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Dear Sue,

Re: Wangaratta RSL Sub-Branch Memorabilia

The Sub-Branch has received a letter from Mrs. Bev Coleman requesting return of her late father's (Harold PREST) original Military Medal (item 209.3 in our collection) and photograph (item 209.1) presented to the RSL in April 2003. Along with her letter she has attached a copy of the letters exchanged with the Sub-Branch back in 2003.

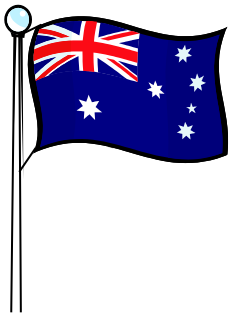
Her Father was awarded the Military Medal for service and bravery in Belgium during WWI.

The Sub-Branch obtained the Citation (item 209.2) for the awarded medal and replica medals which are framed together with a photograph and plaque (item 209). These two items, being organisation generated, remain the property of the RSL and within the Sub-Branch collection.

Mrs Coleman wishes to pass the original Military Medal onto her oldest grandson with the Sub-Branch to keep the replica medal and photograph already held in possession.

Under our Sub-Branch memorabilia policy 7.1 item 5, Deaccessioning & Disposal Procedures, an object can be deaccessioned from the RSL's collection if a substantiated request for the return of the object to its original owner/donor is received. Then the Sub-Branch must follow By-Law 10a Rule 30 SUB-BRANCH MILITARY MEMORABILIA which states "A Sub-Branch must not dispose of any military and historical memorabilia it has in its possession or power without the prior written approval of the State Executive."

Our Committee has agreed to Mrs Coleman's request and the following motion was passed at our November Committee meeting.



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MOTION: That the Sub-Branch agree to return the original Harold Prest Military Medal to Mrs Coleman and write to the State Executive to get permission to do so.

MOVED: D Lawson

SECONDED: L Rouse Salmon

CARRIED

The Wangaratta RSL Sub-Branch would formally like to request that the State Executive give consideration to the effect that the following items be deaccessioned from our collection:

Harold Prest Original Military Medal (Item 209.3)

Kindest regards.

Greg Larkins JP
Secretary