

"Sitrep, Over!"



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Association BBQ Support for the Battalion

About 4 weeks ago Rodney Beames received a mid week telephone call from the CO of 10/27 Bn RSAR requesting catering support for a Battalion Leadership Weekend at Keswick Barracks. "No problem!" said Beamsey, "When is it?" he asked, anticipating about a 10 day lead. "This weekend!" said the CO!

How could Rod say anything but "How many are we feeding and what times are they dining?"

Once that was worked out, Rod got on the phone to some members and got a reliable, well oiled (in more ways than one) crew together, to provide sustenance for up to 30 Officers and Other Ranks attending the Leadership Exercise.

The RSARA crew were present on both days to ensure the soldiers were well fed, and the fact that there was very little wastage showed how much the Diggers enjoyed the food. (See letter below.)

Rod wishes to thank Nat Cooke, Mick Standing, Russ Durdin and Norm Rathmann, and of course Mrs Cheryl Beames who all made the support successful. Again!

Letter of Appreciation

Mr Rod Beames

President

Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc

Dear *Rod*

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - SUPPORT TO 10/27 BN RSAR LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

I would like to express my warmest thanks to you and your team for the support you provided to the Battalion Command Team with the provision of the lunchtime BBQ's on our recent training weekend.

The quality of the food was second to none and representative of the high standard that we continue to receive from the Association.

The friendliness and camaraderie displayed by your members to the Command Team was of note and greatly assisted in introducing the new members of the Battalion to the Association.

Once again thank you for your continued support to the Battalion members.

Trent Burnard

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Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding Officer

10th/27th Battalion, the Royal South Australia Regiment.

Australia marked the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin on Sunday 19th February, but for generations the country was kept in the dark about the true dimensions of the Japanese attack.

At 9.58am on February 19, 1942, just four days after the supposedly impregnable British garrison in Singapore collapsed, Japanese bombers escorted by Zero fighters appeared in the skies above Darwin.

The first wave attacked the CBD and harbour infrastructure, and sank 11 ships either at anchor or berthed. A second wave came for the RAAF base.

By noon, 243 people – including 53 civilians – were dead, 400 wounded. The wharf was cut in two, 30 aircraft were destroyed and the post office levelled; postmaster Hurtle Bald, his wife Alice, daughter Iris and six post office workers died when a bomb hit their slit trench.

The dead were buried in temporary graves at Vestys Beach near the meatworks. Later, their bodies were transferred to the Adelaide River Cemetery where they lie today.

Tokyo had no intention of invading – Japanese army leaders knew they lacked the capacity – but nobody fully informed the Australian people.



There was a brief report in The Age on February 20, but Prime Minister John Curtin subsequently banned media reports on the Darwin bombing.

"Unauthorised reports of this nature cause needless anxiety, especially to wives and children who have been evacuated," Mr Curtin said in a memo to the Advisory War Council.

Despite political attempts to dampen the bombings' true dimensions, news and gossip that northern towns were under fire drove fears even deeper into battered

hearts.

Military historian Tom Lewis' new book, *The Empire Strikes South – Japan's Air War Against Northern Australia 1942-45*, reveals new information about the war.

He told Fairfax Media that contrary to enduring claims there had been 64 raids in the Northern Territory, his research of Japanese war records found 77, while 208 enemy combat flights were carried out in northern Australia.

"In wartime, some truths get lost, viewed through different prisms, changed or forgotten," he said.

"At least 186 Japanese airmen died when their aircraft were brought down. In many cases their bodies lie in remote sites across the vast bush and coastal waters of the north. Many of the wrecks have never been found.

"I was identifying a portion of a Dutch bomber just this week – it was an enormous war and it's scattered all over."

The Darwin area took the brunt of the attacks, with the first in February and the last on November 12, 1943.

In between, there were scores of strikes on airstrips strung along the Stuart Highway, Batchelor, Adelaide River, Katherine and on Milingimbi in Arnhem Land.

Small towns and missions along the West Austra-



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Many thanks for the newsletter David.

I wonder if you could 'spread the word', that I have an Infantry officer's Mess Kit (scarlet jacket & waistcoat and trousers) to suit a medium size person, PLUS a White Mess Jacket of the same size, previously owned by LTCOL Don Phillips. If any retired officer is interested, they could contact me on this email address, OR on 0418.852.661. Any donation will be passed on to the Army Museum.

Cheers,

Geoff Laurie

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Hi David, apologies for the late follow up to our phone conversation, family commitments always pop up when least expected.

My name is Stephen Roy Laws, born 18/08/46, was working at Rum Jungle, NT, when became part of the 43rd Bn RSAR I believe in July 1966 as part of the Special Conditions National Service.

Am sure the location where all this started was Kilkenny Barracks?

Am at the moment trying to get my service number from the defence dept.

I remember a Sergeant Laurie Barber, a British Sergeant first name Brian ?? and Platoon Commander Doug Travevastous, (not sure of the spelling) from I think Penola area.

Remember many camps at Cultana and 1 at Victor Harbour plus did my NCO courses at these locations and got promoted to Corporal.

Due to work commitments in Papua New Guinea was transferred to 19 NSWV where continued my time until the then Federal Government in 1972 disbanded National Service.

Am a little hazy re some aspects but hope have provided enough information to help maybe clear up some aspects of this part of my life that I did enjoy.

Many Thanks

Cheers

Stephen Laws

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lian coast – Broome (where many died when flying boats with women and children evacuated from Java were sitting ducks as the Zeroes arrived), Derby, Port Hedland, Onslow and Wyndham, sustained a handful of raids.

In the east, Townsville – a key Australian and US army staging base – was hit four times, and the airstrip on Horn Island in the Torres Strait was bombed once. Inexplicably, so, too, was a sugar farm near Mossman in far north Queensland.

Dr Lewis said that for years Australians hardly knew a thing about the Japanese attacks.


"If the government wanted to keep quiet about the bombings to avoid citizen panic, after the war people just wanted to forget and get on with their lives," he said.

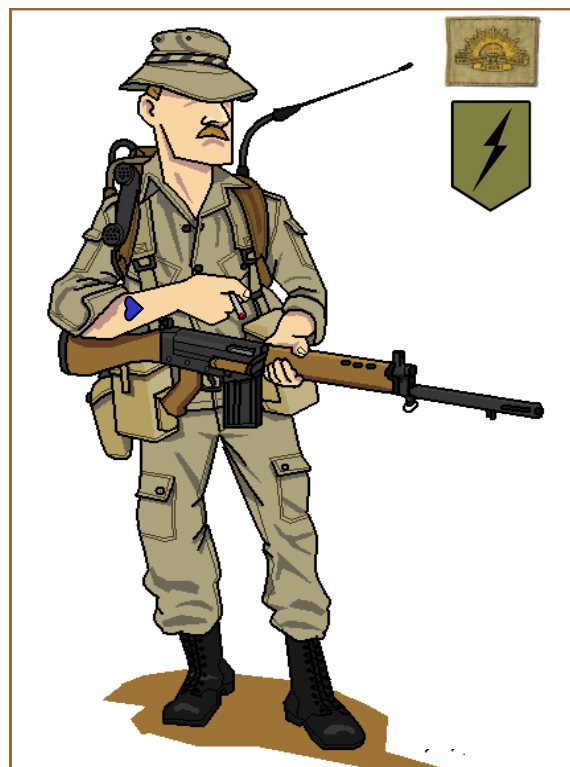
"The first hint that something bigger had happened in Darwin was Douglas Lockwood's book Australia's Pearl Harbour: Darwin 1942 in 1965. We've been filling in the gaps since."

Editors Note: It is interesting to know that the bombing and strafing raids on Darwin by the Japanese continued for over 12 months, with periodic raids being carried out up until 1943. The US Naval Base at Pearl Harbour was bombed only once, on December 7th 1941. As mentioned above, the enormity of the initial Darwin raids were kept from the Australian public in order that they not over react and cause a state of panic.

Lest We Forget



After 4 years of loyal service to the "Sitrep, Over!" Newsletter, we have decided to retire WX 3211 Private Gomad, and allow him to relax, put his feet up, and drift gracefully into retirement. PTE Gomad took over from SX28 LCPL Knuckles, who got the newsletter going back in 2010 / 2011. As wars are fought and won, so we move on, so taking Gomad's place on this page is CPL Davo, from the 1970's era, when things were not only hot in South Vietnam, they were heating up at home with the Anti Government Protests and the Moratoriums against Conscription. We all know how that went, don't we? Please enjoy the wit of CPL Davo! 



CPL DAVOS'

PAGE

God visited a woman and told her she must give up smoking, drinking and sex if she wants to get into heaven.

The woman said she would try her best.

God visited the woman a week later to see how she was getting on.

"Not bad" said the woman, "I've given up smoking and drinking but then I bent over to get some stuff out of the freezer and my husband caught sight of my long slender legs, he pulled up my skirt, pulled my knickers to one side and made love to me right then and there."

"They don't like that in heaven, ma'am," said God.

The woman replied: "They're not too happy about it at Woolworth's either."

NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF
THAT HASN'T EVEN
HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

Life is short.
Smile while
you still
have teeth.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

IF A WOMAN SAYS
"FIRST OF ALL."
DURING AN ARGUMENT
RUN AWAY, BECAUSE
SHE HAS PREPARED
RESEARCH, DATA, CHARTS,
AND WILL DESTROY YOU.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

On a bitterly cold winter morning a husband and wife in Michigan USA were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow plows can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow plows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow plows can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

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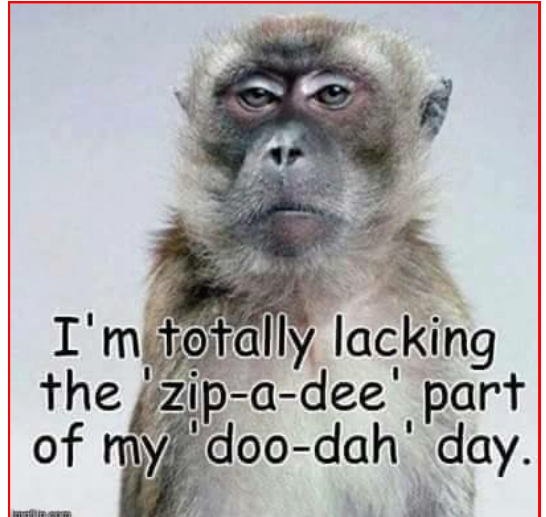
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Two blokes living in outback Australia saw a couple of jobs advertised by the Queen looking for footmen, to walk beside her carriage.

They applied and were flown to London for an interview with Her Majesty.

She says: "Because my footmen must wear long white stockings, I must see your ankles to be sure they are not swollen or misshapen".

After they show her their ankles, the Queen says: "It is also important that you do not have knobby knees, so I need to see your knees as well".

Once she has seen their knees she says: "Now everything appears to be in shape so I just need to see your testimonials".

Five years later, when the pair are finally released from prison, one of the blokes says to the other "I reckon if we had just had a bit more education, we could have got that job".

Once a SOLDIER



ALWAYS a SOLDIER

75th Anniversary of the Radji Beach Massacre

Many wartime stories contain incredible tales of courage and survival. From Lieutenant Commander Henry Stoker who commanded the AE2 submarine during the Gallipoli landings, to Ensign Nancy Wake who assisted numerous Allied servicemen to escape France during World War II, to Corporal Mark Donaldson VC who risked his own life to rescue a wounded Afghan interpreter, Australia's history abounds with stories of performance of duty well above and beyond reasonable expectations.

But few can surpass that of Australian Army Nursing Sister Vivian Bullwinkel, whose survival of what has become known as the massacre on Radji Beach, that claimed 21 of her fellow nurses on 16 February 1942, and her subsequent more than three years as a Japanese Prisoner of War, is nothing short of inspiring.

On Sunday 12 February this year, at the Women's Memorial Playing Fields in St Marys, a service was held to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Radji Beach Massacre and to honour all Australian servicewomen. The Playing Fields were dedicated as a War Memorial to Servicewomen in 1956.

Vivian Bullwinkel was born in Kapunda, South Australia on 18 December 1915. Vivian completed her training as a nurse and midwife in Broken Hill, NSW before beginning her first nursing post in Hamilton, Victoria.

When World War II was declared, Vivian applied to be a volunteer nurse. Her first approach was made to the RAAF where she was rejected because of flat feet. Not to be dissuaded, Vivian approached the Australian Army Nursing Service and was accepted and assigned to the 2nd/13th Australian General Hospital (AGH). In September 1941 she sailed for Singapore.

By December 1941 Japanese troops had invaded Malaya and were beginning a rapid advance south to Singapore with a series of key victories. The advance forced the 2nd/13th AGH to evacuate quickly to Singapore. The safety of Singapore was short lived and on 12 February Vivian, and 65 other nurses, boarded the SS Vyner Brooke to escape the island. Originally built to carry 12 passengers, the Vyner Brooke was severely overloaded, carrying 265 men, women and children, as well as the 65 nurses from the AGH.

As the Vyner Brooke headed for Palembang in Sumatra, sailing in darkness along the Bangka Strait, Japanese war-



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Studio portrait of Staff Nurse Vivian Bullwinkel, Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), in service dress uniform. P03960.001

ships were patrolling the area. By daylight the following day, the Vyner Brooke was dangerously exposed and just after 2pm Japanese aircraft commenced an attack. Despite consistent diversionary manoeuvres by her Captain, the Vyner Brooke was crippled by several bombs and sank. Vivian, along with 21 other nurses and a large group of men, women, and children, made it to shore at Radji Beach on Bangka Island. The following day they were joined by 100 British soldiers who had also swum to shore after their ship had been sunk in similar circumstances. Stranded on what they knew was now Japanese occupied land, a breakaway group of civilian men, women and children, made the difficult decision to set off into the jungle to surrender to Japanese troops. The nurses, soldiers and wounded waited on the beach with an expectation that the Japanese would also take them as prisoners of war.

Japanese soldiers arrived within hours and divided the survivors into three groups with the nurses in the third group. After killing members of the first two groups the Japanese ordered the nurses to turn and march into the sea. As they did they were gunned down by machine gun fire from the beach. Struck by a bullet Vivian pretended to be dead until the Japanese soldiers had gone. Along with a wounded British private, Vivian hid for the next 12 days before deciding that surrender to the Japanese was their only option.

More than three years followed in a Japanese prisoner of war camp until Vivian was finally released at war's end in 1945.

Vivian retired from the Army in 1947. She was appointed Director of Nursing at the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital. Devoting her life to the nursing profession she honoured those killed on Bangka Island by raising funds for an Australian Nurses' Memorial. She also served as a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial.

Vivian died in July 2000, aged 84, but not before returning to Bangka Island in 1992, where she unveiled a shrine to those Australian nurses with whom she had served and who had not survived the war.

The bravery of Vivian Bullwinkel and those who died in the Radji Beach Massacre is a vivid reminder of the sacrifices of war. A truly inspiring story of courage and resilience against all odds captured in the poem "Bangka Strait" written by Keith Shegog:

*February Fourteen, Bangka Strait, nineteen forty two
 This day we remember the chosen few
 A sinking ship, a prayer to Him
 Survivors face a ten mile swim.
 Australian Nurses, serving with A.G.H
 Rally together, through bodies do ache
 Helping the others, they make for shore
 For those that strayed, they could do no more
 Through the night, no reason to rejoice
 On reaching shore there is little choice
 Surrender, what else can be done
 None could imagine the massacre to come.
 Twenty two nurses marched into the sea
 Sounds of gun fire, a prayer to Thee
 One survived the final test
 Twenty one more find eternal rest.
 So remember, those the Good Lord took
 Their journey began with the sinking of
 "The Vyner Brooke"*



While we are still waiting for Tony Chaplin (ANZAC DAY Chief Marshal) to forward his final Commemoration March plans to us, we anticipate not too much change from last year, or the year before, or.....etc!

Therefore, UFN, we shall form up in Grenfell Street near the corner of Pulteney Street, and wait until we are invited to commence the march, whereby we shall show we can still keep some form of pace and step whilst battling the ravages of age!

And march we will, although our ages range from the serving members still in their 20's to our elder statesmen in their 80's. Not a bad effort for a bunch of grunts, as some used to call us!

If any member wishes to participate in the march but can't make the distance, we can arrange official transportation through the ANZAC Day Committee. Please let me know if you are one of those. I might just join you. See you there!

Refreshments on ANZAC Day 2017

Due to varying degrees of service to our members at the Queens Head Hotel last ANZAC Day, the Committee of Management have decided that all Association personnel who march or observe the commemorations this year will meet at the **Torrens Parade Ground** after the march.

Those who wish, can attend the Service of Remembrance at the Cross of Sacrifice straight after the march, and from there make their way back to the Parade Ground where some of your mates will already be 3 or 4 cans in front of you.

Ample shaded seating is available under the large marquee, and BBQs are set up in strategic points throughout the Parade Ground to make your mouth water.



Who is Who?

Dear David,

Thank you for another great edition of the mag. I can fill in some of the details regarding the photograph on page 6. I will forgo the fabulous prize! Perhaps you could donate it to the David Laing Ferrari Fund? The photograph was taken at Cultana in 1965 and is of the Anti-tank Platoon (NOT Mortars) Support Company 1st Battalion Royal South Australia Regiment.

The soldiers are : Rear rank L to R: Platoon Sergeant Don McCulloch, Pl. Commander 1st Lt. Roger Halliday ,Unknown Private, Pte Alan Orrock

Front: rank; L/CPL Evans , L/CPL Adrian Acton , Private Pankow.

Regards

Don McCulloch

3367 Pte FREDERICK KELLY SERN

1890 - 1917

It was on the Wednesday the 21st August 1915 at Broken Hill that Fred signed his induction papers to join the Australian Imperial Forces. He then found his way down to Adelaide. His enlistment date is listed as the 26th August 1915; he would then commence *Basic Training* probably at Wayville and was assigned to the 10th Battalion 11th reinforcement unit. (The 10 Btn. were now in Egypt having lost two thirds of their numbers at Gallipoli). For all of this he was to be paid the sum of 5 shillings per day.

On the 27th October 1915 Fred embarked on the Troop transport HMAT Benalla (A24) and sailed for Albany Western Australia where it joined up in a convoy and sailed for Egypt arriving December 1915, the training became more serious. On the 26th February 1916 Fred with about a third of the men from the 10th Btn along with men from other units were transferred to a new battalion, the 50th Btn. This battalion went on to become one of the most famous battalions of the Australian army in WW1, but also suffered the most casualties. Their training was then full on at Tel-al-Kabir

They proceeded to Alexandria by Troopship on 5th June 1916 and then aboard the Arcadian they traveled to Marseilles from here they went into action on the Western Front.

He was wounded on the 16/8/16, transferred to a field hospital with what was listed as "*Back wound Serious*" On the 25/8/16 he was placed aboard the hospital ship H.S.Brighton and sailed for England arriving at Calais he was then admitted to the 5th General Hospital at Leicester. On the 6/10/16 he was discharged from hospital and sent to "Perham Downs" for rehabilitation then on the 7th he was given leave until the 24th October 16. He then took on more rehabilitation.

The 25th April 1917 seen him sailing for France via Folkestone arriving at Estaples on the 26/4/17 and on the 5th June 1917 he rejoined his unit on the front line, five days later he was reported "*missing in action.*" It was not confirmed that he was dead until 26 November 1917.

Fred's mother like many mothers at the time was more than anxious to get more details about her son and like other mothers wrote to the Australian Red Cross. They in turn did some searching, sending "missing posters" to hospitals, rehab centers etc and then eventually they heard from a Pte Anthony Vincent who witnessed Fred's final moments (a copy of a letter written by Vincent is attached) in the letter Fred mentioned that they were in the same section (a section consisted of between 9 and 12 men, so I would say they were pretty close to each other like a small family). Vincent also mentioned that Fred would be buried by the relieving Battalion as his unit was on the move and things were pretty hot as far a battle goes. His burial site is listed as 9 Miles North East of Messines in an unmarked grave. There is still today about 2500 Australian buried in the Western Front in unmarked graves.

The Battle of Messines lasted a week; it was one of the bloodiest battles on the Western Front and deemed to be successful by the British commanders. The death toll was shocking for that seven day period alone, Germany lost in excess of 10,000 dead plus many thousand injured, the Australians lost 6,800 dead or injured. Plus thousands more British forces casualties.

Fred was awarded the following which were sent to his mother on the 20th December 1920 together with a pamphlet "Where The Australians Rest" explaining the memorial scroll at the Menin Gate in Belgium, a "Memorial Plaque" and a "Memorial Scroll"

1914 – 15 Star

British War Medal

Victory Medal

Fred's mother Mary being a widowed mother was awarded a war pension of 2 pounds a week

Compiled by Fred's grand nephew (and RSARA member)

Robin (Stewy) Stewart

10th June 2014

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| Attenborough, Geoff | |
| Ayles, Jeff | |
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| Bennet, Graham | |
| Benveniste, Sam | SM |
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| Blake, Sam | SM |
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| Jeffrey, Scott | SM |
| Johnson, Barry | LM |
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| Jones, Brett | |
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LM denotes LIFE MEMBER

SM denotes SERVING ADF MEMBER

BAND denotes serving 10/27 Band member

Denotes NEW MEMBER

**HOW TO JOIN**

The RSAR Association is an equal opportunity non-profit organisation set up to provide mateship, camaraderie and support to ex-serving and serving members of the Regiment, whose sole charter is "To Perpetuate the Regiment."

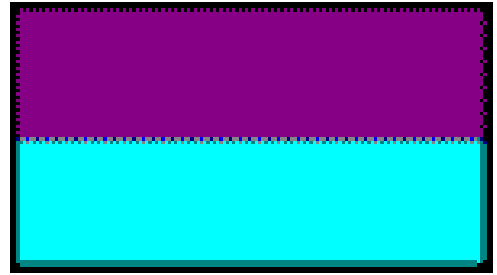
Annual membership is \$20 for Full Members and \$10 for Associate Members.

Serving Members pay ZERO for their first year of membership and \$10 for every year whilst still serving.

If you wish to become a member, just contact the Association on the numbers provided on Page 5, and an Application Form will be sent to you for completion.

It's THAT easy.

Pro Patria



PURPLE AND BLUE BROTHERS

A Short History of the 10th Battalion (AIF) Association

After each of the World Wars the returning diggers wanted to retain the comradeship and bonds that had been developed in adversity and a common experience. The men also wanted to assist each other in re-establishing themselves in civilian life. To do this they formed Clubs and Associations. This was the reason for the formation of the 10TH Battalion Club after WWI and the 2/10TH Battalion Club after WWII. After WWII the sense of having 2 separate Clubs was questioned and they were amalgamated in 1946 with the members blending well. In fact some members had served in both Battalions. Membership peaked at 1270 in 1955. In 1980 the 50TH Battalion Club was incorporated into the Association, after its' club had wound up. There were some members having served in both the 50TH and the 10TH Battalions, as the 50TH was born from the 10TH in Egypt in 1916, when Battalions were split up to enable the creation of new Divisions. In the 1990's the Association began to welcome new members that had served in the 10TH Battalion RSAR.

Aims & Purposes

The Association is a fellowship and welfare community that is the guardian of the good name of the 10TH, 50TH and 2/10TH Battalions. This is underpinned by the constitutional aims and purposes of the Association:

- To retain the interest of ex-personnel of the constituent battalions;
- To promote the interests of their members and of their dependants;
- To provide an organisation which will assist, in all possible manner, any member who is in need of assistance and advice;
- To perpetuate the memory and traditions of the 10th and 50th Battalions AIF and of the 2/10th Battalion AIF;
- To do all such things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of all the above objectives or any of them.

These aims and objectives have truly been fulfilled over the years by the members and successive committees of the Association. This has been achieved through the welfare program which included hospital visits to ailing Members, financial assistance in times of need, advice and advocacy on veteran's entitlements. Much effort has been made over the years to arrange and assist in the installation of Battalion memorials; not least of which was a 6 foot stone obelisk that was made in Adelaide and shipped by air (RAAF) land (truck) and sea (barge & canoe) to Buna in Papua New Guinea.

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Communiqués

The chief means of keeping in touch for the members was the official newsletter "Communique" which has seen 546 issues circulated since 1946. It was primarily used to organise Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative activities. It also related details of re-unions, family picnics and other functions. Letters from members were published and the activities and goings on of Battalion members reported. After WWII it was used as an employment exchange noting the availability of members for work and identifying opportunities for employment.

It was also a means by which old mates could send each other personal greetings and messages in the days prior to when the telephones came into wide use. Its' success was achieved by the dedication of successive Editors and the enthusiasm of the contributors.

Patrons

Since 1946 the Association has had only 2 patrons. There is deep gratitude for the counsel and support given by them to the Association over the years. They are Lieutenant General Sir Thomas Daly KBE, CB, DSO and Major-General Neil Wilson AM RFD.

Adios

In 2016 the difficult decision was made to wind up the Association. It was done with the knowledge that it had almost 100 years of history and tradition behind it. However, with the inevitable decline in veteran numbers and other avenues available to help fulfil the aims and objectives, it was a necessary decision to ensure a smooth, ordered and dignified transition. The completion of the winding up of the Association will occur in April 2017. The aims continue to be fulfilled to this day with the dispersal of funds to deserving recipients.

The 10th Battalion A.I.F. Association Committee

Note: The Association in conjunction with the VWM is attempting to gather as many editions of the Communique as possible; if anyone is aware of the whereabouts of any editions prior to 1990 we would be pleased to hear of it. Contact Greg Sharon on either 0419 808 195 or at 4chester@adam.com.au

Editors Note. The above article was compiled by Greg Sharon, Vice President 10th Bn (AIF) Association. Since the winding up of their own association, members of the 10th Battalion (AIF) Association have now become members of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc, and we welcome them with open arms.

It is planned to include them in all future RSARA functions and events, and ensure their service and dedication is not forgotten

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Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow.

In fact, just sod off and leave me alone.

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