in sending to each of you, wherever you may be, greetings and good wishes for the future.

15th April, 1968.

J. R. (JIM) BENNETT.

1968 REUNION

Our 1968 Reunion will be held in the Lower Hall of the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, 20th September, 1968, at 8 o'clock.

We have not yet found a "Better Ole" for our annual get-together and propose to continue at the Town Hall, which is most suitable in every respect, although we have a great diminution of members attending.

Col. Wiltshire Recounts History

The President of our Association has asked me to write something by way of an introduction or foreword for the current issue of the "Twenty-Second's" Echo."

Having launched the "Echo" over half a century ago, perhaps it is fitting that I should do this and say something about its genesis.

The idea of commencing what, in those days, was known as a trench journal was a spontaneous one. To start, it presented some problems but I thought of enlisting the help of London "Punch." From its proprietors ready help and advice were forthcoming. They located a portable printing press of compact size, suitable type and all things necessary for production. To the end of our stay abroad "Punch" gave unfailing help. All the blocks for such illustrations as we had, and for reproducing the clever caricatures of our bandman artist, Lew Fimblett, were cut by "Punch."

We should remember our editor, Sergeant R. Blatchford, who faced many difficulties in production and to his memory we should always remain grateful.

It might be mentioned that there is a complete file of the "Twenty-Second's Echo" in that treasure house of Australian literature, the Mitchell Library in Sydney.

A. R. WILTSHIRE.

[Ed.—In 1965, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the battalion, we reproduced portion of the first page of No. 1 issue of "The Twenty-Second's Echo," as a forepiece for the 21st "Civil" issue. As a link with our forerunner we propose to continue the practice.—F.C.R.]

1968 SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine will be conducted on Sunday, 5th May, at 2 p.m.

Frederick Ronald CASTLEDINE



It is with profound regret that we record the death, on June 4, 1967, of Fred Castledine. His record of service with the Battalion established him as a worthy troop and as C.S.M. of B Coy., he earned the esteem of his comrades and was one well worthy of that rank.

After carrying on from 1915 he was evacuated sick late in 1918 and was in hospital in London at the time of the Armistice. He was invalided back to Australia where he arrived in 1919. Records show that he joined the Association in September, 1919, and was appointed Hon. Treasurer later that year. He retained that position until 1966 when ill-health caused his resignation.

Few associations have a record such as ours in that both the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer carried on in those offices continuously for 46 years,

and our members were quite happy to have the affairs administered by the two "Fred's."

Fred had spent all his working life with the Victorian Railways, the last few in the department which rostered guards for duty. In that position he earned the approbation of the department and the guards themselves. So much so that he was called back, after retirement, for another year or so of active duty in that particular section. He is survived by Mrs. Castledine and one married daughter, Mrs. A. Cramer.

Anzac Day, 1967

The March last year was conducted in the usual form and our muster was about the same as in recent years, but the marchers have dwindled away considerably. Age certainly has wearied them and the inroads of age are most apparent. Still, those who did march carried on gallantly and did the distance easily. (See other comments on this subject in this issue of "Echo").

The Post Office at Balliang was closed on Anzac Day, not by reason of the holiday scheduled, but because S. W. Blasseley had to be on parade in Melbourne. He has been in charge of that office for 47 years and reckons he knows everyone in that district. He and Arthur Bottrell, of Menash, S.A., got together with Ken Moore, of Bacchus Marsh. Ken hasn't missed an Anzac Day March for years and declares the March would not be complete without him.

W. P. Hill, of Wallington, was present for the first time and is concerned that he had missed out previously.

Bill Ruthven was there, but his mobility is somewhat limited these days. However, Tom Hoare chaperoned him and delivered him home safely after the March.

Charlie Hildebrand came all the way down from Blackwood to join the crowd, and he and Ben Vaughan teamed up in button selling and collection of subs. Charlie has doubts about gold prospects in Blackwood. He reckons scavengers must have pinched the lal.

Anzac Day, 1968

No change has been made in the plan for the Anzac Day March for 1968. We rendezvous at our usual spot—in Bourke Street, in front of Moore's Men's Store.

The march commences at 10 a.m. and we are the first division of the A.I.F. to move off, so that means we will be on our way by 10.15.

Members are urged to be on parade at 9 a.m. in order to have as much time together as possible. One hour of time will soon pass.

Dawn Service at Surfers' Paradise

Jack Russell, who is now a resident at Southport, has sent along a very interesting report of the last Anzac Day Dawn Service at which he was present for the first time. We publish Jack's report as an item of interest to members.

"I attended what I think was the most impressive Dawn Service that I have attended. It was conducted by the Surfers' Paradise R.S.L. and took place on the beach at the end of Cavill Avenue and was attended by 150 returned men—not a bad muster when one thinks that only three miles away, at Southport and Burleigh Heads, there were other R.S.L. sub-branches holding similar services.

"A cenotaph had been erected on the beach, together with flag pole.

"A very wonderful address was given by a local returned padre, followed by a Scottish piper, in full dress, playing the Scottish Lament as he marched, very slowly, up and down the beach in the semi-darkness.

"A passenger plane, en route from Sydney to Brisbane, flew very low overhead with searchlights playing on the men standing with bowed heads. TV cameramen were in attendance and the whole show was shown on Channel 7 that evening.

"After the Service, the parade marched back to the R.S.L. club-rooms, where rum and milk, whisky and milk, in fact, anything one cared to order, was turned on by the sub-branch—gratis. Then it was announced that breakfast was ready—steak and kidney on toast, tea and coffee.

"It certainly is some place, this Surfers' Paradise."

From Jack's very glowing report, we too are of the same opinion. Jack has extended a very cordial invitation to any of our members visiting that spot to look him up. He anticipates that the winter months ahead will induce some to get away from Melbourne with its ultra-tropical climate—for January and February anyway (and the water shortage).

1967 REUNION

Age provides its own leavening and that is very obvious with our reunions. Gone are the boisterous days of 1926 when a reunion was typified by re-enactment of "hull heere a dem, estamineet fee."

Nowadays our fellows are quite content to gather around attractively furnished tables and, to the accompaniment of a modicum of liquor and good food, enjoy the pleasure of contacting old Battalion associates again. Unfortunately, Father Time has taken toll and we are now in the "fading away" stage of old soldiers. Our total is now around 400. But of that number their spirit is as good as ever and, although many have to admit to the limitations of age and the resultant curtailment of activities, their support of the Association is undoubted.

We repeat, and we cannot emphasize it too much, that the support of absent members is a prime factor in the conduct of our reunions. From all over Australia members send donations with their regrets that they are unable to attend, and send regards to all old comrades.

The increase in the number so handicapped is reflected in the attendance at the show. We mustered only 85 last year but those present were most appreciative of the set-up.

At 10 p.m. hot fish and chips with coffee was served, and proved a very acceptable item, on top of party pies and pasties with the usual standby—biscuits and cheese. In fact, one member was good enough to say that there was too much food. The troops' appetites must be diminishing as their ages increase.

However, be that as it may, the reunion was up to our usual standard and our guests, in particular, voiced their approval. They were: 21st Bn., C. Willis and G. Knowles; 23rd Bn., H. Green and G. Frost; 24th Bn., L. Hunter and L. Henderson; 2/22nd Bn., E. Smith, Past President; 22nd Inf. Bn., T. W. Pratt and L. Joseph, Hon. Sec.

In response to the toast of "Our Guests," proposed by H. Vawdon who, in a moment of mental aberration addressed the gathering as "Ladies and Gentlemen" and brought on himself ironical applause, Mr. Harold Green, President of the 23rd Bn., responded for the 1st A.I.F., and Mr. Bert Smith, Past President of the 2/22nd, for the 2nd A.I.F.

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We acknowledge these donations from the donors, who desire to contribute to the Association, in memory of their departed loved ones:

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ANZAC DAY DONATIONS

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ANZAC DAY MARCH

Ray Baker attended a meeting of unit associations held at Anzac House on Wednesday, February 21, to discuss Anzac Day procedure with the parade marshal, Brig. K. Blamey, and he reports as follows:

It has been customary for years for unit associations to be invited to this meeting, held for the express purpose of discussing details of the March with the governing body, the Anzac Day Commemoration Council.

Despite the very hot night, a good muster of representatives attended and, after a light meal provided by R.S.L. H.Q. at 6 p.m., the meeting got under way at 7 p.m. and dealt with routine matters associated with the March.

A controversial subject was raised when the chairman read to the meeting our letter, which is published in full, and which emanated from the request of the Council for suggestions for the betterment of the March.

10th January, 1968.

Chairman,
Anzac Day Commemoration Council,
Anzac House,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

The Commemoration Council may be averse to reviewing the unit formations of the Anzac Day March without a direct indication from the 1st A.I.F. units, in particular, that they desire such changes.

With that object in view the Committee of this Association submit the following suggestions for implementation, if you think fit.

1. Infantry units be Brigaded and Artillery and Engineer units be massed in Divisions.
2. All L.E. Regiments to be massed.
3. Likewise, A.F.C. and 1st W.W. Navy be massed in one formation each.
4. Unit flags or emblems to be carried as hitherto, but massed.

In view of the age of these marchers it is essential that adequate bands be allocated to these formations.

We are of the opinion that shortening the length of the March will not be advantageous, as the present route is direct and the distance is not beyond the ability of those who do march. Furthermore, assembly points in the city afford shelter in the event of bad weather.

We hesitate to make suggestions for 2nd A.I.F. units but it does appear that too many small units are included. In many instances a banner, borne a 2-4 men is followed by about 12 men. There must be some way of merging these small units into one composite formation.

In order to encourage onlookers the March, as a spectacle, must be made more attractive. As now conducted the incidence of extended intervals between units does not lend to a parade worthy of its purpose.

Yours faithfully,

(F. C. RUSSELL), Hon. Secretary.

The chairman invited representatives of 1st War units to give their views on the subject matter of the letter. He would then take a vote on it and pass the result on to the Council.

Several speakers spoke against the proposal, some rather heatedly, stressing their pride in their units and that they would not be separated in peace any more than they were in wartime, and that the number of marchers per unit was of no import. It was also suggested that more hands would help the march.

After eight speakers had voiced their opposition in similar vein, it appeared that the meeting not only opposed our proposal but were very hostile to it.

Then a representative spoke at length in favor of the proposition. He thought many good points had been raised and said that he believed that his unit would be happy to co-operate in full. He was supported by a long-serving member of the Commemoration Council, who agreed with our letter, which stressed the point that we were all getting on in years and that it would not be long before we would have to close up our ranks to help the marchers and to improve the March as a spectacle for the onlookers.

Other speakers supported the idea in more modified terms and, before closing the discussion, the chairman allowed me, as the representative of the unit which had raised the subject, to be the last speaker.

I said that we had written the letter in response to a request from H.Q. for some suggestions that might help with the March arrangements. We, too, were very proud of our unit and of those who had served with it and had marched together for so many years. We did not mind who marched in front of us or at the rear of us. The most important point with us was that we were lucky to be around to take part in it at all.

This closed the discussion and, on a vote being taken, the surprising result was an even vote—12 all.

I was most satisfied with this result and the reception of our letter, and anticipate that this matter will be given much attention at the next meeting of the March Council.

Summing up the outcome of the meeting, I am of the opinion that the changes as suggested by our letter will have the following results:

- Improve the March as a spectacle;
- Assist the marchers in maintaining formation;
- As the number of bands to each division is limited, the whole March will benefit by the same number spread over a shorter column;
- It would tend to eliminate the long intervals between units and the resultant standing, which is very tiring for 1st A.I.F. members.

R. S. BAKER.

Back Numbers of the "Echo"

Should any member desire to have a complete set of the "Echo," the Secretary would be only too happy to supply them. No charge, of course, but in these days of excessive postage those requesting copies will be asked to defray that cost.

PERSONAL PARS

In January the Committee made a social visit to the homes of Reg Rees and Len MacDonald. Both these worthy members had given years of service on the Committee (Len was President in 1953) but ill-health forced them to relinquish office. Reg now has a gammy leg—the result of war injuries—and Len suffered a stroke in 1964 which has left him partially disabled. Apart from their disabilities both were in good fettle and very much appreciated our visit.

How destiny works out. Hugh Kelly, of Pascoe Vale South, died rather suddenly on December 21. Sailor Parsons died at his home in North Fitzroy on January 3, and on January 5, Bill Tierney, of Reservoir, also passed on. These three had been very much together in the Battalion and carried on their association ever since. At reunions they invariably celebrated that function in their own style.

We take particular pleasure in recording the investiture by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, at Buckingham Palace on June 20, 1967, of Sir E. Gorman, Q.C., with the accolade of K.B.E. It was an especially memorable event for Sir Eugene, as it was exactly 50 years since he had attended a similar function at the Palace, when he was invested by the late King George V with the Military Cross. His is the second knighthood awarded to a Battalion member, the other being Sir Walter Cawthorn, K.B.E., C.B., C.S.I.

We have contacted a new member of the Association in the person of Frank Hopkinson, No. 944, who for 32 years has been in Fiji with the Emperor Gold Mining Company. He is now retired. Frank left the Battalion at Tel El Kebir, after the evacuation of Gallipoli, and joined the 4th Imperial Camel Corps, with which he served until knocked out at Gaza and returned to Australia.

Mark Jacobs has been moved, under Repatriation orders, as far north as habitation permits and already is reaping the benefits of the climate at Cairns. For years he suffered indifferent health in Sydney. He has developed latent literary ability and has written a book, now in course of publication. We look forward with considerable interest to Mark's first edition.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS.

W. H. Benning, now a resident of Guildford, Surrey, found the onset of retirement so enervating that, in desperation, he has established himself in the X-ray department of the Guildford Hospital. Bill reckons that both he and the hospital have benefited by the association.

Arthur Robertson, of Croydon, Surrey, has taken up residence with his son, who has a dental practice in London. Arthur indulges his leisure with various trips around Europe and the U.K. He had a seven days' tour of Scotland last September and was agreeably surprised to be greeted at lunch at Fort William by a skirl of the pipes. Strange Scottish custom.

F. Victor Kirby, of Bristol, now rests on his laurels as a retired grocer, in which business he conducted two stores in Bristol. Vic has become the victim of arthritis and in the last twelve months has had two spells in hospital. He retains his association with Australia by naming his home "Glenrowan," after that town in Victoria to which he migrated in 1912.

Roly Werrett, of Bertheaucourt, France, has settled down again in his French town of adoption, after his extended holiday in Australia last year. Roly was one of our representatives at the Passchendaele commemoration in Ypres in November last. When making that trip, he proposed to visit Rougetoize, our first billets in France, and Gaurdinne, one of the last. Jack Kohn had a day with Roly in September, when he was on a tour of Europe.

Padre F. H. Durnford, now 84, is living in retirement at Alnwick, Northumberland. He has been visited by numerous members who have visited that part, and all have found him and Mrs. Durnford in good health. The passage of the years has not dimmed the Padre's affection for the 22nd Bn., and he considers that his period of service with us was the most eventful experience of his life. He is assured that we, too, have very fond memories of the "Little Padre."

W. M. Powell, Highgate, London, now retired, maintains contact with us and has been visited by various members. Bill has sought our assistance in his application for a Repatriation pension. He took his discharge in London in 1920 and, until recent years, was under the impression that he had forfeited all rights to Repatriation benefits. He has a very staunch advocate in Frank Kennedy, ex-5th Bn., now Pensions Investigation Officer of the R.S.L. at Australia House, London.

CLIVE R. Waxman, Grand Rapids, Mich., U.S.A., after 48 years' residence in the States and the progenitor of 9 grand-children, still retains a very sincere attachment for the 22nd Bn. His letters are just as verbose as he was vocally in the Battalion. He has been closely associated with the motion picture industry—not in the same category as Clark Gable—but in the distribution of that and other stars' efforts.

H. P. Hopkinson, of Fiji, our most recent recruit to the Association, has a mention elsewhere in this issue.

Shrine Pilgrimage, 7th May, 1967

We conducted a most impressive Service of Remembrance at the Shrine on Sunday, 7th May, 1967. Attendance of members showed an increase and, after the usual march from Victoria Barracks, the Service commenced at 3 p.m.

President Jim Bennett conducted the Service and the address was given by Mr. Phil Bateman of the 2/22nd Bn. Mr. Bateman is a son of the late Col. R. Bateman, who was a member of the 23rd Bn. Mr. Bateman himself had been amongst those captured at Rabaul and had been a P.O.W. in Japan.

After the address the President laid a wreath on the Stone of Remembrance and all members then filed past, each depositing a poppy on the Stone. The musical part of the ceremony was led by Mr. W. Scattergood, who also gave a splendid rendering of the Last Post and Reveille. A number of wives and relatives were present, and bereaved relatives of deceased members.

Mr. C. O. Harry, of the 2/22nd, accompanied by Mrs. Harry, attended the Service. We are honoured that our ceremony of remembrance is being attended by relatives of deceased members. Mrs. J. B. O'Neill, of Williamstown, widow of J. B. O'Neill, No. 2639, who died on 12th August, 1964, joined our pilgrimage in memory of Jack. Also with us was Mr. K. D. O'Neill, of Alphington, son of J. B. O'Neill, No. 6873, who died on 22nd January, 1962. Mr. O'Neill, accompanied by his wife and family, attended our parade in memory of his late father.

It is a coincidence that we had present the relatives of two deceased members with the same name and initials.

PASSCHENDAELE

Fifty years is a fair span of time under any system of reckoning, and that period was emphasised last year when October 5 commemorated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the battle of Passchendaele (or Broodsiende Ridge) in which every division of the A.I.F. participated.

It may be claimed as a victory in that we captured our objectives, but at what a colossal cost in men and material. The A.I.F. casualties for the three months' period of the battle were 38,000 (6,500 of them

killed). Apart from the heavy shelling, which predominated, the weather conditions were an added burden to weary troops already extended to the limits of human endurance.

Our Battalion casualties were particularly heavy and, when eventually relieved and back in Steenvoerde billets, each company was organised in three platoons only and those less than half strength.

In order to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that momentous battle, the Burgomaster of Ypres had arranged special services on the site of the battle on Sunday, October 8, 1967, and a closing ceremony in St. Martin's Cathedral, Ypres, on Saturday, November 4, when a special presentation of "War Requiem" by Benjamin Britten was given.

We had direct contact with the Burgomaster regarding the commemoration ceremonies and personal invitations had been sent from Ypres to five of our members, now resident in England and France.

Mr. W. Bunning had signified his intention of being present at the ceremonies.

Due to the dedicated efforts of Mr. W. Jamieson, Hon. Secretary of the 7th Bn. Association, a special ceremony was arranged at the Shrine on Sunday, November 5, 1967. All A.I.F. unit associations had been invited to participate in a combined service, organised under the command of Major W. D. Joynt, V.C. Major-General Sir Alan Ramsay, K.B.E., gave the address at the Shrine. There was a fair attendance at the parade, at which about 30 of our members were present.

Mr. Jamieson had composed a very fitting tribute to that memorable battle in the form of a poem entitled "The Salient." It is a lengthy composition, and we cannot produce it in full, but we are including an excerpt, as follows:

Again there muster in many a far-flung place
These left of us—
Aged remnants, come with memories
Too rich and proud for wordy gush.
No pomp is there, no braggart clang, no martial rouse;
But homage welling up from deep within,
This jubilee of Passchendaele.
Homage reverent and true to multitudinous slain
Sleeping 'neath Altar Salient;
Dear comrades of our youth, of that brief time
When stern necessity raised all above
The shallowness of class and creed.
Into a selfless oneness,
To noble purpose tied.

RECREATIONAL

The following programme is of an impromptu concert held in A Coy. mess-hut in Heliopolis, during our training period in that camp prior to the unit's move to Gallipoli in August 1915.

It is not claimed to be a forerunner of the organized concert parties which were created in France in 1917 as morale builders for the troops, but it does demonstrate the latent talent in a Battalion which had to create its own amusement and, while in that camp, many such concerts were staged with varying degrees of appreciation from the audience.

HELIOPOLIS—EGYPT.

"A" Company . . . 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

Programme of Concert to be held in C Company's Shed at 8.30 p.m.
Monday, 26th July, 1915.

1. Overture.	Simple Aven	Lieut. J. C. McCaul
2. Song.	Australia will be There	"A" Company
3. Song.	Selected	Drummer Hoare
4. Baritone.		Pte. Chamley
5. Song.	A Bachelor's Love Song	Lieut. H. Craig
6. Dances.	Ragtime	L/Cpl. Birkill
7. Song.	Humorous	Pte. Trangmar
8. Flute Solo.	Selected	L/Cpl. Montgomerie
9. Song.	Selected	Major C. R. Derrick
10. Ballad.		Bugler Cummings
11. Song.	Selected	Sgt. Watson
12. Song.	Ragtime	Pte. Fettes
13. Song.	Selected	S.M. Porter
14. Song.	Humorous	Pte. Trangmar
15. Song.	22nd Batta. Song	Company
	God Save The King.	A. G. BIRKILL.

2/22nd BATTALION BAND

TWO CEREMONIES WITH A SIMILAR MOTIVE

In September, 1946, we attended a special parade of the 2/22nd Battalion at Ekeby Camp for purpose of presenting that unit with band instruments which we had obtained by a special effort.

On Sunday, 25th July, 1967, ex-members of the 2/22nd attended a special service held in the Reunwick Citadel of the Salvation Army to commemorate the 56th Anniversary of the action at Rabaul, when all numbers of the band were lost.

At that ceremony, Col. E. S. Appel, of the 2/22nd, presented to the Citadel Band four new instruments in memory of those men who had comprised the personnel of the 2/22nd Bn. Band on its formation.

The leader of the Citadel Band in 1940 was Mr. A. Gullidge who, on retirement, was posted as Bandmaster-Sergeant A. Gullidge.

Mr. Ray Baker attended this service as our representative.

Sporting Events

How the troops relaxed in the Sinai Desert during our occupancy of Hogsback in January-February, 1915? This leisure was conducted on an improvised platform of ration boxes and stools—folding. The whole programme was conducted during an afternoon when the sun was very evident and the temperature around 120 deg. The onlookers encircled themselves on the hot sand and cheered on their respective company representatives.

The Battalion does not have any record of the results of the day's boxing bouts, so we cannot say who was the Battalion champion pugilist at that time.

22nd BATTALION, OPENING OF BOXING TOURNEY.

Sunday, 6th February, 1915.

PRIZES

Winner of Lightweight 500 P.T. Runner-up Lightweight 200 P.T.
Winner of Middleweight 500 P.T. Runner-up Middleweight 200 P.T.
Winner of Heavyweight 500 P.T. Runner-up Heavyweight 200 P.T.

First Bout starts at 1400 sharp.

PROGRAM OF BOXING

- Lightweight
1 Jacobs, A Coy., v. Rowden, C Coy.
Middleweight
2 Telfer, A Coy., v. Mann, B Coy.
Lightweight
3 Greenaway, B Coy., v. Parsons, D Coy.
Middleweight
4 Binns, A Coy., v. Finch, B Coy.
Lightweight
5 Roadknight, B Coy., v. Fettes, A Coy.
Heavyweight
6 Madden, A Coy., v. Levison, A Coy.
Middleweight
7 Anderson, C Coy., v. Ryan, B Coy.
Lightweight
8 Stevens, D Coy., v. Lawson, A Coy.
Middleweight
9 Connors, D Coy., v. Massey, D Coy.
Lightweight
10 Harwood, A Coy., v. Gemmel, C Coy.
Heavyweight
11 Anderson, C Coy., v. Ballin, D Coy.
Heavyweight
12 McCormack, C Coy., Bys.
R. K. Porter, R.S.M.
F. Rowden, Hon. Sec.
—T. F. ROWDEN

Travelogue

Last year the Secretary had the opportunity of visiting W.A. and, of course, made certain that he contacted our two members in Perth.

Frank Rowden has been there for 37 years and is now retired, after having looked after the interests of Sands & McDougall for years. Frank's life is now one of leisure, devoted in particular to bowls, in which he and the Nollands Club are one and the same. In this avocation he is aided and abetted by Mrs. Rowden, who is also a worthy exponent of the game.

In their company, on a visit to National Park, we were afforded evidence of the amity of the W.A. fauna, to wit, kookaburras. They breed 'em tough in W.A. for one thieving specimen swooped down on the barbecue and snatched a chop from the hot plate. A pretty decent effort and even the Rowdens, who have the highest esteem for W.A., marvelled at such a feat.

Ivor Birnie has been retired for some years and he and Mrs. Birnie have adopted the country life at Boleystone, 24 miles from Perth, in a most attractive locality with delightful views of W.A. terrain. Just the place for Ivor to indulge his passion for horticulture. As a means of utilizing some of his leisure, he is a member of the local Shire Council. Both the country air and his municipal activities seem to agree with him for his years do not appear any burden at all.

Unfortunately our other member in those parts, Jack Nicholson, of Midlands, had passed on in September last year. He had moved to W.A. just after the end of W.W.2.

Charlie Felton, of Adelaide, became the victim of circumstances and plans to visit him en route were "mafeesh." Charlie is a bowls addict and suffered further injuries to his back through an accident on the bowling green. He spent a few days in Repat. Hospital. However, his resilience was only temporarily impaired for he is now restored to 55 per cent mobility. We regret having had to miss out on greeting him after a very long separation from his company.

Deaths—1967

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

1965		
1060	G. C. HUGHES, Perth	August 18
1967		
1252	J. E. MATTHEWS, Colac	February 9
1684	C. H. CAMPBELL, Ascot Vale	February 16
957	A. S. FELLA, Preston	April 20
51298	F. ARCHER, Burwood	May 23
657	A. G. NEAL, Hawthorn	May 28
356	R. M. COX, Brighton	May 29
1665	C. A. DAVIES, Rosebud	May 29
1011	S. MOSSOP, Seaford	June 3
	J. F. NUTT, Ivanhoe	June 10
1681	P. R. CASTLEDINE, Mitcham	June 14
421	E. C. MACLEAY, Frankston	June 15
5557	A. COSSON, Warragul	June 26
Capt.	H. J. KING, Daylesford	June 28
577	A. COUSTLEY, Quantong	June 30
3911	A. L. REED, Camperdown	July 4
1608	F. GARDINER, Geelong	July 7
1523	W. J. DEVITT, Lakes Entrance	July 10
5333	J. R. COOK, Frankston	July 16
5785	H. BARTON, Carnegie	July 16
4542	V. E. SPLATT, Oakleigh	July 20
1197	F. HARDWICK, Castlemaine	August 3
1010	J. READ, Reservoir	August 3
995	A. A. SLUCE, Canberra	August 12
4694	V. C. EVANS, Thornbury	August 12
2462	G. D. ALLISTON, Wonthaggi	August 27
4056	F. O. W. ANDERSON, Richmond	September 15
4276	W. D. L. ARMSTRONG, Chelsea	September 15
317	J. J. FITZPATRICK, Ballarat	September 26
658	J. D. NICHOLSON, Midlands, W.A.	September 29
305	A. W. FINDLAY	October 12
6837a	R. M. PETERSON, Hawthorn	October 23
3787	P. C. COOPER, Footscray	October 23
252	J. STEWART	November 1
606	H. A. GLASSCOCK, E. Kew	November 16
700	J. W. TORRENS, Rye	November 26
61849	W. EVELY, Bendigo	November 29
1005	B. K. LYNDON, Strathmore	December 12
1020	H. KELLY, Pascoe Vale	December 13
1968		
1594	E. C. PARSONS, North Fitzroy	January 2
2432	W. H. TIERNEY, E. Reservoir	January 2
	J. A. BAKER, Rosebud	January 23
	F. R. G. JONES	January 23
5069	B. NERVIN	January 25
3899	D. I. PHILLIPS, Heidelberg	February 1
	A. HUGHES, Ballarat	February 1
1771	H. I. NORMAN, Hawthorn	February 12
	W. H. JOHNSON, W. Footscray	February 17
494	I. A. C. T. Willoughby, Bendigo	April 2

TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1967.

		EXPENDITURE	
RECEIPTS			
Bank Balance 31.12.66	\$186.54	Printing "Echo"	\$179.58
Members' Subscriptions	185.20	Postage "Echo"	18.00
Donations	12.00	Buttons—Anzac Day	5.20
Sale of Buffs—Anzac Day	344.50	Shrine Pilgrimage 7/5/67	4.00
Interest—S.B.B.	4.87	Presentation—F. R. Castledine	35.20
Credit Balance—Balance 1967	35.25	Shrine Ceremony—4/11/67	
		Circulars	\$110.40
		Postage	12.10
		Deposits—Town Hall, 1968	22.50
		General Expenses	9.00
		Printing and Stationery	20.20
		Telephone Rent	17.35
		Donations—Lagby	40.00
		Carry On	\$20.00
		R.S.L.	20.00
		Honourarium—Hon. Auditor	60.00
		Postage and General	10.00
		Bank Balance, S.B.B., 31/12/67	186.52
	\$607.66		\$607.66