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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Here it is again!! Almost the end of the year. Your committee wish all members and their families a joyful and Holy Christmas with the hope you all enjoy a fair measure of good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year and beyond.

To wind up the Association's activities for the year, the Annual General Meeting will be on Monday, 26th November at Legacy House, York Street, Sydney. The meeting will open at 11.00am and we are hopeful of a reasonable attendance as in the past. At the same time, we realise that the tyranny of distance and indifferent health is a problem for many. However, let us have your apology so that your support will be recorded.

This year, once again, the Anzac Day march and reunion were most successful with a very good attendance at the luncheon of 116, compared with 122 last year. Again, we relied heavily on the great job done by Associate Members. The 'Old and Bold' were 14, with 15 last year.

The 9th Division Church Service in September was not well attended. This indicates the doubtful future of this and other functions.

The 2/13th and the 2/17th Battalions have announced their Associations will be dissolved by 1 January, 2008. Other Associations already dissolved are 2/3rd Anti Tank Regiment and 2/3rd Pioneers. These were all famous fighting units of the 9th Australian Division and participated in all the campaigns of the Division. Sad to see this state of affairs, but time has taken its toll.

We are hopeful that with the wonderful support of the Associate Members, our Association will survive well into the future.

It is pleasing to report that all committee meetings are well attended. Come 'rain, hail or shine' Mick Riley makes the long journey from Bomaderry, so he deserves special mention.

Finally, your executive and committee appreciate the continued support of members which is vital to the future of our Association.

With our best wishes to all.

The Committee.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

At 9.40pm on 23rd October, 1942, a bombardment by 900 artillery guns commenced to open the main Battle of El Alamein in which the 9th Australian Division played a prominent role. (The Division took up its position at Alamein in July 1942 and was involved in much fighting prior to the October battle.)

On the 65th anniversary, it is appropriate that we remember our men who did not return home from the Middle East, New Guinea, Tarakan and Borneo.

Anderson, A.L.	Deem, R.V.	Kelaher, J.A.	Rudd, B.R.
Archibald, W.G.	Downing, P.E.	Kerin, B.D.	Schluter, L.R.
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Ball, C.A.	Ewing, T.McD.	Lasker, J.L.	Smith, D.C.
Bannister, M.G.	Forrest, N.E.	Lavercombe, A.	Sparke, J.
Bastrup, N.J.	Foster, H.A.	Lawrie, T.	Steen, H.A.
Beard, E.J.	Garrett, R.L.	Lee, L.	Street, D.L.
Beissel, C.P.	George, L.M.	Longhurst, A.W.	Sullivan, J.P.
Benson, G.P.	Gibson, J.F.M.	Luxmore, H.	Tancred, J.F.
Blake, W.W.	Gillard, W.H.	McBeath, L.N.	Thompson, S.F.
Bonwick, V.J.	Goldsmith, H.S.	McHenry, W.	Twibble, J.F.
Boyd, E.R.	Gorlick, A.H.	Mitchell, R.G.	Wallinger, F.
Bromhead, J.S.	Hayes, I.W.	Monaghan, J.L.	Walker, M.B.J.
Burr, J.E.	Hobday, T.	Montgomery, R.J.	Ward, N.E.
Burrows, E.A.	Hogan, J.L.	Mooney, A.H.	Weathered, J.F.
Challands, P.	Hughes, D.C.	Morgan, K.	Webb, W.
Chandler, R.S.	Hume, E.A.	Naughton, D.P.	Weinstein, A.
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Deane, E.A.	Kelaher, E.A.	Roberts, L.C.	

LEST WE FORGET

In addition, about 180 of our Battalion troops were wounded in action.

In the various campaigns the 9th Division suffered 2,732 killed in action, 7,501 wounded and 1,836 taken prisoner. It was the most highly decorated of all the 2nd A.I.F. Divisions, receiving 393 awards for bravery, which included seven Victoria Cross Medals. The Division also received a total of 681 Mentioned in Despatches.

VALE

WILLIAM FRANK FREEMAN NX32842

Bill was held in high regard by all who served with him. He was a good soldier, comrade and friend. He was a member of B3 Platoon. Russ Sutherland says Bill was wounded on 12th July, 1942, with a bullet in his back. He was evacuated to a hospital in Cairo where the bullet was removed from very close to his spine. He then returned to Australia on a hospital ship, recovered and rejoined his platoon for the campaigns in New Guinea and Borneo. The eulogy was prepared by his wife, Cassie. All Machine Gunners extend deepest sympathy for her great loss.

William Frank Freeman (Bill) was born in Yeppoon on October 22, 1920, to Emma Lycett and Harry Freeman, the seventh child of nine. He attended St. Ursula's school until aged 13, then began work with his father, building and plumbing. Bill also worked in Strow's Pharmacy dispensing for two years until he went to work for the Clifts family on their pineapple farms.

In 1940 Bill was posted overseas to the Middle East with the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion with the 9th Division and was wounded at El Alamein. He returned to Australia via New Zealand on the hospital ship *Oranji*. He was later posted with the 9th Division to train for amphibious landings in New Guinea at Milne Bay. In August 1943 on board a LST (loading ship, tank) heading for Lae, they were torpedoed but didn't sink. Later Bill returned home due to ill health.

In 1945 Bill married Catherine Rebecca Cheeseman on September 15 in St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton, and in 1951 they were blessed with their only child, Geoffrey, who sadly passed away in 2004.

After the war, Bill worked in Rockhampton as a builder until he returned to Yeppoon working with his brother Jim. Bill built the old Yeppoon Bowls Club, and later he worked in the Forestry at Byfield building forestry homes. He constructed Freeman's Crossing up at Stoney Creek which bears his name. Later he worked as a janitor/groundsman at Yeppoon State School for 12 years until retirement at age 60.

Bill excelled at all sports with tennis, cricket, skating, lifesaving, bowls and golf, and as a tennis coach. In his later years he enjoyed going on coach trips, keeping his home in good order and Cassie's good cooking. He loved doing his daily crosswords and was a keen RSL member.

Bill suffered a stroke on June 12 and had been in poor health up until he quietly passed away on September 15 on his 62nd wedding anniversary. His passing leaves a void with his knowledge of local history now lost. Bill is survived by his loving wife Cassie, daughter-in-law Stella, his sister Betty, and his three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

VALE

DAVID MURRAY GARLAND NX34344

This tribute is taken in large part from the eulogy prepared by Peg and Stuart Garland.

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of David, affectionately known as 'Judy' to his A3 Platoon mates. David died peacefully at Mudgee District Hospital on 30th September.

David was born at Wee Waa, New South Wales, on 18th September, 1920, where he and his siblings spent their early life on a large property managed by their father. The family later moved to Tamworth where David completed his schooling with the attainment of the Leaving Certificate. After leaving school he joined the Union Bank in 1936.

In June of 1940, David put up his age to enlist in the A.I.F. and joined the 2/2nd Australian Machine Gun Battalion at Ingleburn. He was posted to A3 Platoon and remained with them until his discharge in 1945. He saw service in the Middle East at Mersa Matruh and El Alamein in the Western Desert, as well as Palestine and Syria. After returning to Australia he took part in the amphibious landings and capture of Lae and Finschaffen in New Guinea, and Labuan in northern Borneo. An interesting story of the Borneo campaign was the 'Jeep train', (a Jeep fitted with rail wheels) which was used to carry supplies to the forward troops. David played a big part in its operation and was widely known as the 'Station Master'. He did a first class job in organising the distribution of supplies, and often drove the train through hostile country to deliver the goods where they were needed most.

David and Bill Selmes, also a member of A3, were considered very unlucky not to have been awarded an M.I.D. in the Platoon's first action at El Alamein. In a German counter attack on the afternoon of 10th July, 1942, German and Italian tanks trundled through the Platoon's 'slit trenches' trying to crush the occupants, calling on them to surrender. It was during this attack that a German tank crew of five attempted to escape when their tank had been crippled. Sgt. Gus Longhurst, together with the assistance of David and Bill, captured the crew. Gus was awarded the Military Medal for this action and another incident. But, it was considered by Platoon members that an M.I.D. to David and Bill would have been a most appropriate award for the bravery they displayed. In the final Battle of El Alamein at Trig 29, David was wounded. Fortunately the wound was not serious and he rejoined the Platoon shortly after. These actions have been mentioned for the benefit of David's family, so that they may be aware of his bravery.

After discharge from the Army in 1945, David returned to the Bank, and in March 1946 moved to New Zealand at the Bank's request, for an 18 month period. David managed to stretch this to 14 years, returning to Australia in 1960 with his wife Marguerite (Peg) and two sons, Lachlan and Stuart. In 1964 David was appointed manager of the ANZ Bank in Mudgee.



This town was to become dear to his heart and, after several other appointments, he and Peg retired in 1979 to a new home overlooking Mudgee.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Peg, sons Lachlan and Stuart, and their families in their grievous loss. He will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a good man, a brave soldier, and we honour his name.

VALE

ALBERT JAMES STREET NX25453

1920-2007

Bert Street is remembered as a highly respected member of our Battalion. He was a Don R and served in various capacities, which included the Signallers Platoon, in all the campaigns in the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo.

Bert lived a colourful and successful life in many ways. His father served in the British Army in WWI as a Lewis gunner. The family came to Australia in July 1919 from the Isle of Wight.

He was educated at North Sydney Boys High School where he excelled academically.

His first job was with the Organic Chemistry Department at Sydney University and then with Moran & Cato.

At this time he joined the Hornsby Rifle Club where he resumed membership after discharge from the Army and held various positions including Secretary, Vice Captain, Committee Delegate, Selector and Statistician. He was made an Hon. Life Member in 1967.

Prior to this, he built his own home in Asquith on a block of land he and his wife, Rhona, purchased for £275. He also assisted his brothers build their homes.

On 7th June, 1940, he joined our Battalion and served 1,209 days overseas and 595 days in Australia. After the war Bert had various jobs which included driving a bus for Ku-ringai Bus Company. He then worked at the Halvorsen's Boatshed at Bobbin Head and qualified as a Marine Mechanic. He then joined the Precision Instrument and Control Company, with a further change to the Permutit Water Treatment organisation. In 1983 he received a Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award on the nomination of his employer.

Then on the sporting side of his life, after a move to Dee Why he played bowls with the local club. He qualified as an umpire and played Pennants.

He was still mowing his lawn in his 86th year!!

This tribute is based on the eulogy prepared by his wife, Rhona, and daughter, Sandra. All members of our Association extend deepest sympathy to them, including son-in-law Ross and. as described by them, 'three loved grandchildren'.



VALE**MAJOR STANLEY MORTON**

**Better known to all 9 Division troops as 'Tex'
1916-2007**

Tex was commissioned in 1936. He then served at a number of camps in New South Wales and Queensland. In due course he was appointed Red Shield Welfare Officer at Dubbo followed by Hay and Singleton camps. He then joined the 9th Division.

Tex became very well known during the El Alamein campaign as he cared for the welfare of men in the front line by provision of spiritual advice and coffee and biscuits, even when it was very dangerous to be out of your 'doover' and moving around. Also he was with the Division in New Guinea, Borneo and Moratai.

At the end of the war Tex represented the Salvation Army in the Rehabilitation Contingent sent to Manila to receive Australian and British POWs. He returned home in 1946 and was engaged in various activities — the Home for Boys in Goulburn, Principal of the Usher Institute in Rhodesia for two years, a secondary school in Zambia are but some of his long career in the 'Army'.

As far as the 9th Division is concerned, Tex was a great supporter. He was an active delegate to the 9 Division Council and attended and preached at the annual Garrison Church Service.

This tribute is based on the eulogy delivered at his 'farewell' service on 27th September, 2007. We will remember him with affection.

VALE**RAY WIDDOWS OAM, 2/12 FIELD RGT**

**National President, Rats of Tobruk Association
Chairman, 9th Australian Division Council**

We have been advised by Bill Sinclair, 2/43rd Battalion and Secretary, 9 Division Council, that Ray passed away in Mersa Matruh following attendance at the annual Memorial Service in Tobruk with a group of veterans from Australia, the 8th Army and Africa Corps.

For many years Ray took a keen and active interest in all the activities of the 9th Division in particular, and made several visits to the Middle East. He will be missed.

It is significant that he passed away on 23rd October, the anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of El Alamein in which the 2/12th Field Regiment played an important role. He will be brought home and a Memorial Service will be held in due course. He served his country well. All Machine Gunners extend sincere sympathy to his family.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting will be held on Monday 26th November, 2007, at Legacy House, York Street, Sydney, and will commence at 11.00am. Following the meeting, arrangements have been made for the traditional Christmas Luncheon at the Occidental Hotel which is just a few yards from Legacy House.

This is an important event in our calendar for the year and it is hoped that our members and friends are able to join us. If you cannot make the meeting you can join us at the hotel at about 12.00 noon.

If you intend to attend please advise either of the Hon. Secretaries (see list of Office Bearers) or any member of the committee, for catering purposes. The cuisine at the hotel is first-class with a reasonable cost.

ANZAC DAY 2007

Many thanks to Geoff Wynn who provided this photo of the troops forming up in O'Connell Street for the march.



Leaders: Bill Harley and David Martin

Banner Bearers: Peter Anley, Matthew Lamb, Jason Symon

Background: Peter Lamb, Adrian Simpson, Frank Lade, Bruce Robinson, John Miller, Ron Brunker

LAST POST

Most of us are very familiar with the playing of the *Last Post* and *Reveille* at ceremonies. No doubt you will be interested in the following article from the Sydney Legacy Bulletin.

“Playing of the *Last Post* is derived from the old custom of beating Tattoo. This word comes from the Dutch phrase — *doe den tap toe*, meaning — ‘turn the taps off’. In the days when British troops served in the lowlands it was the custom for a drummer to march through the streets beating the drum to warn the troops to leave the taverns and return to their billets. At the sound of the drum the Dutch innkeepers would order ‘*doe den tap toe*’. When the bugle calls were generally introduced two posts were written. *First Post* symbolises the inspection of the last inn in the town. It was then a simple step for the *Last Post* to become associated with military funerals, its playing denoting the end of the day. Played at funerals, the *Last Post* is followed by the call *Rouser*, a later version of *Reveille*, which symbolises the awakening of a new life.”

You will, no doubt, also be interested in the ‘Legacy Story’ (abbreviated from the same bulletin). As you know, Legatees have given great support to many of our members, particularly our War Widows.

“Legacy had its origins in the Great War of 1914-18 in Gallipoli, Palestine, France and Flanders. Some of the men who returned from those battlefields felt their colleagues in business were failing to assist other returned men adequately. One of them who lived in Hobart decided to do something about it. His name was General Sir John Gellibrand, KCB, DSO, QSA. In 1923 the General founded the Remembrance Club in Hobart. A similar club was established in Melbourne. The inaugural meeting was held at Anzac House in Melbourne. In 1925 it was suggested that Legacy should look into caring for the children of deceased servicemen. This proposal was accepted and Legacy found its soul. The Legacy of care continues today.”

Our Association can be proud of its own support of Sydney Legacy. Many members have served as Legatees for many years, and R.L.G. Brereton (1957-58), Max Halliday (1965-66) and Gerry Ferguson (1981-82) were elected President. Our present Vice President, Ron Myers, is the long-time Pensions Officer, still on the Executive of Sydney Legacy.

FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

We are survivors. Consider the changes we have witnessed!

- We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill.
- We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and before ball point pens, panty hose, dish washers, clothes dryers and before man walked on the moon.
- We got married first, then lived together ... how quaint can one be?
- We thought fast food was what one ate during Lent, and outer space was the back seats in the local picture theatre.
- We were before house husbands, 'gay' rights, computer dating, dual careers, Dinks, Yuppies and computer marriages.
- We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes.
- We hadn't heard of FM radio, tape decks, discs, word processors, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, yoghurt and blokes wearing earrings.
- For us time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums.
- A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, software wasn't even a word. In 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk and the term 'making out' referred to how did you go in your exams.
- Pizza, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. We had it made when Coles sold 'nothing over 2/6' and one bought things for 25 cents or less, Peters sold ice cream for a penny, a tram ride, a phone call and postage stamp cost only tuppence.
- A new Chev or a Ford A cost about 350 pounds — but who could afford one?
- This was a pity as petrol only cost a shilling (or 10 cents) a gallon.
- In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink or something one burned in the lounge room grate, 'pot' was something you cooked in, 'rock' music was a grandma's lullaby and 'aids' were helpers in a primary school.
- We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered (it's a fallacy that the youth of today discovered it), but we were surely before sex change — we had to make do with what we had.
- And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think one needed a husband to have a baby!

But we are surviving, despite the lack of such essential facilities. We should be congratulated and the nation should be proud of us!

WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
 2. The farm was used to produce produce.
 3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
 5. We must polish the Polish furniture.
 5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
 6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
 7. There is no time like the present, so it was time to present the present.
 8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
 9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
 10. I did not object to the object.
 11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
 12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
 13. They were too close to the door to close it.
 14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
 15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down a sewer line.
 16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
 17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
 18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
 19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
 20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
 21. How can I imitate this to my most intimate friend?
- Let's face it — English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
 - English muffins weren't invented in England, or French fries in France.
 - Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads (which aren't sweet) are meat.
 - We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
 - And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
 - If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose 2 geese; so one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices.
 - Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends not one amend?
 - If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one, what do you call it?
 - If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

- If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
- All English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?
- You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

9 DIVISION CHURCH SERVICE

23rd September, 2007

The attendance at the service was not good this year, which was quite disappointing for those responsible for the organisation of this annual event. The number of our members was possibly greater than any other unit. They were:

Peter Anley & Myra Smith
Neville & Mary Bargwanna
Ray & Verna Bomford
Bob Fitzsimmons and his granddaughter Kristy Hague
Frank Lade
David & Nan Martin
Ron Myers
Adrian Simpson

It is sad, but a fact, that due to advancing age and poor health the number of members available to support Divisional functions is diminishing each year. This could well be the last of this annual event.

Congratulations to Dave & Nan Martin who made the long trip from Bonville. Dave has been a very active member of 9 Division Council for many years and, of course, our own Association.

The historic Garrison Church is the perfect venue for these events, particularly as our own Battalion plaque is on the north wall, and it was here that the late Frank Lavan delivered his speech that launched the concept of Associate Membership which has proved to be so successful.

A MESSAGE TO ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

and to those of us who have carried on the memory of our past members

The 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion Association is fast approaching the time when our children and grandchildren will be called upon to take over the full management of our affairs. This entails a great responsibility, if that is the wish of the Associate Members. It cannot be left to a mere handful of dedicated people, it must involve a 100% participation.

At this point in time your Committee comprises six ongoing members of the Battalion (approximate age over 80 years, approaching 90) and six Associate Members (approximate age over 50). At any one meeting (which is on the fourth Monday of each month from 11.00am to 12.00 noon, we have (give or take) four or five originals and three or four Associates present.

We need back-up Associate Members who can attend meetings when possible to begin that *takeover* process. Two examples of the need for recruitment:

1. The church service held at the Garrison Church in September each year. This year, 2007, we were down by half of our usual attendees.
2. Anzac Day march and luncheon. The attendance at the march has continued to grow, with family members supporting the original members of the Battalion. 2006 saw many oldies step out smartly; 2007 saw a decrease in numbers; 2008 could see a few more wheelchairs.

The Association needs recruits. The choice is yours. Lend a helping hand. We would not like to see our Association go the way of other famous 9th Division Battalions. Remember that famous saying, "Old soldiers never die, they simply fade away." Do not let the 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion Association fade away.

Your Committee.

FORTY YEARS AGO!!

Extract from Muzzle Blast of December 1967:

"Last Anzac Day the reunion at Menzies was voted a great success, but unfortunately it resulted in the Association having to subsidise it to the extent of nearly \$200, which we cannot afford to repeat. After lengthy discussions in committee, we have now booked the Starlight Room at the Hotel Australia for next year. This is much more central, and whilst all the amenities we had at Menzies will be retained, the cost of the tickets will be greatly reduced. Had we stayed at Menzies, the tickets would have been in the vicinity of about \$7.00 each, which is out of all proportion, especially for non-drinkers. Country members please book early for your accommodation at the Hotel Australia."

A little bit of history. At the time we had about 'two bob' in the bank!!

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

We acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of subscriptions and donations from the following:

Lorraine Bowan	Malcolm Harley
Gavin Christian	Marie Horan
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Michael Christian	Julienne Hudson
Sue Crompton	Ross Hutchinson
David Garland	Frank Jordan (<i>omitted</i> <i>from last quarter's list</i>)
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Bill Harley	John Miller
Bruce Harley	Eric Nunn
John Harley	Midge Oliver

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LAST POST

It is with sincere regret that we report the passing of former comrades:

BILL FREEMAN

BERT STREET

DAVID GARLAND

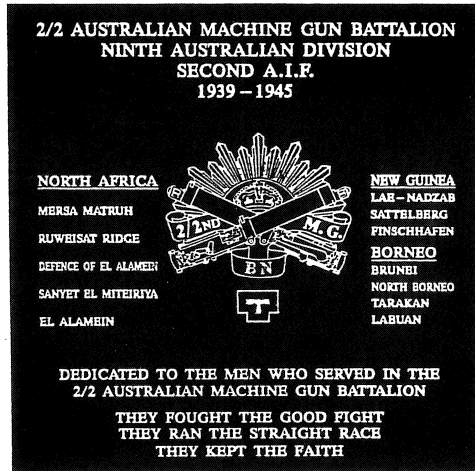
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To their families and friends, members of the Association extend deepest sympathy.

“They fought the good fight
They ran the straight race
They kept the Faith.”



LEST WE FORGET

ODE

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

The Ode is part of a very famous poem, *For the Fallen*, written by Laurance Binyon who served in France in WWI. He was born in England in 1869 and died in 1943.