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If you want your dinner, don't insult the cook.

Last month we brought you the story of the arrival of a platoon of British soldiers from the 4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment in Adelaide. Their purpose here was to train alongside members of 9 Brigade, including our own 10th/27th Battalion RSAR.

First they got to know our Australian weapons, including the F80 Steyr and the MAG 80 machine gun, before honing their skills at the WTTS Firing Range at Warradale Barracks.

On Wednesday 9th March they were treated to a visit to the ANZAC Exhibition at Wayville Showgrounds, accompanied by members of the RSAR Association including President Rodney Beames, Secretary David Laing, Treasurer David Hope and Functions Officer Norm Tregenza with wife Lyn.

About an hour was spent listening to the stories of the ANZACs when they first landed at Gallipoli, and on into the war in Europe.

Exercise 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 focused on foundation war-fighting, where a UK Army Reserve Rifle Platoon is embedded in a 2 DIV unit.

In March 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 Cultana Training Area from 12-20 Mar 16.

4 YORKS is a 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.

On March 19th the Association hosted an Aussie style BBQ for 4 YORKS and the 10/27 Bn soldiers returning from Cultana. Presentations from the Association and the Battalion were made to each of the British soldiers for their part in the training exercise. **Pics on Page 6.**

VALE WO2 John Girdler

It is with sadness we advise of the passing of John Girdler, on 9th March 2016 whilst on a trip to Sydney.

Late of 43 Battalion Royal South Australia Regiment, Warrant Officer Class 2 John Girdler died while he was in Sydney demonstrating wood carving when he took sick, and subsequently died from a blood clot.

The service to celebrate John's life was held on Friday 18th March at 1030hrs in the funeral home on Wiltshire Street Salisbury, and was attended by many former members of the Regiment.

(Thanks to RSARA member Christo Apostolides for providing the information.)

Rest in peace John.

Note: I have had numerous emails from former mates of John describing his great mateship and good humour. Far too many comments to print here, but obviously he had many friends and leaves many good memories. Editor.



Letter to the Editor

About the Adelaide Rifles

The Editor of "Sitrep, Over!" receives about 2 emails a month from folk asking us to trace their forebears, and provide them with the service records of soldiers long passed. Usually my reply is the same. "Sorry, we don't hold archival records of past Regiments!" This letter is different, and I'm certain there is someone within our membership who can help. Read on.....

Hello David,

I am contacting you to see if you can be of assistance to help me find information about an ancestor of mine.

This ancestor was named Edward Holliday and served in the original Adelaide Rifles. He migrated to SA in 1883 after having spent many years as a volunteer in the Royal Engineers in Leeds, Yorkshire and then joined our own SA military. The details I have below will give you a good outline on this man, but I am interested to find out how to go about accessing any records of that era. 1883-1898.

I am currently writing my second book, this one is a tribute to all those members of our extended family who have served in the defence of their country. Current numbers are in excess of 400 so I have quite a task ahead of me. I have already spent three years collecting information and now the compilation and structure is ahead of me.

I will be grateful if you have access to any information about the history of The Adelaide Rifles of that era or any information that you think will suit. Cheers for now and I hope to hear from you, Zita

Death Notice – The Adelaide Chronicle, Saturday 18 June 1898, Page 21.

Mr. Edward Holliday, who was for many years a colour-sergeant of C Company of the 1st Regiment in the South Australian military forces, but who retired when the recent Defence Act came into operation, died in the Adelaide Hospital on Tuesday morning, after an illness of several weeks. On relinquishing his position in the Militia Holliday, who began military service with a Volunteer Engineering Corps in Leeds, Yorkshire, about 30 years ago, in which he attained the rank of company Sergeant-Major, and who was a great enthusiast on the subject, took a prominent part in organising the Adelaide Defence Rifle Club, of which he was president at the time of his death. He was extremely popular with his comrades in all branches of the force, and had much to do with the formation of the old Non-Commissioned Officers' Club.

Obituary – South Australian Register, Wednesday 22 June 1898, Page 3

The death is announced at the Adelaide Hospital of Colour Sergeant Edward Holliday, who before he came to South Australia was for twelve years Sergeant-Major in the Leeds Corps Volunteer Engineers. He was a most enthusiastic rifle shot, and won a number of prizes.

Personalities – Quiz and the Lantern, Adelaide Thursday 23 June 1898, Page 6.

A son of the late Colour-Sergeant Holliday is one of the best rifle shots in South Australia.

Announcement of Death, South Australian Register, Thursday 16 June 1898, Page 4

The death is announced in the Adelaide Hospital of Mr Edward Holliday. The late Mr E Holliday, before he came to South Australia, was for twelve years Sergeant-Major in the Leeds Corps Volunteer Engineers. He joined the Defence Forces of this colony about January 31, 1884, in L Company, Adelaide Rifles. He was transferred to A Company on April 15, 1887: promoted to Lance Corporal, May 13, 1887: Corporal, September 30, 1887: Sergeant, April 10, 1889: and Colour Sergeant, October 2, 1896. He was a most enthusiastic rifle shot. He won a number of prizes, and was a marksman for several years prior to 1896, when the force was disbanded. He was most painstaking as an instructor to the younger members of his company, to whom his large experience was of great benefit. On the reorganization of the force in 1896 Colour-Sergeant Holliday retired from active service in the Militia Force, but soon after set to work to form a Rifle Club in the city to endeavour to keep old members of the force together and to promote the art of rifle-shooting amongst the rising generations.

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His untiring efforts were rewarded by the formation of the Adelaide Rifle Club, the members of which, to mark their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf, unanimously elected him as their President. The Non-Commissioned Officers' Club prior to the reorganization of the force also owed a great deal of its success to Colour-Sergeant Holliday's untiring zeal on behalf of its members.

FUNERAL Notice – South Australian Register, Friday 17 June 1898, Page 6

The Late Mr Holliday – The funeral of the late Mr Edward Holliday took place at North Road Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of people, including members of the Adelaide Defence Rifle Club and the Register Rifle Club. Colonel Madley, Commissioner of Police, and several officer of the Military Force were present.

Death Notice – The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, Wednesday 15 June 1898, Page 2.

Mr Edward Holliday, who was for many years a colour-sergeant of C Company of the 1st Regiment in the South Australian military forces, but who retired when the recent Defence Act came into operation, died in the Adelaide Hospital on Tuesday morning, after an illness of several weeks. On relinquishing his position in the Militia Mr. Holliday, who began military service with a Volunteers Engineering Corps at Leeds, Yorkshire, about 30 years ago, in which he attained the rank of company sergeant-major, and who was a great enthusiast on the subject, took a prominent part in organising the Adelaide Defence Rifle Club, of which he was President at the time of his death.

He was extremely popular with his comrades in all branches of the force, and had much to do with the formation of the old Non-Commissioned Officers' Club. Although it is contrary to precedent to accord a military funeral except in the case of officers and men on the active list, the members of the Rifle Club, and Mr Holliday's many friends in the Defence Force have been asked by the Secretary of the club (Mr W J Hutchison) to follow his remains to the grave in the North Road Cemetery at noon tomorrow. Mr Holliday leaves a widow and a grown up family, of whom one daughter and a son are married.

The Advertiser, Wednesday 15 June 1898, Page 4

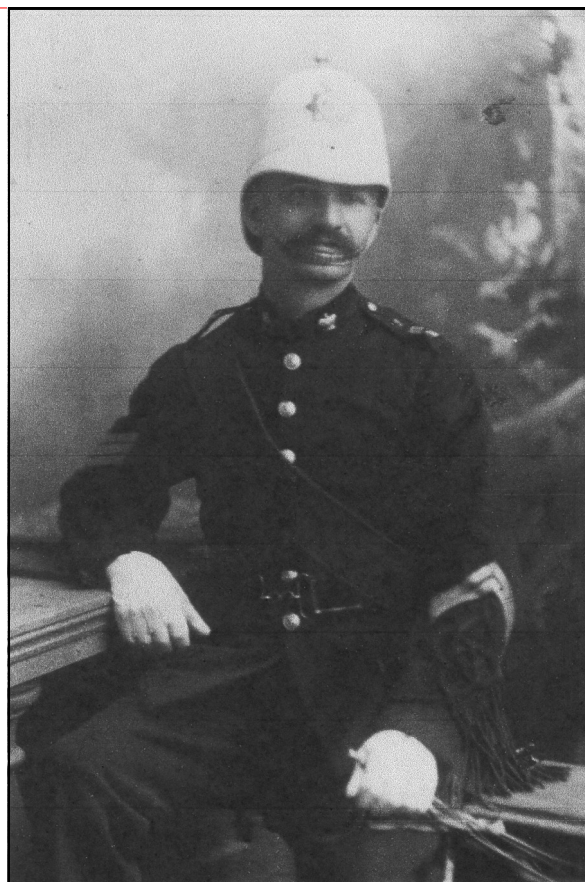
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If any of our readers can be of assistance in this matter, no matter how small or insignificant you may think it is, please contact Zita Vafiopulous on zitavaf@bigpond.com

See Page 11 for more info about the Adelaide Rifles



Edward Holliday

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4 YORKS visit the ANZAC Exhibition

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Some of the soldiers of 4 YORKS after the visit to the ANZAC Exhibition, with RSARA members David Hope and Rodney Beames.



Inside the exhibition wearing the audio headset that enabled everyone to listen to info about the display they were currently viewing.

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4 YORKS visit.....continued

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WOUNDED.

Pte. ANDERSON, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. R. D. ARMOUR, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. W. C. ATWOOD, 10th Battalion.
 Sgt. C. J. BATES, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. A. J. COURT, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. W. T. CROWDER, 10th Battalion.
 Sgt. H. S. UPHILL, 3rd Inf. B., H.Q.B.
 Pte. P. CUSACK, 10th Battalion.
 Lee, Cpl. C. C. CUMMINGS, 10th Batt.
 Pte. J. DAVIDSON, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. A. J. EDWARDS, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. H. EDWARDS, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. R. E. EY, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. G. FINCH, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. R. W. FRASER, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. L. G. GIBSON, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. J. W. GILLET, 10th Battalion.
 Bugler, T. S. GORDON, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. L. A. GREEN, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. B. W. HAYWARD, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. W. P. HOGGARTH, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. C. HORSEFIELD, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. W. H. HOWARD, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. H. KENNEDY, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. H. R. LANT, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. J. P. H. LEEDHART, 10th Batt.
 Pte. C. R. LINER, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. A. LOWE, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. T. R. LANGLEY, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. B. MACKIE, 10th Battalion.
 Lee, Cpl. V. C. MONKS, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. J. D. MORRISON, 10th B., 2nd Rfts.
 Pte. W. MURRAY, 10th Bat., 1st Rfts.
 Pte. W. H. O'BRIEN, 10th Batt., 2nd Rf.
 Pte. F. PIERCE, 10th Battalion.
 Pte. F. H. PRITCHARD, 10th Battalion.

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A Welcome “home” Aussie BBQ

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RSARA President Rod Beames presents individual shields to the British soldiers after their participation in Exercise Predators Gallop at Cultana South Australia.



Graham Elliott, David Hope and David Laing man the BBQs before the soldiers arrived back from Cultana.

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4 YORKS try Lamingtons and Ice Cream

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CO LTCOL Trent Burnard enjoys an ice cream while Graham Elliott enjoys a beer.

CPL Mark Blondell looks on, determined to be in the picture.

Rumour has it that of the 48,000 photos taken at Cultana by professional Defence photographers during Exercise Predators Gallop, CPL Blondell was in about 47,500 of them.

Interesting point! We placed a NEW jar of VEGEMITE on the table alongside the bread and butter, and not one person tried it, let alone the Brits! Something was heard whispered about "axle grease!"



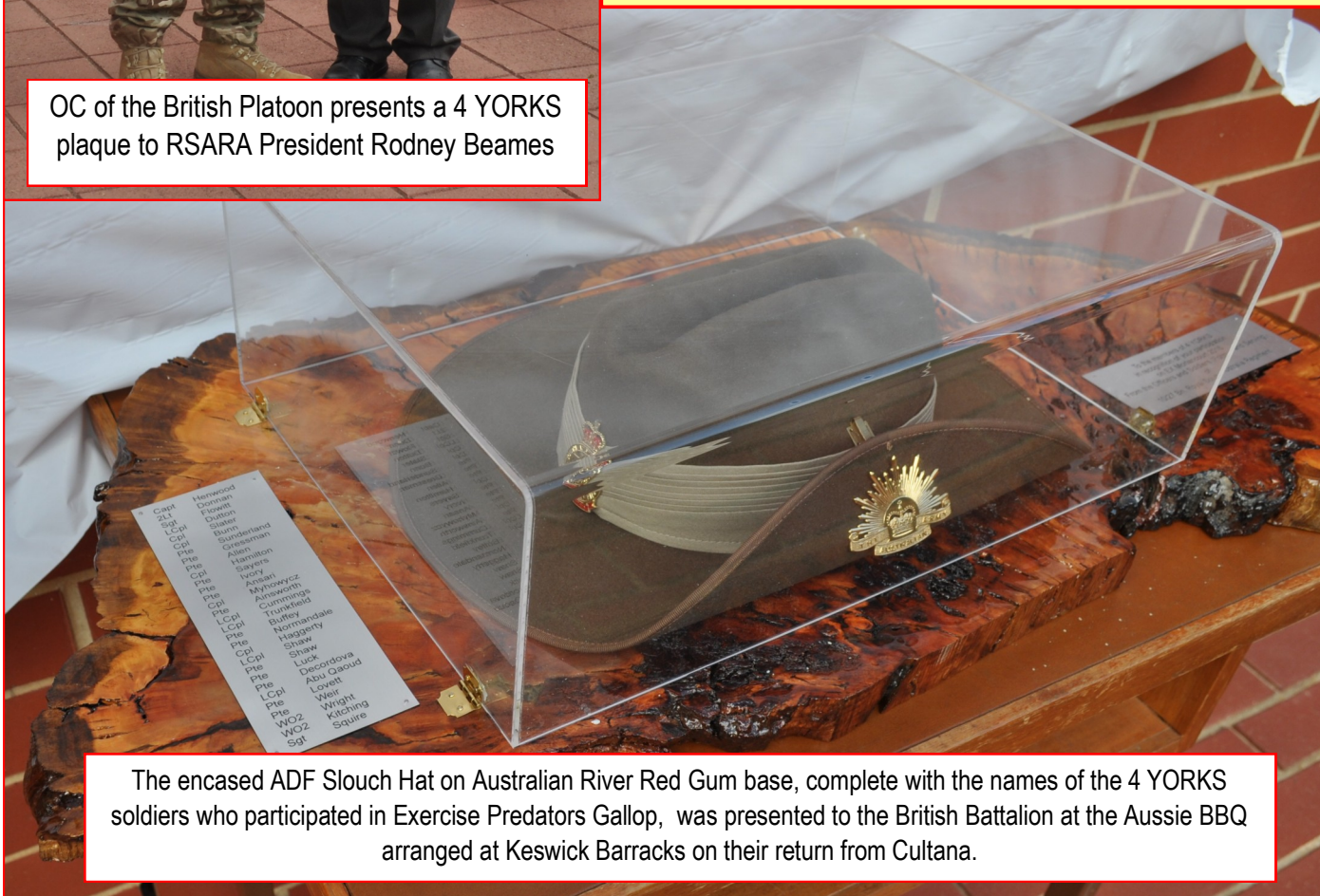
Former Lieutenant June Laing and former WO Caterer Col Abel prepare for the onslaught to arrive at Keswick Barracks.



OC of the British Platoon presents a 4 YORKS plaque to RSARA President Rodney Beames



Glad to be back and taking it easy after a hectic 10 day exercise at Cultana. When the British soldiers left England it was snowing and about 5 degrees. When they arrived in Adelaide the temperature was in the high 30's and humid. Thankfully the weather was a bit cooler for their time in Cultana, although they still saw plenty of our creepy crawlies!



The encased ADF Slouch Hat on Australian River Red Gum base, complete with the names of the 4 YORKS soldiers who participated in Exercise Predators Gallop, was presented to the British Battalion at the Aussie BBQ arranged at Keswick Barracks on their return from Cultana.



RSARA President Rodney Beames and Secretary David Laing with the plaque presented by 4 YORKS to the RSAR Association.



2LT Donnan 4 YORKS chats with 10/27 Battalion 2IC Major Malcolm Haynes at the Aussie BBQ.



10/27 Bn Commanding Officer LTCOL Trent Burnard receives a token of appreciation from OC 4 YORKS at the end of Exercise Predators Gallop



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Rations Packs or Aussie BBQ? Your choice mate!

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After 10 days on One Man Combat Rations, these guys really appreciated the Aussie BBQ prepared for them by the RSAR Association on their return from Cultana



Cheryl Beames serves up the salad and veggies to go with the meat.

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The Old Red Rooster - The Adelaide Rifle Company

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When the Alberton Drill Hall was demolished in 1996, a Committee was formed to recover items of historic interest to create the basis of a Commemorative Display in the SA Military Vehicles Museum at Port Adelaide. In January 2016, the remaining members of the Committee (Don Field, Chairman; Trevor Phillips, Deputy Chairman; Ian Carnachan, Treasurer; Barry Johnson and Ross Fridday, Members) voted to gift the original Alberton Rifle Company Flag (CMF) to the SA Army Museum at Keswick Barracks. These remaining members of the Committee are all members of the RSAR Association.

It was felt that the Army Museum Environment would provide the best and most secure long term future for the Flag and on the 16th of March 2016, Don Field handed the Flag over to MAGEN Neil Wilson as Chairman of the Regimental Council (and also Patron of the RSAR Association) for its safe keeping.

In his response to the handover, MAGEN Wilson advised that he was fully aware of the significance of the Flag and that it would be looked after into the future.

After the handover, MAJ Jeff Ayles, (also a RSAR Association member), took the Committee on a brief tour of the Museum. This tour concluded in the area where MAJ Ayles proposes to locate the Flag, together with a brief history of the Alberton Drill Hall and the origins of the Flag.

The area proposed is the Special Exhibition Display Area which is currently being upgraded but when completed, the Flag will be put on public display in this area.

The Committee is very grateful to MAJ Ayles for his assistance in this matter.

Regards,

Don Field 17 Mar 2016

PS The Old Red Rooster was designed and produced by the Alberton Members in 1964 and in 1965 was raised in public for the first time when it was marched on to a Battalion Parade at Cultana, to the secret delight of the Battalion CO and the unconcealed horror of the RSM.



Presenting the Flag to the Army Museum of SA for safekeeping. L - R. SSGT Barry Johnson, MAJGEN Neil Wilson, WO2 Ian Carnachan, MAJ Don Field, WO2 Jim Thomson, MAJ Trevor Phillips.

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