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**The YORKS are
coming!**

One Hundred and One years ago on April 25th 1916, the Gallipoli Peninsular was no longer a battlefield.

At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the Peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships.

More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. The Gallipoli campaign had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways they viewed both their past and their future.

In 1916, Anzac Day was held on 25 April for the first time. It was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services in Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

During the 1920s Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on Anzac Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day –

dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of Anzac Day culture.

With the coming of the Second World War, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war. In subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who were killed in all the military operations in which Australia has been involved.

Anzac Day was first commemorated at the Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, Anzac Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.

What does it mean today?

Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held at dawn – the time of the original landing – across the nation. Later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

It is estimated 1 in 3,500 Australians will attend an ANZAC Day Dawn Service this year.

Where will you be?

LEST WE FORGET

"Back By Popular Demand" concerts

After a sell out concert at the Murray Bridge Town Hall in 2015, the Band of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR will once again provide the people of the Murraylands with not only one, but TWO world class concerts.

Numerous calls have been made asking when the Band is coming back, and we can now announce that 17th April will be the date.

The first matinee concert will be from 1 to 3.30 pm, and the afternoon concert will be from 5 to 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available as per the flyer (opposite) and only 290 tickets per show are available.

THEY WILL SELL FAST.

The theme for the concerts is to be "The Spirit of ANZAC" and this will continue our involvement in the Centenary of ANZAC which will culminate in an increased awareness by all Australians in 2018.

One Hundred Years since the end of WW1 should see thousands of Australians pay homage to those brave folk who fought to ensure our way of life.

The Band has been practicing a number of new tunes, but they will include some old favourites from last years concert as well.

The Commanding Officer has already booked his seats, so be sure to get your tickets before they're all sold. It won't take long, and we would hate for you to miss out.

Refer to the flyer on the next page!!

Serving Members?

June/July is when you renew

All serving members of the RSAR Association.....that is, ALL PERSONNEL STILL SERVING IN THE ADF.....your first year of free membership is now up and you are now required to pay a grand total of \$10 per year for your membership, whilst still serving! (Apologies to the CO and 2IC who have recently joined.)

"What do I get for my money?" I hear you ask!

- Well, for a start you get to mingle with members of the Regiment from as far back as the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s!
- You get to enjoy the camaraderie of soldiers and former soldiers of the Royal South Australia Regiment, who want to fulfil our goal to "PERPETUATE THE REGIMENT!"
- You get a free newsletter each month advising you of functions and events concerning our Regiment.
- You get to attend quarterly luncheons at the Hackney Hotel with other members, and listen to very interesting guest speakers.
- You get to attend an End Of Year BBQ every year, with your wife and kids, at Keswick Barracks **FOR FREE**.
- And you get to support the largest, oldest infantry battalion in South Australia by supporting the RSAR Association.
- And if you're a Digger, you get breakfasts and BBQs cooked for you by the Association Members when you return from that God forsaken place called Cultana. That alone, is worth \$10 a year!

You can pay your \$10 simply by EFT the amount to:

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Account 482 441 406

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.

ie:- "A.B. SMITH 2016 FEES."

Thank you for your contribution to your own military welfare. CSMs and Platoon Sergeants, over to you!

"Sitrep, Over!"



The nationally renowned Band of the 10th/27th Battalion will perform a complete collection of popular and classical songs from throughout the years

"The Band of the 10th/27th Battalion"
"Back by Popular Demand"

TWO CONCERTS

Matinee: 1 - 3.30 pm

Evening: 5 - 7.30 pm

Sunday 17th April 2016

At the Murray Bridge Town Hall
Bridge St Murray Bridge



Proudly supported by Murray Bridge RSL & the Royal South Australia Regiment Association

Tickets only \$ 15 per head, includes light refreshments during Intermission

**Tickets on sale at the Murray Bridge RSL on Thursday and Friday evenings,
or by contacting:**

Murray Bridge RSL	(08) 8532 1314 (Thurs & Friday evening only)
Mr Mick Loeckenhoff	0419 380 493
Mr David Laing	0407 791 822
Mr Fred McInerney	0418 843 246

The YORKS are coming!!!

The last time we heard that, was when some bloke called Captain James Cook landed on our shores in the 1700's and scared the hell out of some kangaroos! In March we will be host to a Platoon of soldiers from the UK based 4th Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment. A unit older than Australia. These fortunate men will embark on our shores, not to raid, pillage or shop till they drop, they will train alongside our own battalion in that far off paradise called CULTANA. They will learn from some of our best, like CPL Mark Blondell, who himself has made the transition from Pom to Oz, and now ranks as one of the most promising of our members. (Mark is also on the RSARA committee)



Ex MORLANCOURT (Ex MC) is an exchange program managed by the Army Directorate for International Engagement (DIE-A) and the UK Ministry of Defence. It comprises a field training exercise focussed on foundation war-fighting, where a UK Army Reserve Rifle Platoon is embedded in a 2 DIV unit.

In 2016, 10/27 RSAR will host a Rifle Platoon from the 4th Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment (4 YORKS) from 06-20 Mar 16. The UK Platoon will embed in Battlegroup JACKA during Ex PREDATORS GALLOP (Ex PG) to be conducted at CUTA from 12-20 Mar 16.

4 YORKS is an Reserve unit raised on 06 Jun 06 by the amalgamation of the Prince of Wales's Own company of The East and West Riding Regiment, Green Howards company from the

Tyne-Tees Regiment and two companies of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment from The East and West Riding Regiment.

4 YORKS is headquartered in Worsley Barracks, York and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Mark Yates. The battalion is dispersed throughout Yorkshire with Companies in Barnsley, Beverley, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and York.



4 YORKS is part of 4th Infantry Brigade (The Black Rats), which is comprised of both Regular and Reserve units. 4th Inf Bde is commanded by Brigadier Gerald Strickland DSO MBE, and is headquartered in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire. 4th Inf Bde has deployed forces to the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan. "Sitrep, Over!" will feature further articles on this story as they come to hand.

Information on 4 YORKS provided by Major Stephen Miller, OC A Coy 10/27 Bn RSAR

Letters to the Editor

Good Afternoon David,

Whilst I understand that I am an honorary member of the RSARA by virtue of my position, I would like to make it official by joining as a full member to assist in perpetuating the Regiment and in acknowledgement of the work that the organisation has done and continues to do for the serving soldiers of the RSAR.

Can you please send me a copy of the application form and I will return it to you promptly

Kindest Regards

Trent Burnard

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer
10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment

Geez, ya gotta larf!

Random Thoughts For The 60's and over

Sent in by Norm Tregenza

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off!

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment ... now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change things I can and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.

And here's some advice to our young soldiers, as they grow older (like all the rest) and require some advice...

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to morons that needs work. Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my wife took it!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I just roll my eyes out loud?

For a quick lesson in life.....just ask your kids!!!



Private Gomad reckons.....

Well, my night was almost ruined...



**I NEVER
ARGUE**
I JUST EXPLAIN WHY I'M RIGHT.

An address from the new CO of 10th/27th Battalion RSAR

The President Rodney Beames and I first met with the new Commanding Officer of the Battalion about 3 weeks ago. We were offered coffee and biscuits by the new Adjutant and the RSM (a common way of getting the enemy to relax) and although we declined, the coffee smelt marvellous. An hour later we were no longer considered as the enemy.

The first thing that impressed me with the new CO, is that he looks, walks and talks like a soldier who means what he says. I have much pleasure in presenting to you, the new Commanding Officer of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR, Lieutenant Colonel Trent Burnard.

David Laing - Editor

To the men and women of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association, both current serving members, ex-serving as well as affiliate members.

As the incoming Commanding Officer of this great unit I would like to start with a short introduction. I commenced my career as a soldier in B Coy, 10/27 RSAR in 1990. I was promoted to LCPL in 1992 and later enlisted into the Regular Army in 1993. Following the usual initial training I was posted to 2/4 RAR and shortly after arriving in the unit I deployed to Rwanda. After completing Officer training at RMC in 1996 I was allocated to AUSTINT and spent the first two years as an infantry qualified officer with The Pilbara Regiment in WA. I completed a range of AUSTINT postings including a deployment to East Timor before transferring back to the Reserves in 2004 and corps transferring back to RAINF. I completed a number of regimental, command and staff postings, many of those were within 10/27 RSAR before being selected to command in 2016. In my civilian capacity I work as a security consultant. I am married to Lou and together we have four boys.

As the incoming CO I would like to express my personal thanks to LTCOL Goodwin and his command team and principal staff for their leadership and dedication over the last few years and their ongoing involvement with the RSARA.

When you look at 10/27 RSARs accomplishments over the last few years, it is apparent that LTCOL Goodwin and his team have contributed significantly to 10/27s capability within Army. The unit has excelled in raising, training and sustaining capability to meet its Reinforcing Battle Group and operational commitments. The unit has embraced the challenge presented by Plan Beersheba and performed brilliantly to-date.

I recently addressed nearly 300 of the men and women of the Regiment during the Force Preservation Training weekend at RAAF Base Edinburgh. The key points I raised with the regiment are detailed below and apply to all of us with a strong connection and vested interest in the ongoing success of our unit into the future.

Available and Committed. *I will be asking a great deal of the unit members as we approach our first major certification exercise in the middle of this year. No longer do members of the Regiment commit to a single two week exercise each year. Multiple extended exercises occur through out the year, which test the availability of each and every member. Whilst 20 days a year re-*



mains the minimum requirement for each member 40-60 days per year is now the norm and indeed the expected commitment for a current reservist. To this end the unit is now actively supporting spouses and employers to increase the availability of our troops. The 10/27 RSAR, Spouse, Family and Friends group on Facebook has now commenced and I hope that the RSAR Association members join it to keep abreast of some of the issues that are being faced by families of our current reservists and even join in on some of the activities.

Training War fighters to Fight. Through complex, arduous and mentally demanding activity commanders at all levels will be required to demonstrate how they are preparing their soldiers to fight alongside their Regular Army counterparts. The soldiers and officers combat skills will be scrutinised at all levels for proficiency and currency.

Every Soldier a Recruiter. Recruiting numbers within the Reserves are in steep decline. It is vitally important that we reverse this trend immediately by diverting resources and personnel to actively recruit to all corps within the Regiment. Inadequate attention in this space jeopardises our ability to meet our operational commitments in the future. The unit will be actively seeking recruits from the usual target age demographic through the traditional educational institutions as well as non-traditional community groups in an attempt to capitalise on a broader community population base. The Regiment is now actively involved in recruiting via Facebook and I welcome everyone to "like" the 9th Brigade, Australian Army Facebook page and share the content that 10/27 RSAR puts on the page.

Preserving Our Force: As we are all well aware, it is easier to retain our people than to recruit and train them. To this end we will be reinvigorating our programs on preventing avoidable injuries, support to soldiers who are wounded, injured or ill as well as resilience and mental health. A strong focus on the types of behaviour that are considered acceptable was reiterated to the Regiment during the recent training weekend because it is vitally important that current serving members continue to look after their mates and protect the reputation of the Regiment and the broader Army.

The unit is performing brilliantly with an increasingly operationally focused capability that provides real options for the Australian Government. Many of the activities that the unit has traditionally supported will be competing with other operationally directed tasks. Despite this, the unit will continue to support community events where it can but only if it has the residual resources do so.

I can also assure you that the strength of the RSAR continues to reside in its people. They are, in my view, a great example of what it means to be an Australian Soldier.

- An expert in close combat
- A leader
- Physically tough
- Mentally prepared
- Courageous
- Committed to learning and development
- Demonstrates initiative
- Displays teamwork
- Compassionate

Every member of the RSAR Association can feel confident that the CO is enthusiastic, committed and dedicated to improving the overall professionalism of the unit and genuinely concerned for the member's and their families. I am a strong supporter of the RSAR Association and look forward to a close relationship where the unit is able to open up some of its experiences and activities to the Association.

Pro Patria.

Trent Burnard

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer
10th/27th Battalion RSAR

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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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Keenan, Alan
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Klopf, Paul
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Lee, Pat
Lloyd, Elmer
Lockett, John
Longstaff, Paul
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Main, Brian
Marcus, Ray
Martin, Bob
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Mau, Mark
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McMullin, Jim
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Moore, Terry **LM**
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Wheeler, Chris

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Wilson, Graham **LM**
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Wood, George
Woore, Phillip
Yorke-Simpkin Reg **LM**
Zurowski, Paul **SM**

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Dart, Caroline
Demosani, Gail
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Gatley, Graeme
Gill, Maureen
Gilmour, Helen
Hawking, Lorraine
Hook, Phillipa
Hudson, Margaret
Jolly, Sandra
Klopf, Josie
Laing, June
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Marcus, Yvonne
Lee, Anne
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Tregenza, Lyn

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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

216 members
as at 20/2/16

Abareh, Wadi **SM**
Abel, Colin
Acton, Chris
Adams, Aaron **SM**
Apostolides, Chris
Attenborough, Geoff
Ayles, Jeff
Baldwin, Bob
Bampton, Michael **BAND**
Barnaart, Philip
Bates, Allan
Beames, Rod **CoM**
Beckett, David **LM SM**
Bennet, Graham
Benveniste, Sam **SM**
Bilsborow, Jason **SM**
Blackmore, William
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Blondell, Mark **SM CoM**
Bloomfield, Max
Bourne, Ian **SM**
Boath, Ian
Boothroyd, Lincoln **SM**
Boscence, Bob
Bras, Riley **SM**
Broadbent, Robert **SM**
Brookes, Phil
Brown, Bruce
Brown, Harry
#Burnard, Trent **SM CO**
Burton, Ray
Buttars, Erik
Campbell, Wenona **BAND**

Carnachan, Ian
Chittleborough, Jeff
Clyne, Lachlan **SM**
Cooke, Nat **CoM**
Contibas, Nikolaus **SM**
Cotton, Bob
Cram, Kevin
Dart, John
Davey, John (Jack)
Davey, Trevor **BAND**
Dawson, Trevor
Del Vecchio, Victor
Demasi, Nathan **SM**
Demosani, Tony
Domanski, Glenn
Dubsky, Eddie
Dunn, Peter
Dunn, Bob
Dunn, Jeff
Durdin, Russell
Durrant, Chris
Edson, Roger
Elliott, Graham
Elliss, Scott **SM**
Eva, Keith
Ewens, Mimi **SM**
Ferguson, Shane **BAND**
Field, Don
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Fridday, Ross
Fortune, Nigel **BAND**
Gaborit, Lyndon **LM**
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Gibson, Lindsay
Giles, John