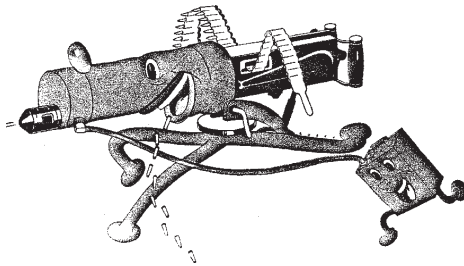




THE 2/2ND AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN BATTALION
ASSOCIATION

MUZZLE BLAST



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2009

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VALEL/SGT. FRANK CHARLES LADE NX16736822.08.1924 – 26.05.2009

There was a large gathering of family and friends at the Greenway Chapel, Green Point, to say farewell to Frank. Our Association was represented by Neville Bargwanna, Bob Fitzsimmons, Ron Myers, Adrian Simpson and Mrs. Di Symon.

There were numerous members of the Woy Woy RSL who took part in the service.

Frank was a member of the committee for many years and participated in all our activities, and in particular on Anzac Day when he helped out in a practical way. He will be missed by all Machine Gunners.

His wife, Marie, writes: "Since coming to the Central Coast in 1986 he was involved in Meals on Wheels for six years; also became involved in Neighbourhood Watch for fourteen years. He did shopping and banking for ladies that had lost husbands, till his health started to fail.

He belonged to the National Malaya Borneo Veterans' Association Australia where he served as National Vice President for several years, then served as State Vice President and was Vice President of Brisbane Waters Sub-Branch up to a year before he passed away. At the time of his death he was a serving member of the committee of World War II Veterans' Association 1939-1945, at Gosford RSL."

The following tribute under the heading 'Recollections of Bill Harley, Cowra' is as follows:

"Frank had done some service in the Militia prior to his call-up in mid-1942 for full time service. He had put his age up by one year and so was 17 years old when he got called up. He was sent to Dubbo, but in late August 1942 he was transferred to Cowra when the 1st Machine Gun Training Battalion was established there.

It was in Cowra that I met Frank when we became members of the first platoon of raw recruits in the Training Bn. We remained together as we progressed through the various stages of training, and left Cowra 'on draft' on 5th May, 1943. We spent some time at Toowoomba and Selheim as well as a number of staging camps in Queensland, and sailed from Cairns on a Dutch ship, the *Maatsuyker* on 1st September, 1943, arriving in Port Moresby on 4th September.

By this time the group from Cowra were down to 14 in number, and we were part of general reinforcements for the 7th and 9th Divisions. We were flown over the Owen Stanleys to Buna, and then went by barge to Finschhafen. In the barge was a truck and about 30 drums of petrol and we 14 reinforcements. We sailed during the night and hid in creeks and under mangroves in daytime.

At Finschhafen, Frank was posted to C1 and remained with that platoon for the rest of the campaign in New Guinea, and also continued with it on Labuan and in British North Borneo.

Frank was a very good soldier in all ways, and was an expert with both the rifle and Bren Gun. He was in NCO school at war's end and was the last NCO still serving with the Battalion when it was disbanded on 26th February, 1946."

VALE

LT. ROWLEY CUMMING CANN NX 59427

30.12.1917 – 28.04.2009

The following is copied, in part, from a eulogy published by the Sydney Legacy Bulletin: "He was raised on the dairy farm his parents ran south of Singleton. When Rowley was 12 years of age, the five children of his family were orphaned and brought up by relatives. Rowley found himself on another farm where he worked harder than on his father's farm. From this experience he learned punctuality, for which he was well known in later life.

At the Armidale Teachers' College he trained to become a teacher, and before commencement of WWII taught in a number of New South Wales country schools.

He joined the 2/2 Machine Gun Battalion on 20th July, 1940. On return from the Middle East he married Leonie on 6th May, 1943. They had three children, Margaret, David and Peter.

After his discharge, Rowley returned to his teaching profession, including significant periods at Wellington, Guyra, Dee Why and Narrabeen, whence he retired as Principal in 1983.

In 1984 he and Leonie retired to Nambucca Heads.

He joined Sydney Legacy in 1963 and upon arriving at Nambucca Heads he was transferred to the Nambucca Valley Division of Sydney Legacy. He was posted to the Reserve List in 1995. He was greatly missed by the widows who were privileged to have him as their Legatee. He was President of the Division in 1989.

Rowley is remembered for his love of family, love of Leonie, love of country, and for his courage and dignity, the same characteristics which made him such an outstanding Legatee."

Rowley served with us in the Middle East including El Alamein, New Guinea and Borneo. He was held in high regard by all who served with him. He was Platoon Commander of B2 in New Guinea and Borneo where he excelled in this role and won the respect of his men.

All members of the Association extend deepest sympathy to his family.

ANZAC DAY 2009

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

This, my first report to you as President of the 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion Association, has me thinking of both the past and the future of this group of people, which is the 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion Association.

It all started in 1945 by ex-members of the Battalion (see the details in *Muzzle Blast*, page 7) and continued to gain strength from year to year just as in all Battalion Associations of WWI and WWII. This is true at the conclusion of any conflict, but the passing of the years takes its toll on numbers. When soldiers who have experienced the good and the tough times together they look to each other and remember those mates who have passed on and wonder how to perpetuate those memories. In our own case we made provision for the memory of our Battalion. We took notice of an address by Frank Lavan at the Garrison Church in 1997, so now, the passing of its members will remain alive by you, the generations of 'Baby Boomers' and Generations 'X' and 'Y' to take the torch of remembrance and keep the memory of *our generation* alive.

We, the generation of the Depression. Or shall we be designated Generation 'D'? We, the oldies, need your support to continue this memory.

These remarks are not meant to be depressing or to be maudlin, but a call for volunteers (not the army type of calling for volunteers) to join your committee on the fourth Monday of each month at Legacy House, 47 York Street, Sydney, at 11.00am or at the Associates meetings held at Roseville RSL Club, Pacific Highway, Roseville, on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November.

In this way the Anzac Day march and the luncheon at the Menzies will be ongoing, and as in the case of each member of the Battalion (see note) some stories seem to get better with the passage of time and you, who have heard their stories, will be able to relate and embellish on the stories we have passed on to you by means of the website.

Now on to matters of business. At our first committee meeting in January we appointed Barry Izzard as a member of the Committee. Barry is the son of W.G. (Tipp) Izzard who was killed at Alamein. Barry joined us because he believes in our and your interest in the future of this Association.

In the interim we have had many discussions to:

- finalise the Anzac Day order of march and the luncheon at The Menzies,
- make a gift of \$200 to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal,
- have our Annual General Meeting in November, when Adrian felt it time to relinquish the position of President, but not to give up all of his duties on the Committee. He will still edit *Muzzle Blast*, take your phone calls, be a friend,

mentor and general advisor to me and all of the family of the 2/2nd Australian Machine Gun Battalion Association.

Last year a set of CDs came to light which give a verbal account of the book, *Muzzle Blast*. Our MC Neville will give you more information later.

To allay any fears you may have on the RSL's edict regarding the younger generations marching with the Battalion, 9th Division has rejected the idea and we fully agree. As long as *we* march, so shall the Associates, and, I hope, for many years to come.

One last task remains before I conclude. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort that Adrian has made over the years.

I call for a show of appreciation and ask him to address the gathering.

ANZAC DAY 2009

Once again we are able to report that the Anzac Day reunion was very successful. Many members and friends expressed appreciation for the very happy occasion.

The Cenotaph

Bill Harley had the honour of laying our wreath. It was a memorable ceremony at which the various units of the 9th Division were represented.

The Battalion was led by Ron Myers (who completed the full distance — a great effort). A few had the luxury of a ride on a Land Rover (see photo). We thank those Associate Members who assisted with the Banner — a very important task.

Marshall

This year we missed David Martin who has done a great job in this capacity. Bill Harley accepted the task of allocating duties and getting the troops into marching order.

The Reunion

The Menzies Hotel provided an efficient and courteous service. Our reunions have been held here since 1973. A booking has been secured for 2010.

The luncheon was well attended with 121 members and friends as follows:

Battalion members	12
Battalion members' wives	5
Battalion widows	3
Guests	4
Associate members	57
Visitors	<u>40</u>
Total:	121 (2008 – 113)

This indicates the importance of our Associate membership to our Association.

Finances

Congratulations to Denis Riley for the manner in which he controlled our finances, before and on the day of the reunion. As a matter of interest, with income of \$5,330 and costs of \$6,826, this resulted in a deficit of \$1,596 for the day.

Sydney Legacy

Donations to Legacy amounted to \$1,134.35 (\$65 more than last year). Each year there is a collection for Legacy — over a number of years members have contributed quite a considerable amount for this very worthy organisation.

Master of Ceremonies

Was in the capable hands of Neville Bargwanna who made sure everything went off like ‘clockwork’. He was assisted by our President, Ron Myers.

Associate Membership

For the past few years we have invited an Associate Member to address the reunion. This year **Barry Izzard** made the address. His theme was to emphasise the importance of the continued support of the Associates to ensure the future of the Association. He encouraged all members to be involved as far as possible in all our activities.

An invitation is extended to attend:

Committee Meetings held on the fourth Monday of each month at Legacy House, York Street, Sydney, *and*

the Associates Meeting held quarterly at the Roseville RSL at 11.30am. The next meeting is on November 7, 2009.

The actual dates can be confirmed by any of the Executive.

Guest Speaker

Ian Small is a professional author who is working on a book with reference to the experiences of those who served in the army. He has interviewed several members of our Battalion in this regard, and continues to do so.

He gave an eloquent account of his progress to date. The book will make interesting reading.

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In his Anzac Day report, our Treasurer, Denis Riley, made this comment:

“Thank you Mick Riley for manning the Reception Desk and to Jason Symon, Steve Atkins and others who looked after the Legacy donations. Thanks also to Di Symon, Denise Herman, Sally Butcher and Michelle Lavan for their excellent work, either on the day or beforehand, setting up tables, allocating seating, creating name tags, and the Family Connection lists which were placed on all tables again this year.

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Anzac Day Display

Of special interest at the reunion at Menzies Hotel luncheon was the display of the Vickers Machine Gun and tripod.

This was arranged by Ron Myers with Paul Martin from Australian Military History. The 'old hands' were kept busy explaining how the gun works, etc. The weight of the gun without water or tripod is 15 kg (33.07 lbs) and with water and tripod 40.6 kgs (89.51 lbs). Many could not believe we carried the gun, etc. for quite long distances additional to other equipment. To have the gun at The Menzies we had to guarantee that it is inoperable and that it would be removed from the premises after the event.

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Attendees at Anzac Day Reunion

Brer Adams, Peter Anley, Louise Bargwanna, Neville Bargwanna, Ray Bomford, Verna Bomford, Elva Brown, Lyle Brown, Lyndell Brown, Robert Brown, Chris Brown, Kate Brown, Matt Brown, Dani Brown, Peter Brown, Sally Butcher, John Butcher, Olivia Butcher, Tom Butcher, Helen Callaghan, Robert Fahey, Bob Fitzsimmons, James Flowers, Steward Graff, John Graham, Pauline Graham, Marija Grncarski, Andrew Gyles, Lindy Gyles, Sophie Gyles, Kristie Hague, Anne Harley, Bill Harley, Bruce Harley, David Harley, Emma Harley, Johnathon Harley, Kim Harley, Kathryn Harley, Libby Harley, Malcolm Harley, Peter Harley, Phyllis Harley, Rachael Harley, Sharon Harley, Michael Herman, Ben Herman, Denise Herman, Karen Hewitt, Robyn Horne, Matt Hudson, Ross Hutchison, Marjorie Hutchison, Lucas Ihlein, Owen Ihlein, Sharon Ihlein, Stephen Kirton, Robyn Lamb, Lenore Larsson, Michael Larsson, Alexandra Lavan, Georgina Lavan, Nicholas Lavan, Tony Lavan, William Lavan, Beth Mackay, Paul Martin, Andrew Mason-Jones, David Mason-Jones, Jill Mason-Jones, Joanna Mason-Jones, Bruce McVey, Robert McVey, Angus McVey, Zita Mendelsohn, Andrew Morrison, Malcolm Muir, Susan Muir, Graham Muir, Ron Myers, Heather Nelson, Julie Owen, Jane Price, Denis Riley, Ian Riley, Mick Riley, Nell Riley, Bruce Robinson, Jock Robinson, Samantha Rush, Anthony Selmes, Muriel Selmes, Adrian Simpson, Ben Simpson, Tony Simpson, Ian Small, Anne Small, Paul Spedding, Robin Spedding, Basil Staniland, Adam Symon, Jason Symon, Dianne Symon, Heidi Symon, Jett Symon, John Symon, Nell Welsh, Gina White, John White, Lil White, Ron White, Karen White, Geoff Wynn, Sophie Ziverovic.

Apologies were received from:

Betty Ballard, Rob Ballard, Ron Bruncker, Lorraine Bowan, Charles Butcher, Antony Butcher, Margaret Christie, Marilyn Dawson, Ian Dawson, Thelma Geaney, Dawn Graff, Derek Graff, David Herman, Anne Harley, Margaret Johnson, Dorothy Keates, Meredith Lane, Bridget Lane, Frank Lade, Fiona Lavan, Michelle Lavan, Matthew Lamb, Robert Lamb, Anthony Lamb, Kerry Lasson, Mavis McCallum, Darcy McInnes, David Martin, Ian Robinson, Russ Sutherland, Ralph Short, Bruce Williams.

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*L to R: Bob Fitzsimmons, Neville Bargwanna, Bruce Robinson,
Adrian Simpson, Ross Hutchison*

The vehicle was provided by 17 Signal Regt. Vincent Lines, Holsworthy. The driver was L.Cpl. Ian Little who looked after us with great courtesy.

Thanks to Barry Izzard and Ron Myers for arranging this for us.

The Jeep carried us for the full route of the March and delivered us back to The Menzies Hotel in good time for the luncheon.

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New Associate Members

We were pleased to welcome to the family of machine gunners at the Anzac Day luncheon: Chris Brown, Kate Brown, Dani Brown, Matthew Brown, Owen Ihlein, Sharon Ihlein, Lucas Ihlein, Ben Simpson, Kim Lees, Michael Larsson and Lenore Larsson, Peter Brown and Robert Brown have been Associate Members for some time.

If any Associate Member has not received his/her Battalion Brooch, please advise Adrian Simpson.

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The Brown Clan — Anzac Day 2009



*L to R: Back: Lyndell (daughter-in-law), Lenore (daughter), Rob (son), Peter (son), Chris (grandson), Matt (grandson), Rob Fahey (son-in-law), Michael (grandson).
Front: Kate (granddaughter), Elva Brown (matriarch), Lyle Brown (patriarch), Dani (granddaughter).*

An impressive roll call. Congratulations to Lyle and Elva.

BIRTHDAYS DUE SOON OR RECENTLY CELEBRATED

Lyle Brown (90), Bob Fitzsimmons (91), Ron Myers (90), Adrian Simpson (90), Ron White (90), Harry May (93). All originals who joined the Battalion in 1930. Also Mrs. Betty Davy (90).

The ‘original of the originals’, Basil Staniland, came to us with a group who served with our first Commanding Officer, ‘Torpy’ Whitehead, in the Royal NSW Lancers. Basil is now 93 years young and he writes:

“I joined (pre-war) when we still had horses. The Vickers and tripod were on one pack horse and ammunition on another. I joined the Gordon Troop as a Trooper in 1934.”

The winner in this ‘age race’ could be Les Poole who in May last turned 94 years old. He has had a few health problems, including two hip replacements, but is holding up well. No doubt he would like to hear from some of his comrades. His address is 12 Mercury Street, Beverly Hills. Phone: (02) 9570 2228.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is your committee's intention to post onto our website <http://www.2-2ndmachinegunbn.com> copies of photos depicting group, scenic and personal photos; six photographs in total from each member of the battalion. From those you have chosen, the members of the committee will decide those appropriate for inclusion on the web site and ensure they are not duplicated by those sent from another member.

Your photos will be reproduced and enhanced on a computer and the originals returned to you.

It would be appreciated, if it is possible, to send really good 'copies' only, thus saving time and money returning the originals to you.

All photos should have the names of everyone in each photo (if known) and either write the names on the back of the photograph or on a separate sheet of paper.

Our President, Ron Myers, is o/c this operation, so please send your photos to him at 52/28 Curagul Road, North Turramurra NSW 2074.

We are anxious to get this underway as soon as possible, so dig out your old photos of our army life.

PAYMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Members now have the option of making payments to the Association in the traditional way by posting a cheque *or* payments may be made by direct deposit to the Association's bank account.

Account Name	2/2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Association
Bank	Westpac
Branch	Frenchs Forest
BSB	032 123
Account No.	130 610

You must put your name as reference on your deposit and also advise the Treasurer by email that you have made the payment, how much was transferred and what the payment was for (e.g. subscriptions for member's name).

Notify Denis Riley at email address: denriley@hotmail.com

If paying by cheque please make the cheque out to 2/2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Association and mail to:

D.E. Riley, 17 Lisa Crescent, Castle Hill NSW 2153

FAMILY WELFARE — HOMEFRONT SUBSIDY

Ron Myers provided the following which will be of interest to many of our members:

“The Homefront subsidy for eligible veterans and war widows has been increased from \$196 to \$200 from 1st January, 2009. The Homefront program is a DVA program that is designed to assist in the prevention of falls and accidents around the home. It provides all DVA Gold and White Cardholders with a free home assessment per annum. The subsidy is a contribution made for minor home modifications that may help to reduce the risk of falls or accidents around a person’s home.”

THE SYDNEY CENOTAPH

(In part from ‘Legacy Torchlight’)

Standing silent guard on the Sydney Cenotaph in Martin Place are two bronze figures: a sailor facing west and a soldier facing east. These noble figures are not expressions of the artist’s imagination; a real sailor and a real soldier were used as models by the famous sculptor Sir Bertram MacKenna (1863-1931).

The sailor was Leading Signaller John William Vercoe, RAN, dressed in the rig and equipment for fighting ashore. Born at Bakers Swamp, NSW, on July 20, 1897, he was educated at Dubbo Public School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1913, served in WWI on *HMAS Pioneer* and *HMAS Parramatta*, and was awarded the DSO in 1918. He died in 1948.

The soldier was Private William Derby of 15th Infantry Bn and later the 4th Field Ambulance AIF. Born in 1870, he served throughout WWI and died in Brisbane in 1936. The sculptor chose him for “his fine physique and military bearing, and the stern, warrior-like cut of his face”.

No doubt, many of us often wondered about the identity of the two figures. Now we know.

THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES

(Also from the Sydney Legacy Bulletin)

On 19 July, 1916, in the French village of Fromelles, Australia suffered its worst ever military disaster, with more Diggers killed in one night than the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars combined. Just hours after the vainglorious British General ordered about 7,000 Australians to go “over the top”, more than 5,000 Diggers were dead, wounded or missing. Among the dead were twenty-four sets of brothers and one father and son. Against all odds, the Diggers broke through the enemy lines, some never to return — their fate unknown for close on a century ... until now.

In an enthralling mix of detective story and war history, best-selling author Patrick Lindsay takes us to the killing fields of Fromelles and behind the scenes of the painstaking investigation work of a small band of amateur historians in their quest for the fallen. As the first layer of soil is removed at Pheasant Wood, one of the great unsolved mysteries of WWI begins to unravel.

The fact that this mass grave ever came to light was largely due to the untiring work of Lambis Englezos, a Greek born high school teacher from Melbourne and his obsession to find the missing Diggers, and his determination to overcome the military bureaucracy that was adamant that the body recovery process following WWI couldn't have missed so many bodies.

This event has received much publicity in the press lately but after 92 years it is good to know that these Diggers will now have their individual graves. May they Rest in Peace.

The Daily Mirror in London published the following under the heading
ANZACS WON BATTLE — MONTY

“I say without qualification of any sort, that had it not been for the aid of the Australian Ninth Division and the New Zealanders, we could not have won the Battle of El Alamein” said Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery in an Anzac Day broadcast today.

“Judged in relation to their populations, the contribution of Australia and New Zealand in World War 2 was greater than any other country taking part, whether Allied or enemy” he said.

“On this great national day to all Australians and New Zealanders, it is my privilege and honor (sic) to be allowed to send this message to those two Dominions of the British Empire” said Lord Montgomery.”

Thanks to Mick Riley for sending this extract from The Daily Mirror (which is undated).

There is little wonder that our members are proud that they served with a unit that was a part of the 9th Division which, of course, went on to play an important role in New Guinea and Borneo.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 3 MAY, 1966

Reported: New Banner. Cost \$102.50.

Some years ago the manufacturer was contacted with a view to include on the banner reference to our service on Tarakan. The cost quoted was in the vicinity of \$500!

LUXURY FIVE STAR ACCOMMODATION

Our camp in Palestine 1941. It is hard to imagine that the six soldiers were all accommodated in the tent for some weeks without dissent in any way!



L to R: Adrian Simpson, Jim Cox, Bob Gorrie, Laurie Lee, Cec Brown, Bill Hoogwerf

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“God must love stupid people,
He made so many.”

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In the same vein, Oscar Wilde said:

“I sometimes think that God in creating man
somewhat overestimated His ability.”

Subscriptions and/or donations were received with thanks between 1st February, 2009 and 31st May, 2009, from:

Clarrie Aldrick	Ian Dawson	Frank Jordan	Jonathan Perrin
Peter Anley	Beryl Duffey	Jennifer Kaan	Ina Ridyard
Steve Atkin	Edna Faint	John Kirton	Ron Ridyard
Betty Ballard	Bob Fitzsimmons	Stephen Kirton	Ian Robinson
Robert Ballard	Diana Gardiner (Qld)	Frank Lade	Bruce Robinson
Neville Bargwanna	Peter Gardiner (NSW)	Meredith Lane	Tom Rostrom
Louise Bargwanna	Peg Garland	Bridget Lane	Muriel Selmes
Ray Bomford	Thelma Geany	Lenore Larsson	Ben Simpson
Tony Braithwaite	Eric George	Michael Larsson	Myra Smith
Marie Broadhurst	Pauline Graham	Fiona Lavan	Robin Spedding
Robert Broadhurst	John Graham	Tony Lavan	Paul Spedding
Lyle Brown	Kevin Graham	Michele Lavan	Basil Staniland
Rob Brown	Kim Graham	Kim Lees	Rona Street
Peter Brown	Lindy Gyles	Patricia Lynch	Russ Sutherland
Kate Brown	Sophie Gyles	Patrick Lynch	Di Symon
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Helen Callaghan	Lucas Ihlein	Mary Murray	Ron White
Kevin Culph	Barry Izzard	Rona Myers	John White
Marilyn Dawson	Brendan Jack	Julie Owens	Bruce Williams

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“One of life’s great mysteries is how the boy who wasn’t good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.”

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LAST POST

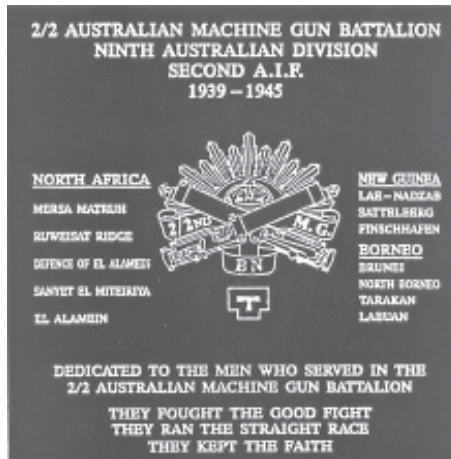
It is with sincere regret that we report the passing of former comrades:

ROWLEY CANN FRANK LADE

Also: MRS. HELEN BRUNKER

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.