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ADVOCACY AND CLAIMS FOR RSARA MEMBERS

The Treasurer in the Budget 2014 speech in Parliament told us that the age of entitlement was over.

For many members and former members of the Defence Force the comment is something not to be taken too lightly.

Many of our comrades suffer from injury and/or illness caused or contributed to by their service in the ADF.

While for many that service may have occurred many years ago it does not remove from the ex-service person, the right to have their entitlement assessed by the DVA.

There are however a few "rules" you should keep in mind when you are asking to be assessed for a disability arising out of your service.

The first step is to determine whether your injury or illness is service related. If you were injured and received treatment during service that should be recorded on your File. If you believe that your service has contributed to an injury after you were discharged you would need to be able to prove that injury occurred and was related to your service.

Secondly you need to make a formal claim to the DVA on the appropriate form. If your service was a National Serviceman or you had service in the regular army or on FTD you may claim under the *Veteran's Entitlement Act 1986 (VEA)*. If you served before 2004 you will claim under the *Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1984 (SRCA)* and if you were in the service after 2004 the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)* will apply to you. The proper form can be accessed online at www.dva.gov.au

If you are going to make a claim have someone trained in pension matters help you. This will avoid making inappropriate and unhelpful comments no matter how well intended. Complete all the relevant questions and have your evidence ready to forward with the claim. This includes the names of witnesses to your incident even if you don't know whether they are still around or not. You will also need to provide proof of identity at the time of your claim.

This is the very beginning of the process that may take months to complete. DVA has a policy of getting claims resolved as soon as possible. They can only do that if the applicant gives them the required information.

Most ex-service organisations (ESOs) have pension's officers who can help past and present members with claims.

If you would like to find out if your service related injury or illness might be a worthwhile matter to claim tell your Association Secretary who will be able to pass your information onto an appropriately qualified pensions/advocate for assessment.

Finally, everyone is different when it comes to this subject. Do not rely on what "your mate" thinks and disregard criticism of DVA and the army.

This is a matter where everyone is an expert. Do yourself a favour and consult someone from an ESO who is a trained pension's officer and who can best help you.

Alan Hook

Pensions Officer/Advocate Level 4.

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Just Soldiers

WO2 Noel Eric Bolton-Wood

Part 2

Eric remained in Egypt when the rest of the battalion moved out, headed for Gallipoli. When news of the landings—and the heavy casualties suffered by the ANZACs reached those back at Mena, Eric fumed. He felt as though he was letting his mates down by not being there with them. As he helped to unload the first of the wounded returning from the Peninsula, he choked back tears as he saw their shattered bodies. Among them were young men, who, only a few weeks ago while taking leave, had laughed and joked as they accompanied him on jaunts through the bazaars and amusement establishments of Cairo. He continually pestered his superiors to be sent to the front and in August 1915 he finally was united with his unit at Gallipoli.

He wasted no time launching himself into the thick of battle, joining the older, more experienced Diggers in a campaign of constant harassment, sniping, and bomb-throwing—using missiles manufactured by the ANZACs from used jam tins filled with bits of scrap metal. Buoyed by his youthful air of indestructibility, Eric was in his element. The lad was as proud as punch when, a couple of weeks later, he learnt of his promotion to corporal. In the spirit of camaraderie that prevailed in the trenches, the older Diggers jokingly stood to attention as he passed.

Mail call produced a letter from home which informed him that both older brothers had enlisted—Robert in the 13th and the eldest, Albert, was a lieutenant in the 20th Battalion. 'God! If all three of us are here on Gallipoli, the poor old Turks won't stand a chance', he laughingly told his mates. Eric had been on the Peninsula for barely a month when he was struck down by sickness.

He was evacuated to Malta, but it wasn't until the following March that Eric was fit enough to rejoin the battalion, which was now back in Egypt, following the successful evacuation of ANZAC in late December 1915.2 During a muster parade, Eric heard that the battalion was to be split to help form units of the new 4th and 5th Divisions of the AIF. Volunteers were also being called for service in the newly formed Imperial Camel Corps.



AWM A00429. The 1st Australian Division camp at Mena, Egypt

Continued
next month

By courtesy Darryl Kelly and ADCC Publications. Kelly, Darryl 2004, Just Soldiers, ADCC Publications, Brisbane, pg 27 to 34

MEMBER SEEKS RECRUIT COURSE PHOTOS

Hello David,

I joined the Royal South Australia Regiment in 1983 and through a fire lost my Recruit Training photos of my section and platoon. I enlisted in ARES at Keswick Barracks in September 1983 and completed recruit training I think in November 1983 at the barracks in Adelaide.

Could you point me in the right direction of if there would be copies of these held anywhere? Thank you for your help David, lots of sentimental value in those photos. If anyone has photos of that era please contact me on my email?

Regards

John Fox johnfoxfinance@hotmail.com

MEMBERS

Abareh, Wadi **SM**
 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
 Blake, Sam **SM**
 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
 Burton, Ray
 Carnachan, Ian
 Chittleborough, Jeff
 Clyne, Lachlan **SM**
 Cooke, Nat **CoM**
 Contibas, Nikolaus **SM**
 Cotton, Bob
 Cram, Kevin
 Dart, John
 Davey, John (Jack)
 Davey, Trevor
 Dawson, Trevor **BAND**
 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**
 Field, Don
 Flanagan, Ted
 Fridday, Ross
 Gaborit, Lyndon **LM**

Genovese, John
 Gibson, Lindsay
 Giles, John
 Gill, Graham
 Gilmore, Graham **CoM**
 Gordon, Frank
 Hardy, Robert **SM**
 Harrington, Malcolm
 Harrison, John
 Hawking, Don
 Hawkins, Des
 Haynes, Scott
 Hewitt, Emily **BAND**
 Hogan, Mark **LM**
 Hook, Alan **LM CoM**
 Hope, David
 Horseman, Ian **LM**
 Hudson, Mick
 Hudson, Rick
 Humphrys, Jesse **SM CoM**
 James, Grant **SM CoM**
 Jeffrey, Scott **SM**
 Johnson, Barry **LM**
 Jolly, David
 Jones, Brett
 Keenan, Alan
 Kilford, Brian
 Klopff, Alex **LM**
 Klopff, Paul
 Koop, Joshua **BAND**
 Laing, David **LM CoM**
 Lampard, Ross
 Lee, Bob
 Lee, Pat
 Lloyd, Elmer
 Lockett, John
 Longstaff, Paul
 Loveder, Peter
 Main, Brian
 Marcus, Ray
 Martin, Bob
 Matchett, Bill
 Mau, Mark
 McCulloch, Don
 McGree, Barry
 McLachlan, Joshua **SM**
 McMahon, Tyler **SM**
 McMullin, Jim
 Meissner, Terry **SM**
 Milde, Peter **SM**
 Mitchell, Barry
 Mitchell, David
 Morony, Frank **CoM**
 Moore, Jeffrey
 Moore, Terry **LM**
 Moschis, James **SM**
 Munro, Ron
 Oliver, Peter
 Orrock, Alan **CoM**
 Ockenden, Marc
 Oswald, John
 Pach, Chol **SM**
 Paul, John

Perkins, Bob
 Pollard, Barry
 Portakiewicz, Anthony **BAND**
 Portakiewicz, David **BAND CoM**
 Phillips, Don
 Phillips, Colin
 Phillips, Trevor
 Payne, Bob
 Parslow, Howard
 Preece, Brian
 Rado, Stephen
 Ranger, Denis
 Rathmann, John
 Rathmann, Norm **CoM**
 Ramm, Hank
 Robertson, Jim
 Rorie, Graham **SM**
 Rossetti, Lee
 Sage, Andrew
 Salamon, Peter
 Sanders, Ashley **SM**
 Sanderson, Max
 Sands, Mike
 Sexton, Mark **SM**
 Slattery, Kimberly **BAND**
 Sniedze, Julie **BAND**
 Sprigg, Rob
 Staker, Cameron **SM**
 Standing, Michael **CoM**
 Stone, Eddie
 Strain, Doug
 Steer, Phil
 Stewart, Rob **LM**
 Stuart, Matthew **SM**
 Tiller, Garth
 Thomson, Jim
 Tolotta, Tarrant **SM**
 Tompkins, Ian
 Tregenza, Norm **CoM**
 Trezise, George
 Tucker, Belinda **BAND**
 Ullrich, Andreas **SM**
 Vella, Joe
 Wake, Stephen
 Waters, Ian **LM**
 Weepers, Nicole **BAND**
 Weightman, Aidan **SM**
 Westover, Rhys
 Wheeler, Chris
 Williams, Darrian **SM**
 Wilson, Graham **LM**
 Wilson, Neil **PATRON**
 Wood, George
 Woore, Phillip
 Yorke-Simpkin Reg **LM**
 Zuromski, Paul **SM**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Ayles, Denise
 Beames, Cheryl
 Carnachan, Dom
 Dart, Caroline

Demosani, Gail
 Elliott, Julie
 Eva, Gail
 Field, Shirley
 #Gatley, Graeme
 Gill, Maureen
 Gilmour, Helen
 Hawking, Lorraine
 Hook, Phillipa
 Hudson, Margaret
 Jolly, Sandra
 Klopff, Josie
 Laing, June
 Lampard, Kay
 Main, Raelene
 Marcus, Yvonne
 Lee, Anne
 Mitchell, Roma
 Phillips, Heather
 Sanderson, Lorraine
 Tregenza, Lyn

HONORARY MEMBERS

G. Goodwin CO 10/27 RSAR
 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**

207 members as at 5/5/15

AGM

The 2015 AGM is to be held at the SA Sea Rescue Squadron HQ Barcoo Rd West Beach on Sunday 9th August at 1100 hrs.

Lunch @ 1200 will follow the AGM. On the Menu is Crumbed Chicken Breast and Mushroom Gravy with Potato Bake, Beans and Carrots, & Dessert. \$15 per head payable at the door . Apologies and reservations to David Laing at

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IN THE SICK BAY

KEVIN CRAM



Greetings David

I had a call from Kevin Cram in Sydney this morning. He had just come out of intensive care after open heart surgery. He wasn't happy that he'd had to endure a delay because the hospital had postponed the operation. Sounds like he's feeling pretty sore and sorry (certainly not surprising). He's in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and expects to be there for until next week. (Late July)

After National Service at Woodside October-December 1957 he served in 27 Bn SA Scottish Regt at Mount Gambier. He's a member of RSARA both Metro and SE Branch and for many years he has also been active in a sister association in NSW.

He specifically asked that I inform RSARA and I promised I would. I appreciate there's not much that can be done at this distance but he did make the request.

I dug the attached old picture out of the archives.

Cheers

Frank Morony

Any well wishers can contact Kevin on 0404 835 220 or his email of cram.kevin@yahoo.com.au

Editor.



PASSING OF A 27th BN SOLDIER

Hi David,

This is the information on the subject Ex Serviceman who was a member of the 27th Bn RSAR

QX56808 L/Cpl R.E.J. Euhus

Ron enlisted in Mosman, Qld on 30 Aug 43 after having served 12 months in the Militia (Regt No Q270125) and he was posted to the 27th Bn RSAR which was undergoing Jungle Training at Tenterfield in NSW. From there I understand they were shipped to Port Moresby.



**Yangan Emu Vale Chapter Warwick
RSL Sub Branch Inc
Mr Ron Euhus**

Members are invited to attend the Funeral Service of **Mr Ron Euhus** on Monday 22nd June 2015 at 10.30am at Warwick Lawn Cemetery.

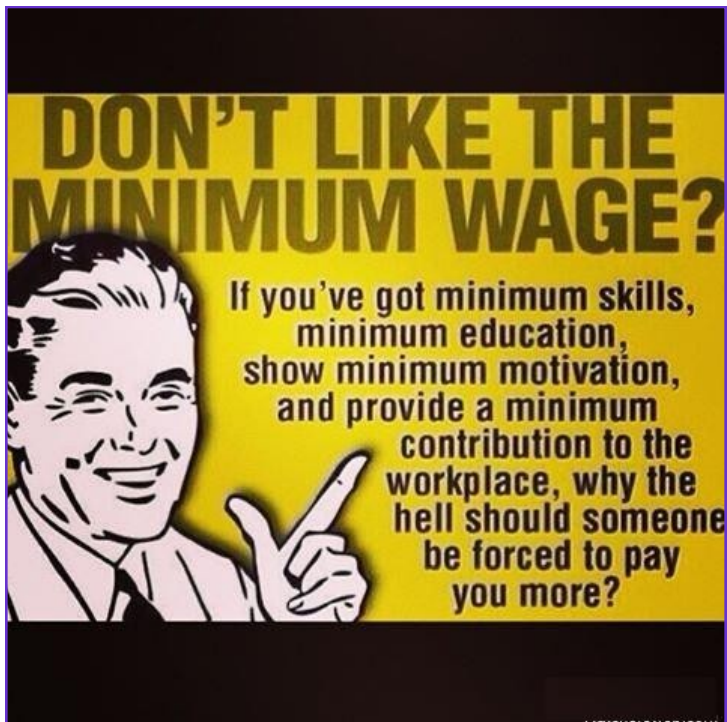
Jackets with full size medals to be worn.
For further info contact 0400 784 098

Later deployment was throughout that theater. He was not offered a posting to BCOF as in his own words he was a bit of a trouble maker. He was discharged on 5 Nov 1946. Unfortunately I am not able to confirm his medal entitlements because his file is currently locked and I cannot get the info for at least 2 weeks. I do know he is entitled to the 39/45 Star, Pacific Star, 39/45 War Medal and the Australian Service Medal 39/45. I do also believe he is entitled to the Australian Service Medal 45/75. Ron was a character and a wily old fox. Unfortunately last Friday Ron succumbed to the rigors of pneumonia and he passed. He will be buried beside his wife Elsie next Monday 22 Jun 2015 at 1030 hrs at the Warwick Lawn Cemetery at a graveside service. He will be piped out by a lone Piper playing a medley of 'Highland Cathedral' and 'Amazing Grace' for the reflection time, and 'Going Home' for the coffin lowering, wearing formal Scottish ceremonial dress. The piper will also play a couple of

'hauntingly beautiful' tunes, at a distance, before the ceremony as people are gathering. Hope this helps your history of the Regt.

Regards

Al Cutmore QLD



Private Gomad reckons.....



A balding, white haired man from North Adelaide walked into a jewellery store this past Friday evening with a beautiful much younger girl at his side. He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring. The man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over.

"Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000", the jeweller said.

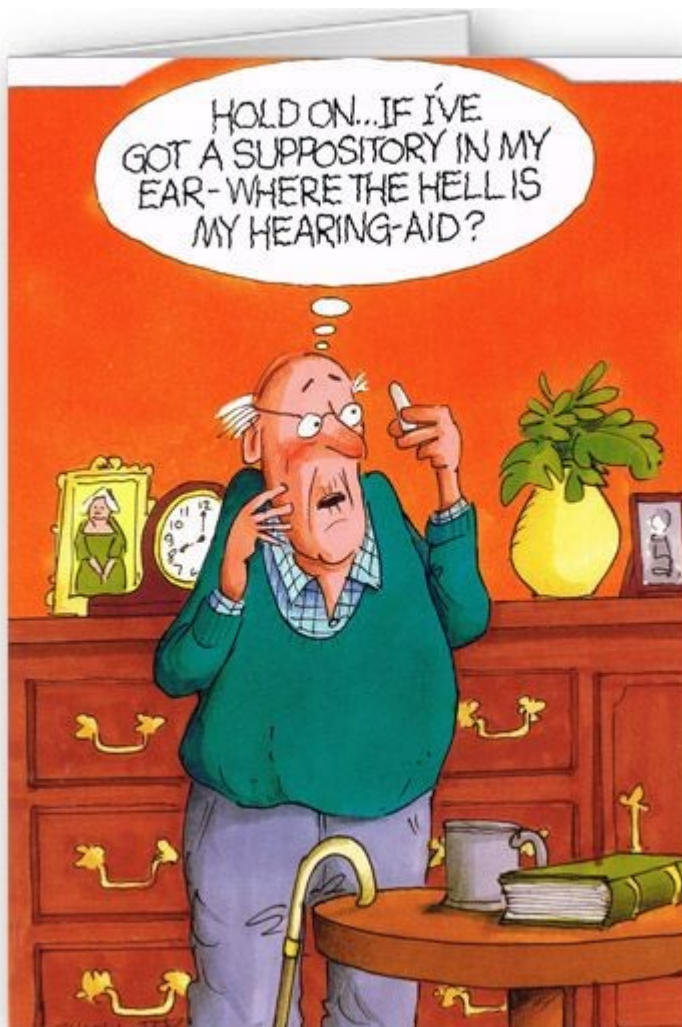
The lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the man stated, "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon."

On Monday morning, the jeweller angrily phoned the old man and said, "There's no money in that account!"

"I know", said the old man, "**But let me tell you about the GREAT weekend I just had!!**"



A PILGRIMAGE TO GALLIPOLI

by Alan Hook

Dear Editor of SITREP Over

Last year I was fortunate enough to “win” a couple of passes to the Centenary of Anzac Commemoration at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. My wife and I decided that we would go and so on the 25 April 2015 we were amongst the 8000 Aussies, 2000 Kiwis and 2000 “others” who descended on the peninsula on a cold and clear Saturday.

Our journey really began 100 years ago when my Grandfather Walter William Hook (aka Bill) enlisted in the AIF on the 19 October 1914. Regimental Number 26. Within a short time he found himself along with many others in Egypt “training” for what he thought was to be a campaign in France. His story tells us the story of the Anzac campaign and is reasonably well known now.

Bill was a member of the 8th Battalion from Victoria and was assigned to the Machine Gun Section of BHQ. He landed on the afternoon of the 25th about 4.30 with the second wave, part of 2nd Brigade. His Unit proceeded up the right flank onto Bolton’s Ridge a short distance from Lone Pine. (Bolton by the way was his CO) The Turks had used aerial exploding artillery and the shrapnel got him about dusk. He received a wound to his head. The story goes in the family that many of the wounded were left for dead. An officer and a soldier were going around the wounded indicating who was to be taken to the beach and who was to be left. Apparently Bill had inlaid the stock of his rifle with something to give it a bit of character and the soldier recognised it and although he had been told to leave him took him to the beach for recovery to a hospital ship then eventually to Alexandria then later to Birmingham for rehabilitation. He returned to Australia in November of 1915; he was medically classed out of service in February 1916. I can still remember as a little kid looking at Bill’s head with the hole in it; the shrapnel was never removed.



Philippa and I left Istanbul on Friday 24th at 0830 and returned on Sunday at 0130. No sleep, little food and few toilet breaks. (Spartans) A long time; nothing like what Bill had to endure though. Both services at Anzac Cove at 0530hrs and Lone Pine at 1100hrs were well done; typical Dawn/Anzac Services we would have at home lasting about 60 minutes.

Sitting in the stands at Anzac Cove beneath the imposing outline of the Sphinx was both emotional and intense. Every one there was connected in some way to the events of a century ago. All were sombre. For me the sight of 10 war ships in line astern emerging from the dark of night to the dawn light and passing the front of the service position from right to left was a powerful symbol of the occasion.

After that service we all trudged up Artillery Road to Lone Pine; the Kiwis had another 2+ kms to Chunuk Bair and during the three hours it took some spirited inter-country rivalry emerged as no doubt it did 100 years ago. The atmosphere at Lone Pine was more relaxed; Prince Charles and Prince Harry graced us with their presence and were remarkably accommodating to the public.

7 hours after the conclusion of the ceremony we left Lone Pine on one of 299 buses shifting people back to Istanbul.

We were honoured to have been selected to attend; an event that will long be remembered by us both

Alan and Philippa Hook



CHAMPION SHOT OF THE ADF

And he's one of our own!



A Beekeeper from the coastal farming town of Meningie, South East of Adelaide has beaten the best of the best and been named the ADF's most accurate shooter.

Cpl Aaron Woolston, of 10/27 RSAR now holds the proud title of Champion Shot of the ADF.

"I grew up shooting rabbits and foxes on farms around Meningie from an early age," he said.

Persistence paid off during the recent Australian Army Skill at

Arms Meeting (AASAAM) and he beat more than 150 of the best shooters from Army, Navy and Air Force during two weeks of demanding combat shooting.

Cpl Woolston consistently got top scores on still and moving targets from 25 to 450 metres.

The keen marksman has a long history of shooting in his family. Both his uncle and grandfather were members of the Salisbury rifle team that one the South Australian Country Rifle Championship in 1956. His grandfather also competed regularly in the King's and Queen's Medal competitions in the 1940's and 50's.

Now the soldier wants to improve marksmanship in Defence as part of the Australia Army Combat Shooting Team.

"Possibilities include running shooting courses around the country for arms corps and other units, testing and giving feedback on new weapons systems and equipment, and participation in other international shooting events to broaden and bring back knowledge," he said.



RSM-A WO Dave Ashley presents Cpl Aaron Woolston with the Champion Shot prize.

Photos by AB Richard Cordell

The members of the Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc congratulate CPL Woolston on beating the Best of the Best at the Championships. He has done his Corps, his Battalion and his Regiment proud. Well done. *Editor*

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Exercise "Courtney's Post." by Pte Paul Zuromski B COY 10/27 RSAR

On 23 May 2015, 10/27th Battalion encompassing members from both Alpha and Bravo Company, deployed to Port Augusta to occupy the southern end of the Cultana Training Range, in what is the first stage of Battle Group Jacka – to become combat 'Ready'.

Battle Group Jacka, named after Victoria Cross winner Albert Jacka, is the amalgamation of 2 Division Units from 9 and 4 Bde to combine as a single battle group to support 1 Bde as a reserve element, and set sights for Ex Hamel in 2016 with the Regular Army. The culmination of which will be a series of rigorous exercises to put the Brigade Units, who would ordinarily train independently of each other, together as one and align training to identify gaps and deficiencies in order to gain the 'Ready' status.

The soldiers deployed in full marching order for the exercise and were placed into the respective platoons and companies. LT Duval from 10/27 RSAR led 7 PL whilst LT Calderwood from 12/40 Royal Tasmanian Regiment led 9 PL and LT Mifsud led 8 PL. The soldiers were trucked out to dig in into a defensive company position, where they remained for the majority of the exercise.

Throughout the week the soldiers were given tasks such as general patrolling, ambush drills, the supporting of Engineers elements during route clearances and company attacks both mounted and dismounted. Many of the soldiers of 10/27 had not previously worked in mounted operations and found the experience valuable and rewarding.

At the conclusion of the 9 day exercise, many skills were learned and the capability of the combat team was enhanced thus gearing them up for the subsequent exercise at Puckapunyal in Oct 15 – The soldiers learned that the capability of what Battle Group Jacka meant as it was disclosed that in real terms – we as reservists of the 10/27th Battalion may in the near future be ready for the call to assist 1 Bde for potential future operations.

PTE Paul Zuromski

B Coy 10/27 RSAR

WETS SHOOT - WEAPONS ELECTRONIC TRAINING SIMULATOR

Over the past 12 months the RSAR Association has supported the Battalion in many ways, some of them being:

- The Keswick Barracks Memorial Garden
- Sponsoring the Regimental Ball held at Torrens Training Depot last October.
- The presentation of trophies and awards to 10/27 Bn soldiers
- The supply and preparation of BBQ meals for soldiers returning from exercises
- The updating of Regimental Honour Boards signifying awards of excellence
- The supply of musical instruments to the Band of the 10/27 Battalion
-and much more.

The Battalion has now offered to pay back our efforts by offering members a hosted visit to the Warradale Barracks WETS facility in the very near future. The visit will include exhibitions and training stands by 3 Field Squadron, RAE, and a hands-on visit to the simulator facility where we will fire various types of military hardware. The tour will be on an approaching Tuesday evening, probably between 1800 and 2100 hrs, and members will need to register their interest by contacting the Secretary David Laing. You will need to make your own transport arrangements to get to Warradale Barracks. We already have 10 expressions of interest, so only a few places are left. If you wish to see how our Army operates today, and also get to fire some of their latest weapons, REGISTER NOW!

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