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## 22nd Battalion Association

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### *Foreword from the President*

To Fellow Members of the 22nd Battalion Association.

Gentlemen,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of being elected by your committee as President of the Association for the current year, a position which receives great support from all members of the Committee and particularly from our most worthy Secretary, Fred Russell.

We wish to congratulate Fred on having conducted on him, by His Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the New Year Honours of the British Empire Medal, an honour warmly deserved for the considerable amount of time and work devoted to the affairs of our Association and welfare of its members over the past 30 years.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of one of our most distinguished members, that of Major-General Sir Walter Cameron, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E. on 8th December, 1970. A memorial service in his honour was held in the Kington Church of England on 8th December, at which the Battalion was represented by a large number of old comrades.

Our Annual Reunion this year, so distinct from previous reunions held at night in the Town Hall, took the form of a mid-day luncheon, and was held at King's Hotel, corner of Russell and Little Collyer Streets, proved to be a wonderful innovation and fully enjoyed by all present. Members had ample time to recall old times.

At that function, a cheque, the result of efforts by your collection committee, was presented to Fred Russell, as a token of esteem of members for the valued service he had rendered as Secretary to the Association over the past 30 years. His good lady, Mrs. Russell, was later presented with

a gold wristlet watch by the Committee, also as a token of appreciation for all the good work she has carried out on your behalf and for the way she has always stood behind Fred in all his efforts.

We look forward to once again seeing a good muster of troops on Anzac Day, for which this year, due to the shortening of distance to be covered, the assembly point for our battalion will be in Flinders Street on the west side of Swanston Street.

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance will be held this year on Sunday, 9th May, and I would appeal to as many as possible to be in attendance, to once again remember our departed comrades.

Members will note that our financial position has been gradually slipping, due mainly to the gradual decrease in numbers through the effluxion of time, but nevertheless we wish to record our sincere appreciation for the continuous generous help of all our members, and in particular that of our interstate and absent comrades.

I, together with all members of your committee, join in wishing all the old pals of 1915-19, good health and happiness through their remaining days.

15th April, 1971.

RALPH DICKINS, President.

## ANZAC DAY 1971

We announced last year that the Anzac Day Commemoration Council proposed to shorten the distance which the 1st A.I.F. troops would cover for the 1971 Anzac Day March and that has now been implemented. The 1st A.I.F. units will assemble in FLINDERS STREET, east and west of Swanston Street.

Our rendezvous will be in front of Hartley's Sports Store, 270 Flinders Street, a few doors east of Elizabeth Street. The battalion flag will be our marker.

Assemble at 1 p.m. The march is to commence at 1.30 p.m. and we will be the third division of the 1st A.I.F. in the column. We should be on our way by 2 p.m.

It is many years since Anzac Day fell on a Sunday and our members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Although many of our fellows cannot march we ask all those able to do so to attend the assembly point and honour the memory of those who passed on in war time or who have died since. The list in this "Echo" demonstrates how our ranks are thinning.

## 1971 REUNION

The date and place of our reunion this year has not yet been decided but circulars will be sent out, as usual, to inform members of that function. We must have our annual get-together, come what may. It will be held on a date in September and will take the form of a luncheon similar to that of last year which proved a popular innovation.

## Mont St. Quentin Memorial Pilgrimage

Progress has been made with plans for the 2nd Division Pilgrimage to Mont St. Quentin in September, 1971, for the unveiling of the new statue which will replace the original one destroyed by the Germans in World War II.

Last year we included a circular setting out the proposed itinerary for that ceremony and those who intended joining the party were invited to contact the Hon. Secretary of the Pilgrimage:

Mr. W. F. Anderson, 105 Belmore Street, West Tamworth, N.S.W., 2340; for particulars of booking.

Mr. H. Nurthen, Hon. Secretary of the 6th Brigade Association in Sydney is the Vice-President of the Memorial Association and he has requested our further support in implementation of the plans for the Pilgrimage.

Reservations have been received to date to require the service of one passenger bus at each stopping point. Further applications have been received towards securing sufficient numbers to require a second bus, and the committee of that Association has requested publicity in achieving their objective. We have three members who will be in Europe around that time and they have indicated that they will join the Pilgrimage in London.

Should any of our members wish to participate, either in Australia or in London they are urged to contact the Hon. Secretary at the address given above for particulars governing the trip.

Early applications are requested as much organisation is required in the conduct of a Pilgrimage such as this.

## 6th Brigade Association

The exigencies of war did not always permit implementation of staff planning and in the course of our war service a number of reinforcements were allotted to our unit although designed for others. In order to build up our strength after severe casualties a reinforcement of N.S.W. men, intended for a N.S.W. battalion would be diverted to ours. Consequently we had quite a number of N.S.W. men in our battalion as was also the case with the other battalions of the brigade.

In the course of time these returned servicemen found themselves in Sydney with no unit association of their own. Eventually the 6th Brigade Association was formed in Sydney, and comprised those men who had served in the various units of the 6th Brigade, and it is still functioning.

For many years, Major Edgar Davis of the 22nd had been its President until his death in February, 1970.

The Honorary Secretary since 1935 is Mr. Harry Nurthen of the 6th L.T.M.B. now resident in San Souci. Harry has been most assiduous in his conduct of the affairs of that association and from time to time has kept us informed of their doings. For years they have conducted an annual evening parade, usually in May, at the Cenotaph in Martin Place followed by a reunion at a city cafe.

Harry has gained another distinction in that he and Mrs. Nurthen celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in January of this year.



MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WALTER J. CAWTHORN  
C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E.

Australia, and the 22nd Battalion members in particular, suffered a grievous loss in the death on 4th December of Sir Walter Cawthorn. For some considerable time he had been subjected to a series of physical ailments which necessitated several operations. In spite of such disabilities he maintained a remarkable determination to "carry on". He was most concerned that he could not attend the last Anzac Day March or the Shrine Pilgrimage and the reunion in September.

Major-General Sir Walter J. Cawthorn, was one who ranked high in the esteem of all members of the 22nd Battalion to which he retained the strongest attachment.

He enlisted at the age of 18, in January, 1915 and left with the original battalion in May of that year. He advanced to the rank of R.S.M. and was commissioned on Gallipoli.

He was an early casualty in France being severely wounded at Bois Grenier on 10th June, 1916 and was evacuated to England but made a speedy recovery and rejoined the battalion in November. He was one of three officers of the unit who responded to the call for officers for the

Indian Army and left the battalion, and the A.I.F., in February, 1918 to take up his appointment with the 4th Central Battalion in India and later transferred to the 16th Punjab Regiment. He saw service on the South-West Frontier and later in Egypt and Palestine. He was appointed to the General Staff (Intelligence) War Office, London in 1935 and was in turn, Head of Middle East Intelligence Centre 1939-41, Director of Intelligence India, Comint 1941-45 and Deputy Director Intelligence S.E.A.C. 1943-45. He represented India at the inaugural conference of the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945.

He returned to Australia in 1946 and was the Representation of C. in C. India on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Australia 1946-47. He returned to India in 1948 as Deputy Chief of Staff, Pakistan Army from 1948 to 1951.

On retirement from the Indian Army in 1951 he was appointed Director of Joint Intelligence Bureau, Dept. of Defence, Melbourne from 1952 to 1954. In 1954 he was appointed High Commissioner for Australia in Karachi, Pakistan and in 1959 was transferred to a similar post in Ottawa, Canada until 1960.

After such an outstanding record of service in both military and political spheres he eventually relinquished active participation and took up residence at Kallista where he indulged his hobby of horticulture particularly hydrangeas. On 10th March, 1927 he married Mary Gillison, daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Gillison, Padre of the 14th Battalion and who was killed on Gallipoli.

They were married in the Presbyterian Church in Marylebone, London, which church was totally destroyed by a bomb blast during the battle of Britain in 1940. They had one son, Michael, born in Edinburgh on 10th March, 1930, who was educated in England. He took up a military career in the Argyll and Sutherland Highland Regiment, but unfortunately was killed in action in Korea in April, 1951. Lady Cawthorn survives Sir Walter and resides at Kallista.

A memorial service, conducted by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Dr. F. Woods, and attended by a very distinguished assembly including Lord Casey and Sir Robert Menzies, was held in the Kallista C. of E. on 11th December. 15 members of the battalion attended that service to pay their respects to an honoured comrade.

## ANZAC DAY, 1970

Nowadays we must expect a falling off in the numbers on parade for the Anzac Day March due to advancing years, but the factor does not effect the spirit of those on parade. We had another good muster at the assembly point but only 40 did the march.

Some were carried away by their sentimental sense of duty and completed the march in spite of themselves. **Bill Salter** was one who declared that he could not do the distance, but he was very much in evidence at the Shrine, at the conclusion of the march. He undertakes his own stamina.

**Ken Moore**, of Bacchus Marsh, was first on parade, as usual. He must have disturbed his dairy herd at some untoddy hour to complete the morning milking and get to Melbourne at 9 a.m.

**Perc Laidler**, of Colac, must have got his skates on ice for he was with Ken at the J.O.T. before 9 a.m. and **Bob Laing**, of Koroorey was properly dressed and on parade before "Fall In" was sounded.

**Bob Andrew** made the trip from Cornwall and that's not exactly within arms of Bourke Street. It was good to have him with us as it is quite a time since he was on parade.

**Fred Mann** has become a country member if Cornwall can be classed as country. However distance did not deter him from making the journey and then doing the march. Tough job is that.

**Alan Whittle**, of Corning, was there. The heroic opportunity was made available to him by another "Pensioner" who was making the trip and sought Alan's company. A very commendable act of camaraderie.

**Joe Gosson**, of Wangaratta, has good cause to be proud on the Victorian Railways. He made the trip to Melbourne specially for the parade and the train was one hour late. Joe sailed to the Shrine and joined the unit for the last 100 yards. However he made it, and took comfort from that.

**Charlie Hutton** was on parade and very ably conducted himself for the whole distance to the Shrine. He realizes now that he is not as old as he thought he was.

We very much regret that **Sir Walter Cawthorn** had to miss the march. He lamented that very much but over recent months he had had a lot of physical setbacks which occasioned hospitalisation twice. He had just undergone an operation to remove cataracts and naturally that prohibited any exertion on his part. However, with his limited vision he was able to survey the march from Prince Henry's.

**Bill Graham**, of Pascoe Vale, was very much on parade with his twin sons both of whom had had service in the 2nd A.I.F. and one grandson. Bill reached the age of 80 in November last and the family celebrated that even with him. He looks forward to a repetition at his 81st.

**Jim Bennett**, our President, very generously delegated his privilege of battalion leader to F. C. Russell as a mark of recognition for 50 years service as Hon. Secretary, and the march proceeded quite smoothly. The Commemoration Council must have got wind of this arrangement for we had a band at our heels for the whole march and that made marching a pleasure. So much so that the troops kept in step the whole way, covered off correctly and maintained perfect alignment. There were 42 marching. The presence of the band had such a stirring effect that the 22nd Battalion broke into song and actually rendered that old refrain "Tipperary" while on the march. Such behaviour, although very laudable, was quite unprecedented for such mature veterans.

**Pat Dunley** had no trouble in doing the march in spite of his years. Walking with him is second nature and in years that are gone he used to leave his home in Ivanhoe and walk to the Dawn Service at the Shrine and always on time. Nowadays he would take the risk of being lumbered as a possible burglar.

## Shrine Pilgrimage 1971

Our annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine will be made on Sunday, 9th May, 1971 at 3 p.m. Assembly, as usual, will be at the Linlithgow Statue opposite Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda Road at 2.30 p.m. This is the only occasion during the year on which we can pay our personal remembrance to departed comrades of the 22nd Battalion and all members and their relatives can participate.

Last year we had the usual assembly of members, but a much greater muster would be very desirable to provide a fitting representation. The address on that occasion was given by Mr. F. Russell who spoke of the comradeship engendered on service and of how that helped to enhance the record of the unit.

## 1970 REUNION

The change of venue for our annual reunion last year was an unqualified success and those present were well satisfied with the change. We have to admit to the curtailments of age and it was obvious during those years that "nights out" were not favoured by the majority of our members.

In deciding on the change the committee realised that a change was very desirable and much more convenient for our fellows. In that respect many other kindred associations have already adopted the practice and have found it quite popular.

Our function at King's Hotel, Russell Street, was attended by all members and again our absent members supported the show with customary generosity. As the circular announced, the price of admission was due to the generosity of a member, who had stipulated anonymity, and the financial outcome was a credit of \$4.64.

The hotel accommodation provided a very pleasant setting for the gathering and all did full justice to the menu provided. The young women who dispensed the liquor were kept busy. Mr. J. Bennett has furnished a separate report on that part of the reunion relating to the testimonial made to Fred Russell at that function.

As was anticipated we had many members present who had had to forego previous reunions for reasons already mentioned.

Our guests included representatives of the 21st, 23rd and 24th battalion associations and the 2/22nd, and the 22nd R.V.R. whose C.O. Lt./Col. D. M. Strickland attended and Mr. I. F. Russell, (Fred's son).

A tape recording of a special message from Clive Waxman, U.S.A. was played and those present were pleased to hear Waxy's voice again expressing his sentiments regarding the 22nd Battalion.

Those members who have been regular attenders at past reunions will not feel overlooked by the references to the following members who had taken the opportunity of attending this function.

**J. W. Master**, of Dee Why, N.S.W., had made the trip from Sydney specially to attend. He anxiously enquired for **Jerry Giroud** and was overjoyed to find him present and they embraced each other after many years of separation.

**Leslie Turner** came all the way from Warrnambool just to be in it and proposed returning home that day.

**Joe Greene**, of Wangaratta had traversed Victoria to be present. Joe has made many similar journeys to attend battalion functions. It was a pleasure, mutually shared, to greet again the following:

**Reg Hawkins**, Fern Tree Gully; **Bob Foeyth**, Camberwell; **Tom Burrage**, Noble Park; **Fred Maskell**, Shepparton; **Paul Jones**, Coburg; **Jack Bulsh**, Coburg; **Perc Laidler**, Colac; **Bill Freeman**, Castlemaine; **Jim Young**, Sorrento; **Bill Bailey**, Bayswater; **Ken Moore**, Bacchus Marsh; **F. W. Lavender**, Mt. Eliza; **E. Thomas**, Newport; **E. Evans**, Surrey Hills; **F. W. Alder**, Pascoe Vale South.

**Jim Greig**, of Clayton, has suffered failing eyesight for years and that has curtailed his movements.

**Bill De Boon**, of Burwood, now 86 years of age has also suffered limited vision and has had to abandon bowls in consequence.

**John Kocking**, of Footscray, T.P.I. lost a leg on war service and is handicapped on that account.

**Arch Salmon**, of Castfield, favoured the mid-day show. Arch has had to go easy for some years and his activities somewhat restricted.

## FIFTY YEARS SERVICE

The "Fred's Fund" appeal launched by your committee last year to recognise Fred Russell's 50 years of service as Honorary Secretary of our Association was an unqualified success. Apart from the generous financial response to the appeal, it was most gratifying to receive replies from a large majority of our members in varying circumstances overseas and at home. Replies and donations were received from the following members outside the Commonwealth: Roly Wertett, France; Clive Watman, U.S.A.; and from members in every State in Australia.

At the annual reunion held in September last at the King's Hotel with 80 members present the President, Mr. Jim Bennett, eulogised Fred's outstanding service to the members of our battalion association over the last fifty years. He said that such continuous devoted service was greatly helped by the loyal support and encouragement he received from his wife over the years. The President then presented Fred with a wallet containing a cheque for \$1,000 and explained to those present that an amount had been obtained from the fund to purchase a suitable present for Mrs. Russell. Fred in reply thanked those present and absent members for their generous recognition of his service. He stated that when he rather casually accepted the post of Secretary in September, 1920 he had no idea the task would become such a large and absorbing part of his life. He thanked members for their kindly references to his wife who had supported and encouraged him during his fifty years in office. At an afternoon function held at the home of the President and attended by the Committee members and their wives Mrs. Russell was presented with a wristlet watch in appreciation of her loyal support and interest in the welfare of our battalion members. Mrs. Russell, who had no knowledge of the reason of the meeting, expressed her surprise but gave sincere thanks to the members for their delightful gift which would remind her of the many happy links with the 22nd Battalion Association.

Your Committee and several members of the Association have, from time to time brought to the notice of State Authorities Fred's outstanding and unexcelled service to ex-servicemen.

We, therefore, were delighted when it became known in the New Year Honours List that Her Majesty the Queen had honoured Fred with the award of the British Empire Medal. Your many battalion comrades congratulate you, Fred Russell, B.E.M.

J. R. Bennett.

## Mrs Russell's contribution

I would like to add a paragraph in this issue of the "Echo" to express my thanks to the committee and members of the 22nd Battalion Association for the gift of a beautiful watch made to me at an afternoon tea at the home of the President, Mr. J. R. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett.

It has been a pleasure for me to have had such close ties with present, and past, members of the Committee and I have always gone along with Fred, knowing that this is a part of his life interest.

I would like to add my appreciation for your generosity to him at the last reunion in recognition of his 50 years service to the Association.

With blessings to you all.

Sincerely,

Kat Russell.

## The Incidence of Coincidence

**Roy Smith** of Brisbane recalls his war service and people and events with which he was very much concerned.

Roy was No. 2008, of No. 7 Platoon in which there were 6 Smiths—all unrelated. Two brothers, George and Percy were killed on Gallipoli. One, Steven, a Queenslander enlisted in Victoria and became a member of No. 7 Platoon, and their careers became very much interwoven. Both were knocked by the same shell at Pozieres and each lost a leg. They were in adjoining wards at Camiers Hospital and met daily for comfort meals. Roy was on a daily issue of stout and naturally Steve demanded — and got — similar comforts.

They were evacuated separately to England and met again in Scotland Hospital in London. They returned to Australia at different times, Roy to Melbourne and Steve to Toowoomba.

Roy joined the Repatriation Department in Melbourne and transferred to Brisbane and in due course visited Steve at his home.

On Roy's recommendation Steve was appointed to a vacancy on the Brisbane staff and he moved to that city and to a house in the same street as Roy in The Grange, a Brisbane suburb, and that was his home until his death in 1947.

## 2/22nd Battalion Association

The 2/22nd conduct a combined dinner cum general meeting for their annual reunion and Messrs. R. Dickins and F. Russell attended their function held last January. The dinner has been the venue for the past three years and is proving very popular with the members. Three now resident in New Guinea made the journey to attend. Mr. E. Appel was re-elected President and Bill Harry and Fred Field look after the business arrangements. Very well too if the annual financial statement is any indication.

At that function President Appel, on behalf of the 2/22nd members, presented Fred and Mrs. Russell with a coffee percolator as their mark of recognition of Fred's 50 years service with the 22nd. He referred to the active support of the 22nd Bn. Assn. to the 2/22nd prior to their departure for overseas service and for his help and guidance in the formation of the 2/22nd Association in 1946 and his continued liaison with them.

## Fred Russell Returns Thanks

Fifty years is a fair stretch of time in which to occupy an honorary position continuously and naturally I am proud of that record. But when the position is one of service to fellow members of my battalion, and the R.S.I. in general, that feeling of pride is enhanced, moreover that I have been privileged in the whole of that period to have your unqualified acceptance of my conduct of the position. That has been the essence of my gratification — that for fifty years you have been pleased to accept my continuity of the Secretaryship — and in that period of years there has always been complete harmony in the conduct of our affairs.

The testimonial which you were good enough to make me last September was overwhelming and with such tangible evidence of your appreciation I am indeed more than gratified.

The job has grown on me and I could hardly have anticipated in November, 1920 that I would still be in office 50 years later. I regret that my confere of 45 years, Fred Castledine, was not spared to share that distinction with me.

But the record of 50 years does not mean retirement and I am still able and willing to "carry on".

So, Members, I thank you most sincerely for your generous testimonial and your obvious appreciation of my services which will be available I trust for some years to come.

I would like to pay tribute to the support and assistance which my wife has afforded me over the years, and you too have recognised that in the special appreciation given to her in October last. Mrs. Russell has made her personal thanks in a separate thank you message for your recognition of her part in the Twenty-Second Battalion Association.

F. C. RUSSELL.

## NEW YEAR'S HONORS 1st January 1971

### BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL—

Frederick Charles Russell, of East Malvern, for services to ex-servicemen.

The above extract from the New Year's Honors List is published for the information of members. The receipt of the award was indeed an honour and I am most appreciative.

But a greater pleasure was given me in the volume of letters and messages of congratulation which I received from my battalion associates and friends all over Australia.

## PERSONAL PARS

We are pleased to record further Golden Wedding anniversaries. **Les** and **Mrs. O'Connor** of Lubeck honoured theirs on 29th October, 1969 but celebrations were "out" as at that time Les was in Ballarat Hospital for an eye operation. However quite O.K. now.

**Peter** and **Mrs. McKay** of Manifold Heights had their anniversary on 11th September, 1969 and had a quiet celebration in the ward at a private hospital in Geelong where Peter has been hospitalised for some time.

Rather belatedly we record that **Reg** and **Mrs. Rees** of Moorabbin have passed their anniversary some years back. Their son is 54, so work that out.

**Ivor Birtwistle**, Royston, W.A., paid a fitting visit to Melbourne in May last year but our contact consisted of a telephone call only. As a result of that hurried visit he had to forego a trip for the reunion in September.

**Jack Russell** is now a Bamarlander having established himself and Mrs. Russell at Surfers Paradise. Jack has only indifferent health but the climate suits him. **Fred Russell** was in that area last September and paid him a visit. While up there Fred and Mrs. Russell were the guests of **Jack, Mark Ridgway** and **Les Speak** and their wives at a luncheon at the Twin City Club in Tweed Heads, a very happy function indeed. Les happened to be sojourning up there at that time, **Mark Ridgway** of Burleigh Heads has only one occupation now — fishing. Fred also called on **Mrs. Ray Hampton** who was living there temporarily, and **Mrs. John McKay** who lives at Southport.

While up that way Fred had a few days with **Roy** and **Mrs. Smith** of Brisbane. Both of them in good fettle and Roy a very active participant in Limbless Soldiers bowling. He chases that tournament interstate each year. Mrs. Smith is also a devotee of that game and has been President of her club three times.

On that same trip Fred called on **Fred** and **Mrs. Stille** in Sydney. Fred Stille is now 92 years of age and Mrs. Stille 87, but carrying their ages well and quite a happy couple.

**Charles Fulton**, Adelaide, has become immobilised through a physical ailment and now confined to his home.

**Bill Lyndon** underwent an operation in February and was two weeks in hospital. However, he recovered well, but with limited activity.

**Tom Hoare** has had to curtail his outdoor movements. He has been confined to home treatment for some months and that doesn't suit Tom. For years he has been the representative for the T.P.L. association at innumerable funerals and that entailed a lot of travelling and time absorption. Tom was always available to act in that capacity for our own deceased members.

**Norman Browning**, Oakleigh, had a bad run of health last year, particularly during the winter months. He has been crippled by neuritis and had difficulty in even writing a letter.

**Bill Liston**, Oakleigh, 80 years of age and nearly stone deaf through war injuries and with other physical disabilities has been on 100% pension and trying to get T.P.L. We have endeavoured to assist him in that regard and his case is still under review.

**Viv Handley**, of Warragul, has a lament. Flu kept him away from the last Anzac Day march and that broke his record of attendances for many years. His absence from parade perturbed **Ken Moore** of Bacchus Marsh so much that the following day he rang Viv to ask "pour quoi".

**George Caulfield**, aged 83, died on 19th May last year following on his

permissible discharge from Heidelberg in April under circumstances about which we promised to the Report, 1929.

Without previous advice to his family George was moved, by train, to his home in Mitcham, where he had been living alone, being a widower. Without food or warmth he spent the night in that house and next day attempted to get assistance from neighbours but collapsed on the footpath. Heidelberg would not re-admit him and a local doctor had him placed in the Methodist Community Hospital where he died one month later. We contacted the department on this matter and after further investigation we were informed that the circumstances were deplored by that department and steps would be taken to avoid a repetition.

**Fred C. Robinson**, Shepperton, admits to 71 years and reckons he is getting old for he had a host of scars and blazes that on age. Anyway, he has grown up fast growing so he must be.

**Clive Wainman** is still in U.S.A. and a prolific subscriber to the U.S. postal department. We appreciate that and hope he never weakens. Age is not wearying him from all indications.

We are pleased to hear that **Don Lechte** of Mount Waverley has regained some of his vigour after many months of enforced inactivity. He has resumed gardening so that's a good sign.

**Mrs. F. Castellan** died in R.G.H. Heidelberg on 23rd February after a short period there. She had survived **Fred** by 4 years and leaves one married daughter, Mrs. A. Cramer of Mitcham.

Mitcham will remember Mrs. Castellan for her ever ready support of **Fred** in his activities for the Association, particularly in the preparations for our reunions, when, for many years, she with other lady helpers prepared the catering.

The battalion flag which has been carried at the head of our unit on every Anzac Day march for very many years was made and presented to us by Mrs. Castellan.

**Ruby Warren** has dug up some old records and in a recent letter quoted some official Army Orders of the Day which time has relegated to "history".

"Army Special Order issued 5th September, 1918.

The capture of Mont St. Quentin has evoked a chorus of praise throughout the press of the world as the finest single feat of war and this high encomium is richly deserved and subsequent decisive defence of that important key position by the 6th and 7th Brigades is not less notable".

General Rawlinson, Commander 4th Army in his farewell message to the troops, dated 14th October, 1918, with special reference to the A.I.F. said:

"During the summer of 1918 the safety of Amiens has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valor. The story of what they have accomplished as a fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited and of the scientific methods which they have learned thoroughly and applied successfully has gained for all Australians a place of honour among nations, and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

"In view now commemorating the Corps on a series of occasions inaugurated in this great war I feel that no words of mine can express adequately the esteem they have won for themselves, and the position they have established for the Australian nation, not only in France, but throughout the world.

H. S. Rawlinson, General.  
Ruby Warren was living at retirement in Birmingham and a special

trip to Paris last year to be guide to **Wal Swarock's** daughter **Mary**, and her husband **Irving Cameron** who were visiting that city. **Ruby** then achieved his life's ambition to ascend the **Eiffel Tower** which he had seen many times previously but had never ascended.

He recalled how we had had a distant view of that Tower when on the troop train from Marseilles to Aix in April, 1918.

However, our train skirted Paris and that was all we saw of the Eiffel Tower.

**Ruby's** visit to Paris recalled nostalgic memories of his only leave in that city during W.W.I. Amongst other escapades he had shared a seat at the Opera with another battalion number and two English escapees.

Nothing but the best for the Anzacs.

## DONATIONS ANZAC DAY 1970

Receipt is acknowledged of donations amounting to 182.40 received from members at the Anzac Day march. This has been grouped in the total of \$185.40 shown in the annual statement as "Members Subscriptions and Donations, Anzac Day".

A. J. Pociok,	E. C. Smart,	T. Rutrage,
L. Richmond,	W. J. Rowe,	I. Speak,
H. W. Barker,	G. Ritter,	J. Gladman,
J. Wright,	W. E. Smythe,	J. Bennett,
W. J. Salter,	G. A. McKenzie,	E. Draper,
C. F. Monk,	F. B. Mann,	G. Logan,
R. Andrew,	J. P. Greene,	C. H. Johnson,
C. W. Hutton,	P. Laidler,	V. Moore,
A. B. Callaghan,	K. Moore,	I. B. Strangor,
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July 22, 1966

1668	H. SMITH	September 24
2729	G. H. MOORE	November 27
838	H. HOYLE, Kaw	November 29
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1527	W. J. CONNORS, Coburg	January 4
580	L. V. CURLING	January 14
2304	J. EDWARDS, Ringwood East	February 12
3881	A. H. MICHAEL, North Ryde, N.S.W.	February 16
1965	G. G. TITFORD, Edithvale	March 5
616	W. A. KINGS, Fairfield	May 7
	A. C. CHALMERS, Donnington	May 20
1162	G. H. CAULFIELD, Mentone	May 19
6882	J. J. PEOPLES	May 19
3990	G. A. COCHRAN, Camberwell	May 20
1045	E. A. SWAINE	May 20
1921	L. KIRBY	June 1
1061	S. J. WICKS	June 2
2375	S. C. SMITH	June 10
1707	G. A. MCKENZIE, Abbotsford	June 13
1720	A. PARNHAM	June 18
61909	H. PETERSON	June 20
2469	F. T. EDWARDS	June 30
2369	E. SIMKIN	July 19
4555	E. P. SWAINSON, Ferntree Gully	July 26
2325	W. M. WILSON, Hawthorn	July 28
	G. R. DEARDON, Ararat	July 28
	D. McCALLUM, Newport	August 18
5064	R. E. HILLIARD, South Melbourne	August 19
6832	W. C. CORNISH, Swan Hill	September 2
6305	K. MELDRUM, Elsternwick	September 5
7015	D. W. MITCHELL, Fairfield	September 8
3872	V. TROMPF, Warragul	September 21
2439	E. G. KERR, Geelong	October 16
785	S. BLOMELEY, Bacchus Marsh	October 31
962	N. C. HAMMON, Bentleigh	November 1
4975	E. C. F. ANSELL, Preston	November 1
1091	R. J. WRIGHT, Camberwell	November 2
6929	C. D. WEARNE, Box Hill	November 6
SIR	W. J. CAWTHORN, Kallista	December 4
690	W. G. SPECHLEY, Eaglehawk	December 11
3968	G. H. D. WILLIAMS, Balwyn	December 25
675	E. W. PEACOCK, West Footscray	December 26

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6805	J. FARMER, Northcote	January 4
5403	P. R. REED	January 4
CAPT.	W. R. HUNTER, Mt. Eliza	January 18
1902	J. O'BRIEN	January 21
	H. H. GUNN, Pascoe Vale South	February 24
	E. T. BAZELEY, Toorak	March 12
405	H. W. IVORY, Macleod Hospital	March 24

## Twenty-Second Battalion Association

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED THE DECEMBER, 1970

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance S.S.B. 1/1/70	\$77.72	Printing "Home"	\$177.00
Members Subscriptions and Donations Actual Due	183.41	Postage "Home"	18.23
Donations	44.40	Batteries -- 3000 200	7.15
Interest S.S.B.	3.32	Snatch Polyethylene 5/5/70	1.00
Grants Balance -- Remains 1970	6.04	General Expenses	6.00
Sale of Household Goods	2.30	Printing and Stationery	2.45
		Telephone Bill	46.97
		Meal St. Quentin, Minnesota, June	10.00
		Meal St. Quentin, Minnesota, Christmas	7.64
		Personnel and General	20.33
		Bank Balance -- S.S.B. 12/31/70	24.43
	\$311.14		\$271.18
			\$271.18