



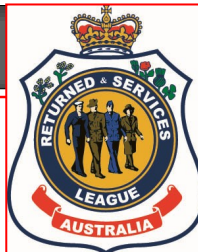
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VISIT TO PORT PIRIE RSL & MUSEUM



How many of you remember sights like this from your Army days? The sight and sound of dozens of Huey helicopters coming in to pick up you and your mates and whisk you off at a great rate of knots!

You can relive some of those memories when we go to Port Pirie.

The RSAR Association is planning a visit to the Port Pirie RSL in the very near future. The President Rod Beames is to hire a bus which will depart from Keswick barracks around 0900 hrs and return to that location about 1800 hrs. **The preferred dates are Sunday 1st, 8th, or 15th November.**

The RSL in Pt Pirie has a very extensive Museum, and includes an Iroquois Helicopter (HUEY) of Vietnam War vintage.

The plan is to visit the RSL, tour the Museum, stay for lunch and depart about 1400 hrs. A set lunch of Cold Serve- ¼ chicken, ham, beef with Salad bar, Rolls and Butter, Fresh Fruit Salad and Ice-cream. Bottomless cup Tea and Coffee will be available for just \$15 per head, with alcoholic beverages also available at members expense.

This is a tour not to be missed, and seats are strictly limited to 20, plus driver. The only cost to you is for the lunch.

Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact the Secretary David Laing on the numbers provided on Page 6. First come, first served.

DON'T MISS OUT!

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DID YOU KNOW?

How many aircraft did the US lose in Vietnam?

In total, the United States lost in Vietnam almost 10,000 aircraft and helicopters.

Wouldn't it be nice if the ADF had that many aircraft?

Just Soldiers

WO2 Noel Eric Bolton-Wood

Final Part

By the beginning of April 1941, German forces had advanced through the Balkans and were poised to invade Greece. The Australian 6th Division joined an Allied force sent to help bolster the depleted Greek Army—in a vain attempt to help stem the German tide.

Ammunition was desperately required at the front, and there was a sense of urgency as Eric tied down the tarpaulin on the last of the boxes being loaded onto the truck. The Luftwaffe had command of the skies and the main supply route was under constant observation. To get through, the convoy would have to take their chances and run the gauntlet of enemy bombardment. The trucks hurried along the main road, spread out to avoid presenting a massed target to air or artillery attack. Suddenly they saw them—in the distance, mere black dots against the cloudless sky. As they came closer, the Diggers could identify the bent, gull-like wings of Stukas, the deadly enemy dive-bombers.

The drivers pressed the accelerators flat to the floor, in a vain attempt to outrun the aircraft and reach the safety of the mountain passes. Some made it, but others were caught in the open. The drivers did their best to take evasive action to dodge the bombs, but it was useless. As Eric's truck careered at breakneck speed along the roadway, a bomb detonated directly in front of it. The vehicle ended up overturned in a ditch beside the road.

Soldiers sheltering nearby struggled to free the driver and passenger from the wreck, but as they pulled the corporal from the cabin they realised that their efforts were in vain. Eric's exploits of courage and determination, despite age, illness and personal loss, provide a shining example of the mettle of Australian youth in the early part of the 20th century. Yet having survived the duration and ravages of the First World War, he again stood up to be counted when Australians were called upon to serve King and country in the Second World War. Sadly, Eric was not so lucky second time around.

Corporal Noel Eric Bolton-Wood was laid to rest in the Phaleron War Cemetery in Athens, Greece.

By courtesy Darryl Kelly and ADCC Publications. Kelly, Darryl 2004, Just Soldiers, ADCC Publications, Brisbane, pg 27 to 34

2015 CHRISTMAS BBQ

The RSAR Association End Of Year BBQ is to be held at the "Kibby Club" at Keswick Barracks on Sunday 13th December 2015.

Timings are:

Commence: 1100 hrs. Bar Open

Lunch: 1200 hrs

Concludes: 1500 hrs. Bar Closed

All meat and salads will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE** by the RSAR Association, and drinks are at members expense. All members, including SERVING members are invited to attend and catch up for the last time this year.

You need only bring yourselves and your wallet.

Please reserve your place (for catering purposes) by contacting the Secretary on the numbers provided on Page 6.



LETTER TO THE SOUTH EAST BRANCH (Bob Sandow)

Good Afternoon Robert,

I write to offer my gratitude for being invited to join ACOY Mt Gambier RSARA Branch at the Bivouac at Palpara on the 11th - 13th Sep 2015.

As you are aware we were generously hosted by Max and Heather Ruwoldt, from Friday to Monday and we were really pleased to be able to join many of you for dinner in the RSL Club on Friday evening.

The Bivouac area was great, the company of some 24 of your members, some I have known for many years, some with whom I renewed acquaintances and some of whom are new friends, they were all very welcoming and convivial. It was interesting to see two of your members brought along their dogs, two Fox Terriers and a magnificent German Shepherd. I was also interested to know that Fox Terriers have a particularly cold nose.

The camp fire was huge and warming, watching the perimeter constrict and expand brings back fond memories, as does the variety of refreshments. I was particularly impressed with RSARA SE's involvement of the members wives (13 of them, no mean gesture) in providing for their dinner on Saturday night at the Malaysian restaurant, inclusive of my wife.

Your provision of electronics to see important events unfold, e.g. the Crow's magnificent victory over the Dogs and to listen to



some stirring music, that set all the 48 feet present tapping was great.

A copy of the DVD of Pte Bosisto's Burial in France will be with you soon and I trust the videos of the 10/27RSAR linking parade and the Edinburgh Tattoo provide some enjoyment and meet some historical purposes.

I wish you and your members every success for the future and will do all in my power to ensure some "townies" make the trip next year. I trust the photos fill in any gaps.

Warmest regards to you all.

Tex Ranger (Major—Retd)

Metro members maybe interested in participating in a future SE Branch exercise. If so, details will be forthcoming shortly.

Letter to the RSARA from the CO 10/27 Bn RSAR

To the members of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association, a **big thank you**.

As you would be aware this is the last year of my command and I will hand over to Lieutenant Colonel Trent Bernard at the end of the year.

Whilst the last three years have been extremely busy they have also been some of the most rewarding I have experienced. We maintain an extremely high tempo and are currently getting ready for the next continuous period of training, Exercise Pozieres, which is the combined 4 Brigade/9 Brigade activity as part of Battle Group Jacka.

This cycle and the number of activities we continue to attend and support has been impressive. When I commenced as CO, we were the standard two company strength Infantry Battalion. Today we effectively have a Battle Group structure of five sub units. Now known as Battle Group 'Shrike', we comprise the two infantry companies along with Artillery-6/13 Light Battery, Engineers-3 Field Squadron, and Armour-3/9 South Australia Mounted Rifles. The benefit of this is that we now regularly train in the combined arms environment and I have no doubt this will make the Battalion a more capable unit, working as a team, to deal with our operational demands wherever they may be.

We also continue to be challenged with a wide range of support tasks, recruiting, introduction into service of new equipment, and training over three states in thirteen depots. Our relationship and work with other 1 Brigade units in both Adelaide (Edinburgh) and Darwin continues to be a highlight and again assists us in lifting overall training standards.

The 10/27 Battalion Band also continues to impress with its support to internal and external tasks. Whilst in the past there have been rumours about the Bands future, I am very happy to say they will remain a part of the Battalion. They work incredibly hard and have stepped up to assist in a myriad of requests and concerts, to the enjoyment of all. I am regularly thanked for the assistance they have provided and I consider their contribution vital to the ongoing success of the Battalion.

Over the journey we also achieved a great deal in addition to our normal requirements, both on the state and national stage. This includes winning the national 2nd Division Best Section competition, currently having the Top Shot within the defence force, and winning the Simpson trophy for the last three years, just to name a few. We have also been very active in the centenary celebrations with our parade last year at the Torrens Parade Ground, marching on ANZAC Day, and Freedom of the City parades

at both Unley and Adelaide. We also raised considerable amounts of money for chosen charities that continue to assist those serving or those in support. The efforts of the Battalion continue to impress me with their understanding and role within society.

I now come to the associations that have, and continue to support us.

As I said above, a big thank you. I thank you for your support and assistance. I guess your public face is behind the BBQs, completing projects such as the Memorial Garden, or attending some of our activities. These have been great and I know the soldiers in particular have very much enjoyed having you there in support. Your "can do" attitude is inspirational.

But it is more than that. I have enjoyed presenting to the

RSARA President Rod Beames and LTCOL Graham Goodwin unveil the plaque dedicating the Memorial Garden at Keswick Barracks.



THE POWER OF THE MEDIA

One day an English bloke was driving around the backblocks of Sydney, when he saw a little girl in the paddock next to him. With the little girl was a gigantic bull, that was preparing to gore the little girl.

The Pom took action. He slammed on the brakes of his car, jumped out, ran over, jumped the barbed wire fence, grabbed the bull by it's horns, flipped it over and broke it's back.

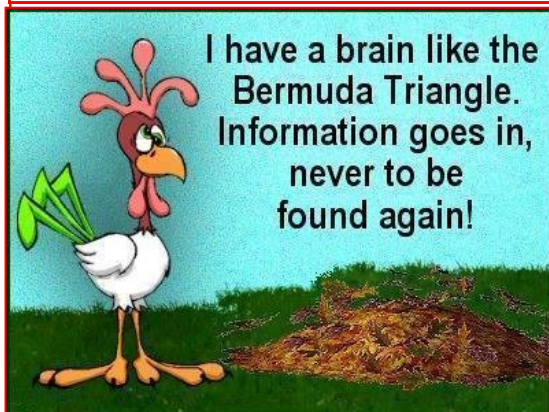
An Aussie reporter saw the whole thing, and after the bull was dead (not being aware that the guy was English) he rushed over to congratulate him.

" That was absolutely bloody fantastic mate! It'll make front page news, just give me your details?"

So the Pom gives him his details. A day later he buys the newspaper and looks at the headline. It reads "POMMY BASTARD KILLS LITTLE GIRLS PET!"



Private Gomad reckons.....



From the CO.....continued

association to outline what the Battalion has been doing, likewise sitting with you in the crowd listening to the band at one of the many support activities, or even discussing recruiting options at members work places.

But more than anything, I have enjoyed our conversations, the advice, counsel and camaraderie. Command presents many challenges and having an association such as yourselves in support has made my job a lot easier.

I have no doubt our paths will cross again and I wish you all the very best for the future. Continue the good work in the knowledge that you have, and do, make a big difference.

Pro Patria

Graham Goodwin

Lieutenant Colonel
CO 10/27 Battalion RSAR



RSAR Association Patron MAJGEN Neil Wilson, and CO 10/27 Bn RSAR LTCOL Graham Goodwin at the Murray Bridge Training Area during a visit in 2014 by the Association to see the soldiers in action.

MEMBERS LIST

Abareh, Wadi **SM**
 Abel, Colin
 Acton, Chris
 Adams, Aaron **SM**
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 Attenborough, Geoff
 Ayles, Jeff
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 Bampton, Michael **BAND**
 Barnaart, Philip
 Bates, Allan
 Beames, Rod **CoM**
 Beckett, David **LM SM**
 Bennet, Graham
 Benveniste, Sam **SM**
 Bilsborow, Jason **SM**
 Blackmore, William
 Blake, Sam **SM**
 Blondell, Mark **SM CoM**
 Bloomfield, Max
 Bourne, Ian **SM**
 Boath, Ian
 Boothroyd, Lincoln **SM**
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 Bras, Riley **SM**
 Broadbent, Robert **SM**
 Brookes, Phil
 Brown, Bruce
 Brown, Harry
 Burton, Ray
 Butters, Erik
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 Chittleborough, Jeff
 Clyne, Lachlan **SM**
 Cooke, Nat **CoM**
 Contibas, Nikolaus **SM**
 Cotton, Bob
 Cram, Kevin
 Dart, John
 Davey, John (Jack)
 Davey, Trevor
 Dawson, Trevor **BAND**
 Del Vecchio, Victor
 Demasi, Nathan **SM**
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 Domanski, Glenn
 Dubsky, Eddie
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 Dunn, Bob
 Dunn, Jeff
 Durdin, Russell
 Durrant, Chris
 Edson, Roger
 Elliott, Graham
 Elliss, Scott **SM**
 Eva, Keith
 Ewens, Mimi **SM**
 #Ferguson, Shane **BAND**

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 Flanagan, Ted
 Fridday, Ross
 #Fortune, Nigel **BAND**
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 Genovese, John
 Gibson, Lindsay
 Giles, John
 Gill, Graham
 Gilmore, Graham **CoM**
 Gordon, Frank
 Hardy, Robert **SM**
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 Harrison, John
 Hawking, Don
 Hawkins, Des
 #Heath, Jonathon **BAND**
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 Hewitt, Emily **BAND**
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 Horseman, Ian **LM**
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 Hudson, Rick
 Humphrys, Jesse **SM CoM**
 James, Grant **SM CoM**
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 Jones, Brett
 Keenan, Alan
 Kilford, Brian
 Klopff, Alex **LM**
 Klopff, Paul
 Koop, Joshua **BAND**
 Laing, David **LM CoM**
 Lampard, Ross
 Lee, Bob
 Lee, Pat
 Lloyd, Elmer
 Lockett, John
 Longstaff, Paul
 Loveder, Peter
 Main, Brian
 Marcus, Ray
 Martin, Bob
 Matchett, Bill
 Mau, Mark
 McCulloch, Don
 McGree, Barry
 McLachlan, Joshua **SM**
 McMahon, Tyler **SM**
 McMullin, Jim
 Meissner, Terry **SM**
 Milde, Peter **SM**
 Mitchell, Barry
 Mitchell, David
 Morony, Frank **CoM**
 Moore, Jeffrey
 Moore, Terry **LM**

Moschis, James **SM**
 Munro, Ron
 Oliver, Peter
 Orrock, Alan **CoM**
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 Oswald, John
 Pach, Chol **SM**
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 Perkins, Bob
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 Portakiewicz, David **BAND CoM**
 Phillips, Don
 Phillips, Colin
 Phillips, Trevor
 Payne, Bob
 Parslow, Howard
 Preece, Brian
 Rado, Stephen
 Ranger, Denis
 Rathmann, John
 Rathmann, Norm **CoM**
 Ramm, Hank
 Robertson, Jim
 Rorie, Graham **SM**
 Rossetti, Lee
 Sage, Andrew
 Salamon, Peter
 Sanders, Ashley **SM**
 Sanderson, Max
 Sands, Mike
 Sexton, Mark **SM**
 Slattery, Kimberly **BAND**
 Sniedze, Julie **BAND**
 Sprigg, Rob
 Staker, Cameron **SM**
 Standing, Michael **CoM**
 Stone, Eddie
 Strain, Doug
 Steer, Phil
 Stewart, Rob **LM**
 Stuart, Matthew **SM**
 Tiller, Garth
 Thomson, Jim
 Tolotta, Tarrant **SM**
 Tompkins, Ian
 Tregenza, Norm **CoM**
 Trezise, George
 Tucker, Belinda **BAND**
 Ullrich, Andreas **SM**
 Vella, Joe
 Wake, Stephen
 Waters, Ian **LM**
 Weepers, Nicole **BAND**
 Weightman, Aidan **SM**
 Westover, Rhys
 Wheeler, Chris
 Williams, Darrian **SM**
 Wilson, Graham **LM**
 Wilson, Neil
 Wood, George

Woore, Phillip
 Yorke-Simpkin Reg **LM**
 Zuromski, Paul **SM**

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 Ayles, Denise
 Beames, Cheryl
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 Elliott, Julie
 Eva, Gail
 Field, Shirley
 Gatley, Graeme
 Gill, Maureen
 Gilmour, Helen
 Hawking, Lorraine
 Hook, Phillipa
 Hudson, Margaret
 Jolly, Sandra
 Klopff, Josie
 Laing, June
 Lampard, Kay
 Main, Raelene
 Marcus, Yvonne
 Lee, Anne
 Mitchell, Roma
 Phillips, Heather
 Sanderson, Lorraine
 Tregenza, Lyn

HONORARY MEMBERS

G. Goodwin CO 10/27 RSAR
 T. Moore ADJT 10/27 RSAR
 M. Reyne RSM 10/27 RSAR

LM denotes **LIFE MEMBER**
SM denotes **SERVING ADF MEMBER**

BAND denotes serving 10/27 Band member

Denotes **NEW MEMBER**

213 members as at 30/9/15

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Wenona Campbell
Shane Ferguson
Nigel Fortune
Jonathon Heath

To join the RSAR Association see the Application Form on Page 7



ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC

(Hereafter referred to as the Association)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME	
GIVEN NAMES	
DATE OF BIRTH	/ /
ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE	
MOBILE	
EMAIL	
Partner/Wife	

Unit (s) in which applicant served or is now serving		
Service Number		
Dates of Service	Enlist	Discharge

Annual Fee \$20.00	Receipt Number	Date
Associate Fee \$10.00	If requested	/ /

I, the undersigned wish to join the Association and agree to pay the above Annual Fee and understand that an Annual Membership Fee (currently \$20.00) will be due for payment at or by the date of each Annual General Meeting (AGM)

(Serving ADF members pay \$0 for the first year and \$10 per year thereafter whilst still serving.)

I further agree to abide by the rules of the Association.

Signature of Applicant	Not necessary to sign if sending via email	Date
		/ /
Signature of Secretary		/ /

NOTE:- Applications should contain detailed information of the applicants' military service. Wherever possible, a copy of the applicants' Service Record or Discharge Certificate should accompany the application.

All applications are subject to scrutiny and maybe refused without explanation

Please post this form, with cheque or money order payment, to:-

The Secretary, David Laing

RSAR Association Inc

Riverglen Marina, RSD 3152A, White Sands SA 5253

or to davidlaing49@bigpond.com

OR

Payment may be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to:-

BSB 015 211

Account 482441406

In the name of Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

*Please remember to include an identifier such as **your surname**, so the payment can be matched to you.*

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Remembrance Day

Why is this day special to Australians?



At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western

Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

