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In the Steps of Heroes.



RSARA member Phil Brookes travelled to the Battlefields of the Western Front and was at Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

He writes..

IN THE STEPS OF HEROES - FOLLOWING OUR DIGGERS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

The piercing cold was forgotten as the national anthems of France and Australia, burst like an artillery salvo across the former battlefield of Villers-Bretonneux. Then silence for the fallen and the haunting sounds of the last post and rouse echoed across the valley as we remembered over 60,000 Diggers, 10,000 of them with no known grave, who rest in French soil. Ominous clouds added to the sombre commemoration.

Our group of 19 were part of the 8,000 participants at the Australian National Memorial for the 2018 Anzac Day commemoration. There

was a personal dimension to the tour as my Great-Uncle, Clement Mahoney, was killed at Bullecourt and has no known grave. His name appears on the commemorative wall at the Australian National Memorial. Clement enlisted at Keswick as a trooper with the 9th Light Horse and served at Gallipoli, where he contracted typhoid and was evacuated to Malta and England for convalescence. He was posted to the famous "Joan of Arc Battalion", the 48th as a rifleman and was later killed at Bullecourt.

Our group mustered in Paris for three days leave before heading to the rigours of the Western Front. Glorious weather for the first few days in Paris and Amiens, the base for retracing the steps of those Australians who fought and died here a century ago.

Our pilgrimage took us to the bloody battlefields of the Somme that bled the 1st AIF, but who in August 1918 helped to decisively turn the tide against the Germans. Dernancourt,

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Special points of interest:

- *Soldiers from 10/27 Bn have just returned from a rotation to Rifle Company Butterworth in Malaysia. Their Platoon Commander tells of their experiences. Page 2*
- *In the Steps of Heroes. Phil Brookes personal pilgrimage to the Battlefields of the Western Front. Pages 1/10/12*

RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

It's a Jungle out there

LT. D. S. Williams

After a long flight into Malaysia and an overnight delay, the company arrived in RMAF Butterworth for rotation 120. Glad to be free of the C17 seating, the company was ushered into the arrival room for an RSO & I package that would cover our entire stay in South East Asia. Security briefs, cultural briefs and the CO's welcome made us feel right at home.

As we settled into our accommodation the battle rhythm was already establishing itself. Acclimatisation was the main focus as very soon we would be living and working in the jungle.

The jungle training exercises would be conducted in two separate blocks, with a refit day in between. The exercise would see us move into different training areas. The first location was to be Sik Nth. A public area considered to be an introduction to the harsh and very damp jungle environment. The second location was Kulim. Kulim had increasingly rugged terrain and would step up our exposure to living and working in the jungle. It was also shared with the public and like all good jungle training areas had water course crossings, re-entrants and its fair share of steep climbs.

However, before we could step off, the company needed to develop SOP's. We were introduced to the Jungle Training Team (JTT). This team specialised in Jungle tactics and would be preparing us for the field exercise as well as performing the role as Observer Trainers (OT). They instructed on section and platoon formations, ambush and counter ambush drills, contact drills, waterproofing your kit and harbour routine. The lesson package also covered gun staking on fixed lines and limits and the use of hootchie cord for harbour perimeters and ambush exfill. These soldiers 5-style lessons would prove invaluable during the field phase. The company had a day of battle preparation, which included inspections of field kit. These inspections made sure every soldier had sufficient sleeping equipment, rations, water and anti-malaria medication in their packs. The inspections also ensured that the equipment was serviceable. In preparation for the morning, maps of the training area were distributed, infill orders delivered and the soldiers sent off for some rest.

1 platoon was as prepared as they could be for the jungle. A number of our CPL's had deployed to RCB on previous rotations and knew what was in store for the troops. We boarded the buses and headed for the training area. This was the start of one of the most controlled and well planned training scenarios I have ever experienced. Every detail was covered and synchronised with all of the activities across the company. Each day and night saw us rotating through different mission cycles and training locations, keeping us on our toes and always under the watchful eye of our OT's. The scenarios increased in formation size and complexity as they continued. Every evening we would receive a fragmentary order (FRAGO) from the Company Commander (OC) with the platoons' upcoming mission. Relief in place (RIP) ambushes, platoon ambushes, platoon contacts and platoon patrols were some of the training exercises conducted. Effort, as the field phase continued, increased along with fatigue. The jungle training phase culminated with a company attack, with a platoon in the assault, a platoon in support by fire and a platoon in cut off. 1 PL was fortunate enough to be the assaulting platoon and acquitted themselves well in thick and difficult jungle terrain. Post exercise, we conducted the after activity review (AAR) covering sustain, fix and improves. This process assists the soldiers to analyse and improve individual and team actions. A solid hit out in the jungles of Malaysia, 7 – 10 kilos lighter and 10 days of leave on the horizon.

Some lessons learned –

You will get wet and stay wet. Whether it is from sky water, a river crossing or sweat, you will need to get comfortable with putting your wet kit on in the morning.

Look after your feet. It happens faster than you think, but if you do not air out your feet and change your socks, your feet will deteriorate.

Hydrate but also eat. The amount of fluid you lose is monumental and with that fluid goes salts. Replace them whenever you can.

Leeches are part and parcel of the jungle. You will have at least one visit from these parasites. Army issue insect repellent on the tops of your boots will help, however it offers no guarantee. Inspect regularly.

Square away your sleeping kit. Make sure your mosquito net has the bottom sewn in. Will keep you comfortable and will assist in lowering your risk of getting malaria.

RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

Don't pay off the Jungle Training Team tips. They work, they have merit and they will help make your time in the environment beneficial and bearable.

The jungle training phase of RCB 120 was incredibly challenging to your senses. The conditions have to be adapted to and your field craft has to be flexible. When asked about my time in Butterworth I reply with “experiences may vary” but personally, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I learnt so much about myself and my soldiers.

It was a fantastic time in my military life, working in a country we have been involved in since 1950. For anyone considering nominating for an RCB, I would highly recommend it. Do it for your development, the experience, the mateship and network.

Pro Patria.

LT D Williams

*LT D.S. Williams commanded 1 PL during RCB 120. The Company concentrated on the 6th of November 2017 at Keswick Barracks in Adelaide. A composite rifle company made up of elements from 9 and 4 BDE and different Corps, the Company deployed to Malaysia on the 28th of November, arriving at RMAF Butterworth on the 29th of November. The Company returned to Australia on the 28th February 2018.



Left to right – LT D. Williams (PL COMD, 1 PL), CPL B. Baulch (PL SGT, 1 PL), PTE R. O'Daly, PTE N. Fortune, PTE M. Coleman, PTE J. Knight, PTE T. Cowling and PTE M. Houston

Editors note: Butterworth Rifle Company was predominantly a Regular Army posting, but in the past few years it has been a combined Regular/Reserve posting. During this time our soldiers have learned valuable skills, like those in Lt Williams article, skills that they would find hard pressed to develop in Australia. I thank Lt Williams for the time and effort taken to allow us an insight into their busy training experiences in a more hostile environment.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

On 5th May the Association was asked by 10/27 Bn if we could remove the “empties” from the various Battalion messes and get the money to Legacy.

With the help of Bob Dunn (at short notice) we were able to pickup the Bins from 10/27 Battalion Mess at Keswick, and via the recycling depot, present legacy with a donation of \$32.80.

Small in value but very significant in principle.

We now need the serving members to drink more on parade nights and the Association will handle the rest.

Thanks to Bob for the help.

Rod Beames

President.

RSAR Association Inc

NOTE: The RSAR Association encourages responsible drinking amongst its members. If you have a designated driver, by all means do the very best you can to help Legacy!

VALE - Frank Robertson

Dear David

I was very sad to see former RSAR member Frank Robertson has passed away. I have fond memories of him as a great officer, a real gentleman and a tremendous role model.

Prior to serving in 1RSAR Frank Robertson served in 27 Bn South Australian Scottish Regiment.

Frank (known as "Bluey" because of his red hair) was my first platoon commander at Southwark Training Depot (RSAR) after I completed three months National Service Training at Woodside in 1957.

Frank Morony



CAPT Frank Robertson as Guard Commander of the Household Guard mounted at Government House for the Royal Tour of the Queen Mother in 1955. (He's out the front, with Frank Morony in the front rank, third from the left.)

CPL Dave's Page

What a morning.....

8:00 I made a snowman.

8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 I made a snow woman.

8:17 The nanny of the neighbours complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest.

8:20 The gay couple living nearby grumbled that it could have been two snowmen instead.

8:25 The vegans at No.12 complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.

8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 The Muslim gent across the road wants the snow woman to wear a headscarf.

8:40 Someone calls the cops who show up to see what's going on.

8:42 I am told that the broomstick of the snowman needs to be removed because it could be used as a deadly weapon. Things get worse after I mutter : "Yeah, if it's up your arse"

8:52 My phone is seized and thoroughly checked while I am being blindfolded and flown to the police station in a helicopter.

9:00 I'm on the news as a suspected terrorist bent on stirring up trouble at this sensitive time.

9:10 I am asked if I have any accomplices.

9:29 A little known jihadist group has claimed it was their plot.

Moral: When it's this cold, stay inside.

The Logic of a Beer Drinker!

Lady Interviewer: Do you drink every day?

Man: Yes.

Lady Interviewer: How much a day?

Man: Around 3 six-packs starting at noon.

Lady Interviewer: How much does a 6-pack cost?

Man: Roughly \$10.00 at a bottle shop.

Lady Interviewer: And how long have you been drinking like that?

Man: 15 years.

Lady Interviewer: So with a six-pack costing \$10.00, and you consuming 3 six-packs a day, you are spending roughly \$900 each month. In one year, you would then be spending \$10,800, correct?

Man: Correct.

Lady Interviewer: If in 1 year you spend \$10,800 on beer, not accounting for inflation, 15 years puts your spending roughly \$162,000; correct?

Man: Correct.

Lady Interviewer: Did it ever occur to you that if you did not drink for the last 15 years, you could have bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink?

Lady Interviewer: No.

Man: So where's your Ferrari??



Better than a Flu Shot!

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea...

As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of the organ. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat the pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' pointing to the bowl.

'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease.'

Do you know, I haven't had the flu all winter?

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LTCOL Murray Alexander passed away suddenly earlier this month. His funeral was attended by many members of the RSARA and members of 3/9th SAMR amongst others. See Obituary below.

2018 Dining In Night

Due to the resounding success of the previous Dining In Night, the Committee of Management have set the date for a 2018 Dining In Night to be held at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL for Saturday October 13th. 1800 for 1830 hrs. Cost is \$45 per head which includes meal plus all wine, beer and soft drinks.

Enquiries to the Secretary in the first instance please.

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VALE - Murray Alexander by Brig Ellis Wayland AM RFD ED (Retd)

Murray Alexander was one of my best mates – a friendship forged as long ago as 1957 when I joined 3/9 South Australian Mounted Rifles as a Trooper. The unit then, was a full Regiment of three 'Sabre Squadrons' a HQ Squadron and a Squadron sized LAD. The parade ground at the training depot at Unley could not be used as a traditional parade ground because it was just one huge vehicle park full of Staghounds, White scout cars, trucks, and Diamond T wreckers.

Murray was then a sergeant. He was a dedicated soldier then, and maintained that loyalty and dedication to his Regiment when he concluded his military career as its Commanding Officer.

As a Troop Leader he believed in the old adage that you never asked your soldiers to do something that you would not do yourself. So much so that as a Staghound crew commander he had qualified as a driver, co-driver, gunner and radio operator/loader and had actually crewed in every one of those duties .

His military personality was marked by a very serious persona. I cannot recall him ever dissolving into a belly laugh to the point where he could be justly labelled as 'droll'. One of my fondest memories was an incident when he was the troop leader and I was the troop corporal. Commanding our respective Staghounds we were at our annual camp at El Alamein and conducting a 'night leaguer'. This involved the whole Regiment moving into a defensive formation at night without lights. Today it would be every OH&S officer's worst nightmare. The strain on drivers and crew commanders was intense. This particular night was as black as the proverbial pitch and the movement could not have been hairier. Peering out of my cupola trying to see ahead there was a sudden burst of sparks as my 'Stag' crashed into the back of another. I grabbed the mike and whispered; "2 this is 2 Charlie – I have just run up the arse of an unknown call sign. Over" Reply: "This is 2 – yes I know – it was my arse - out" How droll is that!

When I was the OC of B Squadron at Gawler he was the OC of A Squadron at Unley, and this underlined our friendship as competitors for the accolade as the best Squadron in the Regiment.

Murray had no sooner taken command of the Regiment than he was ordered by the Military District Brigadier to reduce his Regiment to a single squadron. For a proud regiment with all of its Light Horse traditions ranging back to colonial times this news was devastating. Murray fought the decision with a ferocity that belied his persona. He employed every strategy in the book; even to the point of a personal appeal to the Minister of the Army. Needless to say this incurred the wrath of the Army hierarchy and ended Murray's military career.

I can personally vouch for the fact that Murray believed that his sacrifice was worth it.

Vale a remarkable officer and a true champion of our Regiment.

Brigadier Ellis ('Oscar') Wayland AM RFD ED (R'td)

The History of the Royal South Australia Regiment Part 3

COLONIAL FORCES AND A NEW FEDERATION

South Australian Militia

There has been a strong military history within South Australia with many early leading figures came from military backgrounds such as Colonel William Light who had fought with Wellington in the Peninsula Campaign and the explorers Sturt, Barker and Warburton who were serving or retired officers.

The Colony of South Australia was proclaimed by Governor Hindmarsh on 28 December 1836 with Adelaide planned and sited with defence in mind. As a colony of free citizens without the security threat of a convict population, a strong British military presence was not required with only a Royal Marine detachment of HMS Buffalo established to provide initial security until withdrawn in July 1838. The Royal Marines had created an unpopular reputation due to drunkenness and negligence of duty and when they departed to help establish the short-lived settlement at Port Essington, in what is now the Northern Territory, the local population was relieved. The first volunteers in the State to fill this void were raised by Governor Gawler in February 1840 to be known as the Royal South Australian Volunteer Forces to comprise of a Troop of Lancers or Light Dragoons and some Light Infantry. The Infantry numbers enrolling grew to become a Company however, no drills (parades) were held after June 1840 and, although it was disbanded in 1851; for the final six years of its existence it had been a force that had existed on paper only.

In October 1841, a detachment of 85 men from the 96th Regiment (Manchester) arrived from Hobart, to take up duty in the State, which was the start of an association with what was to become the Kings Regiment and is now The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border). A succession of company-sized detachments from a number of regiments then rotated through the colony until 1870, occupying barracks in successively Grenfell, Flinders and Topham Streets and the building now known as the Police Barracks behind the Adelaide Museum.



South Australian Volunteer Forces in 1860

The Crimean War (1853 – 1854), and the associated fears of attack by Russian warships, led to the passing of the Militia Act No. 2 of 1854 authorized the formation of a Volunteer Military Force in South Australia.

History.....continued

The General order published in the South Australian Government gazette dated 4 November 1854 authorised the raising of two infantry battalions being the 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Adelaide Rifles to consist of a Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding, six Captains, Lieutenants and Ensigns, with six Companies each of 50 - 60 men, with three Sergeants and Corporals. The men between 16 and 46 years of age received 36 days training returning to their civilian jobs until needed. The First Battalion mustered on 11 November 1854 at 5 p.m. and the Second Battalion a week later also at 5 p.m. and the Battalions paraded by Companies located at (First Battalion), at North Adelaide, Norwood and South Adelaide, (Second Battalion), at Glenelg, Hindmarsh, Mitcham and Port Adelaide. By the 2 August 1855 both Battalions had completed their authorized 36 days training and were ordered not to assemble again until further notice being disbanded shortly after the Crimean War when on 9 February 1856 the volunteers were ordered to 'return weapons into store'.

A Volunteer Force was again reformed in 1859 under a renewal of interest soon numbering 14 companies and a year later 45 with 70 officers and 1929 other ranks. With changes to the Act in 1860 the volunteer companies were grouped and on 26 March 1860 the Adelaide Regiment of Volunteer Rifles were formed under the command of The Honourable Travis Boyle Finnis who had previously raised and commanded the Light Infantry Company in 1840. The returns for 19 December 1860 showed the Adelaide Regiment of one Battalion with a total 669 all ranks, with the following Rifle companies: Port Rifles, First Adelaide Rifles, Glen Osmond & Mitcham Rifles, Glenelg Rifles, The Adelaide Rifles, Munno Para East Rifles, West Adelaide Rifles, Sturt & Brighton Rifles, First Gawler Rifles, The Gawler Volunteers, Salisbury Rifles, Eastern Suburban Rifles, Smithfield Rifles and Number 1 Brighton Rifles.



Militia from mixed units at Mount Gambier

10/27 Bn HQ Building Renovations

Not only is Rodney Beames a bloody good Association President, but he's also not bad at handyman-type stuff. He says.....

The CO asked "that the old military photos of SA Regiment soldiers from the First World war and beyond, that were being held on the display wall by "blue tack", be more permanently and professionally fixed".

As Regimental Funds are tight, and the Army only pays for "capability" not memorabilia or "nice to have" items, the Adjutant approached the Association for help. Who are we to say "NO!"

We were able to get some very suitable photo frames and have them mounted in the new "War Room" The CO gave it the correct name but I didn't write it down but its where the Officers discuss high level works.

The photos have rear lighting LEDS in the Regimental Colours. It looks quite specky.

Chalk that one up to "know who" and "know how!"

Regards,

Rod



Editors note: For a former TAFE lecturer, I reckon Beamsey has done quite a good job at hanging these pictures in a straight line. Previously he was renowned for "burning water!"

In the Steps of Heroes.....continued



Bullecourt, Hamel, Moquet Farm, Hill 60, Pozieres and Fromelles, that bloody battle that was the worst 24 hours in Australian history with 5,533 casualties in one hellish night.

We were reminded of the horrors of trench warfare at the magnificent John Monash Centre, where the Diggers life is captured through film, and artefacts. We later paused at the many battlefields and cemeteries, with their poignant epitaphs. We read these and tried to capture the personality and spirit of the man who rests beneath in this rolling countryside.

Vignacourt, the rest centre for thousands of Allied troops and where hundreds of glass photo plates of Australian Diggers were found at the Thuiller house “The Lost Diggers” was a highlight of our tour. It was here that our Diggers found some solace from the hell of the

trenches. The house and the disused railway station, now a museum, hold a magnificent collection of WW1 Digger photographs. A few minutes from Vignacourt are the caves of Naours, where our Diggers scrawled graffiti and their names on the underground sandstone.

Those Diggers were an irreverent lot, democratic and anyone coming upon them would know they were Australians. WW1 war correspondent Philip Gibbs described the Australians:



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In the Steps of Heroes.....continued

“By Jove....Australians. There was no mistaking them. Their slouch hats told me one at a glance, but without them I should have known. They were a distinctive type of their own, which marked them out from all the different soldiers of ours along those roads of war....They had merry eyes (especially for the girls round the stalls).....Youth, keen as steel, with a flash in the eyes....with no respect for rank or caste unless it carried strength with it....

We continued our journey in Flanders, Belgium, and were reminded of that haunting poem ‘In Flanders Fields’, written by the Canadian Major, John McCrae, in 1915. Our base is the Flemish town of Ieper (Ypres), the beautiful medieval town, completely destroyed during WW1 and later rebuilt as it was before the War; it’s still a beautiful and enchanting place and a great spot to savour a delicious Flemish stew washed down with a few good Belgium beers, all around 8 to 12%. The nightly Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate was another highlight of our Flanders Journey. It was at our lively Flemish restaurant, Les Halles, that I presented our charming and knowledgeable battlefield guide, Sylvestre, from Terres de Memoire, with a statuette of a WW1 Digger.

Like our Diggers before us, we left the battlefields for some well earned rest and recreation in the enchanting Loire Valley, the place of kings. Blois, nestled on the Loire Valley was our rest place. Here we visited the the magnificent Chateaux Chambord, de Chononceau and de Villandry, sampling the magnificent local wines.

After four days in the Loire Valley we returned to Paris for another couple of days before our journey ended. We followed in the steps of heroes and shed a few tears along the way as we bid “au revoir” to our absent Diggers, but there was lots of laughter and comradeship in the many French cafes and bistros, just as our Diggers would have wanted it.

Phil Brookes



RSAR Association member and tour leader Phil Brookes (centre, light trousers) with other tour members, amongst them some very proud Vietnam Veterans



10/27 Bn Band Concert at Murray Bridge

On 2nd June the Murray Bridge RSL hosted the 10/27 Bn Band at a concert at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Not surprisingly the concert sold out all of the available 270 tickets with 5 days still to go. If 500 seats were available we would have sold them as well! Guests were treated to a musical extravaganza entitled “Movie Music Memories” with themes from many Box Office classics like “James Bond,” “Miller Magic,” “Grease” and many more. The concert ran over 2 1/2 hours filled with not only the movie classic, but fast toe tapping favourites from the block buster movies.



Starting with the 10th/27th Battalion Drum Corps, Musician Nicole Weepers performed a solo drum beat that was not only perfectly timed, but visually captivating.

LTCOL Trent Burnard spoke of his fight to keep the band within his Operational Battalion, and his appreciation of the RSAR Association's efforts to pay for uniforms and instruments used by the band, where that support was not forthcoming from Defence. He highlighted the Army's policy of providing support to enable soldiers to hone their fighting skills, but that support didn't extend to providing much needed material for the Band. He said he had started his Army career as a “Digger” with the Battalion, and would leave at the end of 2018 after 2 very satisfying years as Commanding Officer.



Musician Corey Skapin plays the lead in the bands rendition of the James Bond movie “Skyfall.”



10/27 Bn Band Concert at Murray Bridge



Quick costume changes were a pre-requisite of the 2nd half, lifting the tempo and having the crowd clapping and singing along. Here, the Band performs a lively rendition of the hits from “Grease.”



MC David Laing asks LTCOL Trent Burnard to draw the Lucky Door Prize, which consisted of a basket full of wines, crackers, olives, gherkins, tea and coffee and other delicacies, all provided by the Murray Bridge RSL. The surprised winner was actually a lady member of the Murray Bridge RSL Card Club. The concert raised in excess of \$3,000 which was split between the Murray Bridge RSL and the RSAR Association. The down side for the Band was that they had to return all instruments and equipment to Keswick Barracks that night, and be back at the Murray Bridge Army Range at 7 am next morning.