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Remembrance Day 2018

As Remembrance Day approaches we think of those who paid the supreme sacrifice during the First World War, and we commemorate their service and sacrifice.

But, the Armistice was signed around 5.30 a.m on November 11th, and opposing forces continued to fight, right up until 11 a.m when the decree came into force.

Allied and German soldiers continued to fight and die on the morning of Remembrance Day, even though their commanders had virtually signed the end of hostilities 6 and a half hours earlier.

Research has shown that nearly 11,000 soldiers died after the ceasefire had been signed. See Page 3 for details.

End of Year BBQ

16th December

The Association End of Year BBQ will be held at the Kibby VC Club, Keswick Barracks on **Sunday 16th December from 1100 hrs**. All food will be provided FREE of charge by the Association, and the Kibby Club Bar will be open from 1100 hrs to 1300 hrs.

This function is open to ALL members and their families and is at no cost to you.

Come along and meet, mix and mingle with other members of the Regimental Association, and enjoy the camaraderie (and food) we are so well known for.

We need definite numbers for catering purposes, so please advise the Secretary David Laing on 0407 791 822 or email of

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See you there!



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Fees and Merchandise can be paid by EFT through the following *Bendigo Bank* account:

RSAR Association

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10/27 RSAR Freedom of the City



Assistant Police Commissioner Linda Fellows calls on the 10th/27th Battalion to halt, as they exercise their Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide.



The souls who died AFTER the Armistice

It is a sad indictment of the horrors of war that soldiers from both sides continued to die even though the Armistice had been signed and a ceasefire had been declared. Below are just some of those who needlessly paid the supreme sacrifice.

George Edwin Ellison [British] November 11, 9:30 am (90 minutes to armistice)

George Ellison was from Leeds and served throughout the First World War. Tragically, however, he was killed in Mons on the morning of the Armistice (11 November 1918) and it is said that he was the last British soldier to die in the conflict. In a twist of fate, he lies buried opposite the first British soldier to die on the Western Front, Private John Parr. (Not much is known about how Ellison was killed)

Augustin Trebuchon [French] November 11, 10:45 (15 minutes to armistice)

At 10:45 Frenchman Augustin Trebuchon, was taking a message to troops by the River Meuse saying that soup would be served at 11.30 after the peace, when he too was killed.

Augustin Trebuchon's grave - along with all those French soldiers killed on 11 November 1918 - is marked 10/11/18. It is said that after the war France was so ashamed that men would die on the final day that they had all the graves backdated.

George Lawrence Price [Canadian] November 11, 10:58 am (2 minutes to armistice)

Price and fellow soldier Art Goodworthy were worried that the battalion's position on the open canal bank was exposed to German positions on the opposite side of the canal where they could see bricks had been knocked out from house dormers to create firing positions. According to Goodworthy, they decided on their own initiative to take a patrol of five men across the bridge to search the houses. Reaching the houses and checking them one by one, they discovered German soldiers mounting machine guns along a brick wall overlooking the canal. The Germans opened fire on the patrol with heavy machine gun fire but the Canadians were protected by the brick walls of one of the houses. Aware that they had been discovered and outflanked, the Germans began to retreat. A Belgian family in one of the houses warned the Canadians to be careful as they followed the retreating Germans. George Price was fatally shot in the chest by a German sniper as he stepped out of the house into the street. (Some say he was killed reaching over to kiss a Belgian woman)

Tomas [German] November 11, 11:?? am (After the armistice) The last casualty of World War One was a junior German officer called Tomas who approached some Americans to tell them that the war was over and that they could have the house he and his men were just vacating. However, no one had told the Americans that the war had finished because of a communications breakdown and Tomas was shot as he approached them after 11.00.

Final Notes

The respected American author Joseph E Persico has calculated a shocking figure that the final day of WWI would produce nearly **11,000 casualties**, more than those killed, wounded or missing on D-Day, when Allied forces landed en masse on the shores of occupied France almost 27 years later. What is worse is that hundreds of these soldiers would lose their lives thrown into action by generals who knew that the Armistice had already been signed.

The recklessness of General Wright, of the 89th American Division, is a case in point. Seeing his troops were exhausted and dirty, and hearing there were bathing facilities available in the nearby town of Stenay, he decided to take the town so his men could refresh themselves. "That lunatic decision cost something like 300 casualties, many of them battle deaths, for an inconceivable reason," says Mr Persico.

Also, these are the known dead. Many died after the armistice came into effect as word did not reach all the fronts in time (such as Palestine).

On 11 November 1918 Foch (the Supreme Allied Commander during the First World War) accepted the German request for an armistice. Although Foch advocated peace terms that would make Germany unable to pose a threat to Europe ever again, when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28 June 1919, Foch declared: **"This is not a peace. It is an armistice for twenty years"**. His words proved prophetic: the Second World War started twenty years and 64 days later

Lest We Forget

You know you're Australian when:

You believe stubbies can be either worn or drunk.
You pronounce Melbourne as “Melbin”.
You think Woolloomooloo is a perfectly reasonable name for a place.
You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife.
You reckon the letter “l” in Australia is optional and it's perfectly OK to call it “Straya”.
You believe it makes sense to have a \$1 coin that is twice as big as a \$2 coin.
You understand that “Wagga Wagga” can be abbreviated to “Wagga” but “Woy Woy” cannot be shortened to “Woy”.
You enjoy going to Bunnings for the sausage sizzle.
Having beetroot on your hamburger is normal.
You understand that “chuck a u-ey” is actually a carefully executed driving manoeuvre.
You're relieved to see that the daily fire danger warning is 'only' high.
You think that the more you shorten someone's name the more you like them.
You understand that “Excuse me” can sound rude but “s'cuse me” is always polite.
You know what it's like to swallow a fly, sometimes via your nose.
You can go on holidays to another country in less time than it takes to fly to the other side of your own.
You understand “having a barbie” involves catching up with mates and not playing with a doll.
You know it's not summer until the steering wheel gets too hot to hold and the seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron.
In summer, hot water comes out of both taps.
You know how to abbreviate every word, all of which usually end in “o” – ambo, arvo, garbo, metho, milko, muso, speedo, righto.
You know that there is a universal place called “Woop Woop” located in the “middle of nowhere” no matter where you currently are.

And.....you can understand all the above.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You for the page on 43RSAR.....

I joined the CMF 43rd RSAR in JUN1970 and did a Recruit Course at Hampstead Barracks. We were from all different units totalling 300 I think. 297 National Service Deferrers and 3 Volunteers - I was a Volunteer and I turned 18 the day before march in.

Hampstead Barracks was NOT like it is now. We all slept in tentage on stretchers. Stupid Coke Heaters had to be kept going for the nights were very cold and hot water was needed in the morning; this was part of our piquet(?) duties..

I only served two years, last AFX aka Camp was the 1972 Colours Parade. After which I enlisted into the RAAF as an Airfield Defence Guard. Years later after RAAF discharge I did join ARES 10RSAR serving as Transport Driver and Regimental Police.

Great Great times and Memories in my service life totalling 25 years (CMF/RAAF/ARES/RAAF) along with 4 years for Department of Defence Support on the Woomera Rocket range - 29 years total in Australia's Defence..

"Its not that I can and others can't; its just that I did and others didn't!".

Ron MUNRO,

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FOOTNOTE: I travelled down the Freeway on Saturday morning from Murray Bridge to the Freedom of Entry Parade to take photos of the Regiment exercising their right of entry to the city of Adelaide.. I was only one of dozens of photographers with the same idea. I took over 300 hundred pics, and after the march had passed by, made my way to the Chinatown Café for Singapore Noodles. They were delicious! When I got home in the afternoon to review my photos from my \$2,000 Nikon, I found the lens had been dislodged and every photo was BLACK! The photos in this newsletter of the FOE Parade were taken by Rod Beames and a number of others. Not by me!

David Laing. Secretary, Editor. NOT Photographer.

CPL Dave's Page

The doctor said, "Joe, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration. You have a very rare condition, which causes your testicles to press on a nerve at the base of your spine and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicles."

Joe was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for. He had no choice but to go under the knife.

When he left the hospital a few days later, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself.

As he walked down the street, he realized that he felt like a different person. He could make a new beginning and live a new life.

He saw a men's clothing store and thought, 'That's what I need... A new suit.'

He entered the shop and told the salesman, "I'd like to try on a new suit please. "The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, "Let's see now - size 44 long should do it."

Joe laughed, "Wow, that's right; how did you know?" "Oh, I've been in the business 40 years" the tailor said. Joe tried on the suit, it fit perfectly. As Joe admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, "How about a new shirt to go with that lovely suit sir?" Joe thought for a moment and then said, "Sure, why not."

The salesman eyed Joe for a moment and said, "Let's see, 34 sleeve and 16 ½ neck. "Joe was surprised again. "You're absolutely right, how did you guess that?" "Been in the business 40 years sir."

Joe tried on the shirt and it fit like a glove! Joe walked comfortably around the shop and the salesman asked, "How about some new underwear?"

Joe thought for a moment and said, "Sure, I might as well." The salesman said, "Let's see... Size 36."

Joe laughed, "Ah ha! I got you! I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old."

The salesman shook his head, "No way! You can't wear a size 34 sir. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache!!!!!"

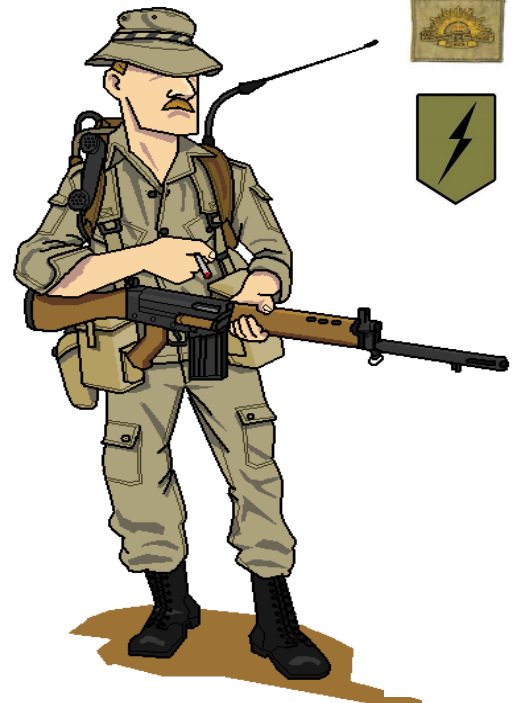
A bloke came out of surgery, tubes stuck to his arms and chest, an oxygen mask covering his face, a gorgeous young nurse standing at his side.

He said to her in muffled tones "Nurse, are my testicles black?" She hesitantly replied "Sir, I have no idea!" He said again, louder under the oxygen mask "Nurse, are my testicles black??"

She coyly lifted the bedcovers, moved his gown out of the way, and holding his "member" in her warm hands, said "They look normal from here sir!"

He removed his mask, looked her straight in the eyes and said slowly "Nurse, listen carefully to what I'm saying!"

"Are my TEST RESULTS back?"



Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess, "Will you marry me?"

The Princess said, "No!"

And the Prince lived happily ever after, and rode motorcycles and dated thin, long-legged, full-breasted women, and hunted and fished and raced cars, and went to titty bars and dated ladies half his age and drank whiskey, beer and Captain Morgan, and never heard bitching and never paid child support or alimony, and dated cheerleaders and kept his house and guns, and ate spam and potato chips and beans, and blew enormous farts, and never got cheated on while he was at work, and all his friends and family thought he was friggin cool as hell, and he had tons of money in the bank, and left the toilet seat up.

The End.

Dave was born without eyelids, so they circumcised him and used the skin. The operation was a success, he's just a little cockeyed.



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What Do You Want?

For some time the Executive Committee have been considering changes to our Membership benefits. Metro and close-metro members (me) have the benefit of attending RSAR Association events and functions in Adelaide or surrounds. But those more than 100 kms from Adelaide, and especially those from further afield throughout rural SA and interstate receive nothing but the camaraderie and this newsletter. (Of course, "Sitrep, Over!" has to be worth at least \$10 per publication, said no one ever!)

The question has to be asked.....what can we give to you that would make our association more attractive and worthwhile to you?

We aren't overly financial, but through membership fees and sales of merchandise we manage to keep our heads above water, and continue our support of the Regiment and other organisations from time to time. If we could give something back, it would even out the balance between metro and non-metro.

Have a think about it, as we're eager to listen to your suggestions. Email them to the Secretary on the address at left, and we'll check out your ideas.

Please...no all expenses paid holidays to Athens etc!

Association Merchandise

Over the years the RSAR Association has added multiple items to our Merchandise List, and these are available for purchase by contacting the President Rodney Beames via his email of rocher2@bigpond.com

Listed below are the prices.

Association Stubby Holder	\$6
Association Tie	\$20
Association Lapel Badge	\$10
Association Nameplate	\$20
Association Engraved Shield	\$50
(Includes postage & plaque with service details)	
Association Polo Top (NEW)	\$40



Add \$3 postage for EACH item.

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