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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC

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Association Dining In Night

My apologies for omitting the date of this important night in our last newsletter.

- ◆ Date: Saturday 13th October 2018
- ◆ Timings: 1800 hrs for 1830 hrs.
- ◆ Location: Colonel Light Gardens RSL
- ◆ 4 Prince George Parade
- ◆ Colonel Light Gardens
- ◆ Cost: \$45 per person. Includes 2 course meal and all beer, wine and soft drinks.
- ◆ Dress: Black Tie/Mess Dress, miniatures. Ladies After Five.

The 2017 Dining In Night was a great success, with some guests travelling from interstate to catch up with old comrades. Well supported by the Band of the 10th/27th Battalion, we will this year again tap along to their tunes.

Once the dinner concludes, guests will be invited to retire to the lounge area and listen to the Band continue with a vast repertoire of their songs.

You can reserve your seat now by contacting the Secretary on 0407 791 822 or at davidlaing49@bigpond.com

Limited seating only, so book now to reserve your seat.

The Battle of Long Tan

Although this year we commemorate the end of WW1 and it's horrors, we must not forget the other conflicts that have claimed Australian lives over the years.

On 18th August 1966, 102 members of Delta Company 6 RAR fought a battle of overwhelming odds, against a vastly larger enemy force in a rubber plantation near the Vietnamese village of Long Tan. As a result of that battle 18 Australian soldiers died, and a further 24 were wounded. It wasn't until Clearing Patrols sent out the following morning that the Australians realized the extent of their fight.

The Australian forces had been deployed in a defensive position as the enemy closed in, launching human wave assaults of infantry across the rubber plantation.

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Special points of interest:

- Why would you name your aircraft “Bad Angel”? Page 2 has the facts.
- Learn more about Unley's own 27th Battalion on Page 7.
- We pay tribute to one of our best on the passing of Major Trevor Phillips on 24th July 2018 after a long illness. Former mates pay their respects on Page 12. Vale to a good soldier and great friend.

Bad Angel

Louis Curdes was born on 2 November 1919 to Esther (nee Kover) and Walter Curdes. He grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and enrolled at Purdue University. After nearly three years of study, Curdes joined the Army Reserve on 12 March 1942. He became a 2nd Lieutenant, and graduated from Flying School on 3 December 1942 at Luke Field, Arizona at the age of 22. Later he was sent to the Mediterranean theatre to fight against the Germans in southern Europe.

World War II North Africa and Italy

He joined the 329th Fighter Group, a unit of the United States Army Air Forces, but was transferred to the 82d Fighter Group, 95th Fighter Squadron, where he saw action in North Africa, Sardinia and Italy, flying a Lockheed P-38 Lightning. On 29 April 1943, he shot down three German Messerschmitt Bf 109 (Me-109) aircraft and damaged a fourth near Cape Bon, in Tunisia. On 19 May he shot down two more Me-109s near Villacidro, Sardinia. In less than a month of combat, Curdes was a flying ace.

On 24 June he shot down an Italian Macchi C.202 over Sardinia. He damaged a German Me-109 on 30 July over Pratica di Mare, Italy. His last two victories in Europe were two Me-109s over Benevento, Italy.



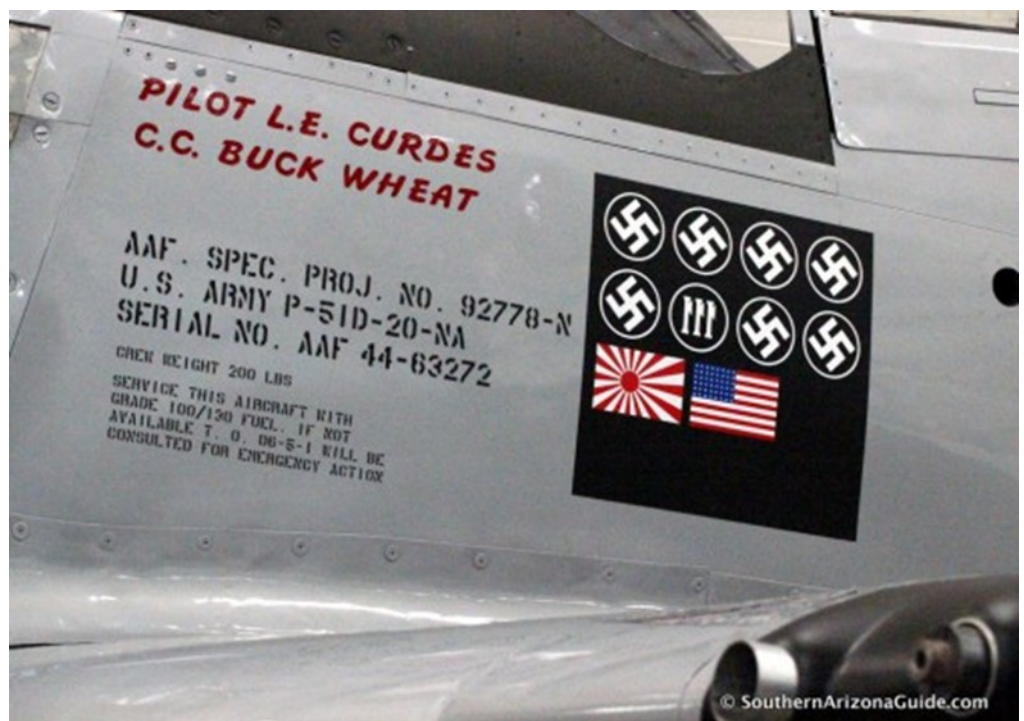
Capture and escape

On 27 August 1943, Curdes was shot down whilst in combat with German aircraft over Salerno, Italy. He was captured by the Italians and sent to a prison camp near Rome. A few days later, the Italians surrendered to the Allies. In response to the Italian armistice, Germany invaded its former ally. Curdes and some other pilots escaped before the Germans took control of the PoW camp. They reached Allied territory on 24 May, 1944.

Curdes was repatriated to the US and returned to his hometown in Fort Wayne. Curdes requested a return to active duty and joined the 4th Fighter Squadron and the 3rd Air Commando in the Pacific in August 1944, flying the P-51 Mustang.

Pacific Campaign and shooting down an American aircraft

By November 1944, parts of the Philippines were again under US control. His unit, the 3d Air Commando Group, had the task of bombing Japanese bases and providing support to ground



New Economic Stimulus Package

Sometime this year, we taxpayers may again receive an 'Economic Stimulus' payment. This is indeed a very exciting programme and I'll explain it by using a Q & A format:

Q. What is an 'Economic Stimulus' payment?

A. It is money the Federal Government will send to taxpayers.

Q. Where will the government get this money?

A. From taxpayers.

Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?

A. Only a smidgen of it.

Q. What is the purpose of this payment?

A. The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a High-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.

Q. But isn't that stimulating the economy of China?

A. Shut up.

Below is some helpful advice on how to best help the Australian Economy by spending your stimulus cheque wisely:

- * If you spend the stimulus money at K-Mart, Big W, Target or the host of \$2 shops we have, the money will go to China, Vietnam or Sri Lanka ..
- * If you spend it on petrol, your money will go to the Arabs.
- * If you purchase a computer, it will go to India, Taiwan or China ...
- * If you purchase fruit and vegetables, it will go to China, India, Peru.....
- * If you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea .
- * If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan .
- * If you pay off your credit cards or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

Instead, keep the money in Australia by:

- 1) Spending it at garage sales or
- 2) Going to footy games or
- 3) Spending it on prostitutes, or
- 4) Beer or
- 5) Tattoos.

(These are just about the only Australian businesses still operating in OZ.)

Conclusion:

Go to a footy game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a garage sale and drink beer all day!

No need to thank me, I'm just glad I could be of assistance.

27th Battalion. Unleys Own

At this time just over 100 years ago ‘Unley’s Own’ 27th Battalion took part in the Battle of Amiens. The battalion was part of the first wave of attacks during the decisive Allied defeat of the German Army. During the battle the 27th Battalion captured 9 artillery pieces, 25 machine guns and over 200 prisoners. The 27th Battalion was raised in South Australia in March 1915 with many of the recruits coming from suburban Adelaide, particularly from the district of Unley. On 16 March 1915, the former Mayor of Unley and Commander of the Port Adelaide defences, Lieutenant Colonel Walter Dollman was appointed to command the 27th Battalion. This was a great source of pride within the district and accordingly the battalion became known as ‘Unley’s Own’. On 8 May 1915 the battalion marched down Unley Road prior to its embarkation. (Pictured.)

Together with the 25th, 26th and 28th Battalions the battalion formed the 7th Brigade. The battalion fought in Gallipoli and in early 1916 proceeded to France as part of the 2nd Australian Division. The battalion entered the front-line trenches on 7 April 1916 and fought in the Battle of Pozieres between 28 July and 5 August 1916. On the evening of 4 August the battalion took part in the assault to capture the Windmill of Pozieres on Hill 160. This was a significant feature as the high ground of Hill 160 afforded a strategic overview of the battlefield. During the successful assault on the Windmill at Pozieres the 27th Battalion suffered the loss of 132 troops Killed in Action and a further 300 wounded.

Official Historian, Charles Bean wrote that “the ruin of Pozieres Windmill, which lies here was at the centre of the struggle in this part of the Somme battlefield in July and August 1916. Australian troops fell more thickly on this ridge than on any other battlefield of the war.”

Lieutenant Colonel James Slane on 22 August 1916. Slane was succeeded by and Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Chalmers CMG DSO on 1 October 1917.

The 27th Battalion received the following Battle Honours during World War One:

Somme, 1916, '18

Pozières

Bullecourt

Ypres, 1917

Menin Road

Polygon Wood

Broodseinde

Poelcappelle

Passchendaele

Amiens

Albert, 1918

Mont St. Quentin

Hindenburg Line

Beaurevoir

France and Flanders, 1916-18

Gallipoli, 1915

Egypt 1915-16

Soldiers serving with the 27th Battalion were awarded the following decorations: One Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George, Five Distinguished Service Orders, 20 Military Crosses (Two Bars), 14 Distinguished Conduct Medals, 69 Military Medals (Two Bars), Five Meritorious Service Medals, 21 Mentioned In Despatches and Six Foreign Awards.

Approximately 8,000 troops served with the 27th Battalion during World War One. Of these, 1169 were Killed in Action.

Lest We Forget.



CPL Dave's Page

The 6th grade science teacher, Mrs. Parks, asked her class, **'Which human body part increases to ten times its size when stimulated?'**

No one answered until little Mary stood up and said, **'You should not be asking sixth graders a question like that! ... I'm going to tell my parents, and they will go and tell the Principal, who will then fire you!'**

Mrs. Parks ignored her and asked the question again, **'Which body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?'** Little Mary's mouth fell open. Then she said to those around her, **'Boy, is she going to get in big trouble!'**

The teacher continued to ignore her and said to the class, **'Anybody?' ...** Finally, Billy stood up, looked around nervously, and said, **'The body part that increases 10 times its size when stimulated is the pupil of the eye.'**

Mrs. Parks said, **'Very good, Billy,'** then turned to Mary and continued :

**'As for you, young lady, I have three things to say:
One, you have a dirty mind ...
Two, you didn't read your homework ...
And three, one day when you get married you are going to be very, VERY disappointed.'** ...



**I TRIED TO DROWN MY
SORROWS
BUT THE BASTARDS
LEARNED
HOW TO SWIM**

The Flat Mate.....

A young man moved out from home and into a new apartment, all on his own, so he went proudly down to the foyer to put his name on his mailbox.

While there, a stunning young lady came out of the apartment next to the mailboxes, wearing only a light robe.

The boy smiled at the young woman and she started up a conversation with him. As they talked, her robe slipped open, and it was obvious that she had nothing else on. The poor kid broke into a sweat trying to maintain eye contact.

After a few minutes, she placed her hand on his arm and said, "Let's go to my apartment, I hear someone coming."

He followed her into her apartment; she closed the door and leaned against it, allowing her robe to fall off completely. Now completely nude, she purred at him, "What would you say is my best feature?"

Flustered and embarrassed, he finally squeaked, "It's has to be your ears."

Astounded, and a little hurt she asked, "My ears? Look at these breasts; they are a full 38 inches and 100% natural. I work out every day and my bum is firm and solid. I have a 28 inch waist. Look at my skin - not a blemish anywhere. How can you think that the best part of my body is my ears?"

Clearing his throat, he stammered . . . "Outside, when you said you heard someone comingThat was me."

Thanks to old mate David Hope for these rippers!

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This newsletter is our main means of communication, and while we strive to present interesting stories, mainly of a military nature, we'd like to include some of your stories and photos from years gone by. Some members have already contributed their photos and experiences, including from current serving members on operational deployments. Most of you have served for many years, and some even after cameras were invented, so there **MUST** be some interesting pics out there, just waiting to be published. All hard copy photos will be scanned and returned to the owners, although we do prefer you email your story and photos, as this makes publication easier.

The address, email and phone number on just to the left, so please take a little time to share your story.

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Long Tan.....continued

After several hours of intense fighting, reinforcements from B Company arrived on foot, along with A Company on board armoured personnel carriers dispatched from Nui Dat.

It is estimated the enemy force numbered over 2,000, and Two hundred and forty-five Vietnamese dead were found on the battlefield, with captured documents later suggesting hundreds more had been killed or wounded.

The Australian soldiers had been outnumbered 20 to 1 and despite their success against overwhelming odds, the Battle of Long Tan was still the costliest battle for Australia during the entire Vietnam War.

In recent years Australia has named August 18 as Vietnam Veterans Day, although for some it will only ever be Long Tan Day.

Commemoration Services will take place on August 18 around Australia paying homage to the fallen of the Vietnam War, and

to celebrate the lives of those who went into harms way to defend our democracy.

One service will be conducted at the Murray Bridge RSL at 1100 hrs, and the names of the 18 fallen will be read out in front of a replica of the Long Tan Cross.

An invitation is extended to all those who wish to participate, and light refreshments will be served after the service.

The Murray Bridge RSL is located through the township, across the River Murray and straight in front as you come off the bridge.

LEST WE FORGET



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Corporal Phillip Davey Awarded Victoria Cross

On 28 June 1918 Corporal Phillip Davey took part in a daylight attack on Merris in northern France while serving with the 10th Battalion. The 23 year old from Unley was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions following the death of his Platoon Commander when he saved his platoon from annihilation by singlehandedly wiping out an eight man German machine gun crew, capturing the gun and then turning it on the enemy. He was seriously wounded during the action and spent nearly two months in a British military hospital with severe wounds to his legs, back and stomach. The Victoria Cross citation reads:

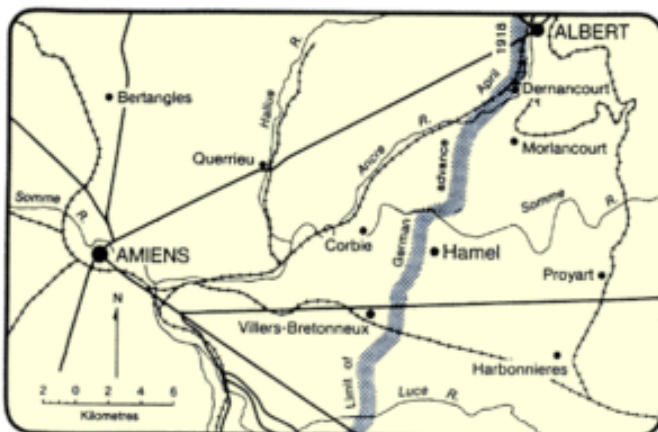


For most conspicuous bravery and initiative in attack. In a daylight operation against the enemy position, his platoon advanced 200 yards, capturing part of the enemy line, and while the platoon was consolidating, the enemy pushed a machine gun forward under cover of a hedge and opened fire from close range, inflicting heavy casualties and hampering work. Alone, Corporal Davey moved forward in the face of a fierce point-blank fire, and attacked the gun with hand grenades, putting half of the crew out of action. Having used all the available grenades he returned to the original jumping-off trench, secured a further supply, and again attacked the gun, the crew of which had in the meantime been reinforced. He killed the crew, eight in all, and captured the gun. This very gallant NCO then mounted the gun in the new post, and used it in repelling a determined counterattack, during which he was severely wounded. By his determination, Corporal Davey saved the platoon from annihilation, and made it possible to consolidate and hold a position of vital importance to the success of the whole operation.

Earlier in the war while serving at Gallipoli, Davey suffered from enteric fever and was evacuated. He re-joined the 10th Battalion in September 1917 and was accidentally wounded when a hand grenade injured his left hand. Davey was gassed in October 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres, leaving a lifetime legacy of chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Following being awarded the Military Medal for his actions in retrieving a wounded comrade from No Man's Land under heavy fire he was promoted to Corporal in April 1917.

After he had recovered sufficiently from the wounds sustained at Merris, Davey received his Victoria Cross at Buckingham Palace on 12 September 1918, before returning to Australia. In 1926 Phil joined the South Australian Railways and worked as a labourer and linesman for 20 years. At his funeral, fellow 10th Battalion comrade and VC recipient Arthur Blackburn said 'I think all agree that no VC was ever better earned than Phil Davey's. He was a terrific soldier'.

Centenary of the Battle of Hamel



The capture of the town of Hamel and its surrounding areas was a significant and strategic objective for the Allied cause in mid-1918. Capture of these areas would provide an important foothold around the Somme area, as well as adding depth to defences on Hill 104 – the Villers-Bretonneux plateau, a key area to the defence of nearby Amiens. The Hamel operation was under the command of Lieutenant General John Monash, his first as commander of the Australian Corps, who stated:

It was high time that the anxiety and nervousness of the public, at the sinister encroachments of the enemy upon regions which he had never previously trodden, should be allayed by a demonstration that there was still some kick left in the British Army. I was

Centenary of the Battle of Hamel.....continued

ambitious that any such kick should be administered, first, at any rate, by the Australians.

Monash was a former civil engineer and used to creating and studying drawings. He had huge models of the battlefield created and pioneered two approaches in his many days of planning for the battle. The first being detailed and democratic planning where he discussed his ideas for the battle using maps with his troops of all ranks until he was satisfied with his preparations and confident that his troops understood what was expected of them. The second was the concept of a fast strike on the enemy utilising a combination of modern planes, tanks, heavy artillery and Lewis guns to allow his infantry troops to advance as unfettered by enemy resistance as possible. The stunning success of this strategy in the Battle of Hamel is cited by some as the inspiration behind the Blitzkrieg lightning strike strategy used by Germany in World War Two based on the principle of a combined arms battle.



The Battle of Hamel is also significant for Monash's use of four companies from the newly arrived American troops of the US 33rd Division. Monash decided to fight the battle on 4 July, US Independence Day, in the knowledge this would inspire the 800 Americans attached to his Australian Battalions.

The attack was primarily an infantry assault with significant tank and artillery support. Monash attacked at 3.00am to avoid light, decreasing enemy visibility and protecting the troops from fire for as long as possible. This followed a diversion attack on a nearby village and an aerial bombardment to mask the sound of his tanks moving into position.

The Battle of Hamel was a spectacular success. The Australian and American troops advanced quickly with the element of surprise and tanks clearing their path by crushing enemy defences and wire while allied aircraft dropped ammunition and tanks brought up necessary supplies. The capture of the village took just 93 minutes, three minutes more than what Monash had anticipated in his planning. The Germans suffered approximately 2,000 casualties and the loss of many machine guns, trench mortars and anti-tank weapons. There were 1,062 Australian and 176 American casualties. Over 1,500 Germans were taken prisoner.

Infantry, artillery, tanks and planes worked together to move the front line forward by two-and-a-half kilometres across an eight kilometre front, with relatively few losses. Monash wrote:

A perfect modern battle plan is like nothing so much as a score for an orchestral composition, where the various arms and units are the instruments, and the tasks they perform are their respective musical phrases.

French President Georges Clemenceau visited Australian troops who had fought at Hamel and said in a speech:

I shall go back tomorrow and say to my countrymen: "I have seen the Australians, I have looked into their eyes. I know that they, men who have fought great battles in the cause of freedom, will fight on alongside us, till the freedom for which we are all fighting is guaranteed for us and our children."

References: <https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/exhibitions/1918/battles/hamel>

Bad Angelcontinued.

troops. They also raided Japanese facilities along the coast of China and the island of Taiwan, providing escort duties to Allied ships, dropping supplies from the air, delivering mail, and evacuating the wounded.

On 7 February 1945, Curdes flew a P-51 about 30 miles southwest of Taiwan, where he destroyed a Japanese reconnaissance aircraft Mitsubishi Ki-46-II. By that time he had shot down aircraft from the three main countries of the Axis Powers: Germany, Italy and Japan.

On February 10, Curdes, now a Lieutenant, formed a squadron of four aircraft that departed from Mangaldan Airfield in the Philippines. Their objective was to investigate if the Japanese were using a temporary air strip on the southern tip of Taiwan. No airfield could be found and Curdes returned to the Philippines.^[3] Flying over the island of Batan, the squadron split; Curdes and Lieutenant Schmidtke headed north, while Lieutenants Scalley and La Croix headed south.

Scalley and La Croix located a small Japanese airfield and attacked it and also called for reinforcements; Curdes and Schmidtke headed south to join them.

During the attack on the airfield, La Croix was shot down and made an emergency landing in the sea. As the squadron circled, Curdes could see that his companion had survived, and remained in the area to guide a rescue plane and protect the downed pilot. While covering La Croix, Curdes noticed a larger plane was preparing to land at the Batan airfield. He went to investigate and found the aircraft to be Douglas C-47 transport with US insignia. Curdes tried to make contact by radio, but was not successful. He manoeuvred his P-51 in front of the plane several times trying to get the C-47 to alter course, but the C-47 maintained its course.



One of “Bad Angels” 50 Calibre wing mounted machine guns

Curdes lined up his P-51 directly behind the C-47 and fired his .50 caliber machine guns into one of the C-47s two engines, causing it to fail. The C-47 still maintained its course for the Batan's airfield so Curdes then disabled the remaining engine forcing the pilot to ditch in the sea.^[3] The plane successfully ditched without breaking up, and the crew was able to evacuate into a lifeboat. La Croix approached and was brought on board the C-47's life raft, where he was informed about the situation. The plane had apparently been lost in poor weather and its radio had stopped working. As it was also running out of fuel, the pilot headed directly to the island's airstrip, unaware that it was under Japanese control.

At this point, the dusk and low level of fuel of the P-51 forced Curdes to return to base. The next morning, he accompanied the rescue PBY to pick up the downed C-47 pilot and 11 crew members, including two nurses, all of whom had survived the incident. To Curdes's surprise, he discovered that one of the nurses, named Svetlana Valeria Shostakovich Brownell, was a woman with whom he had had a date the night before the incident. Contrary to subsequent reports, Curdes did not receive a Distinguished Flying Cross for that event, although he did receive credit for the "Kill" and displayed it on his aircraft.^[3]

His unit was later transferred to Gabu Airfield in Laoag, Philippines from where he attacked Japanese positions in northern Luzon and Okinawa until the end of the war.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

It's bad enough getting on the wrong side of the President or Secretary, but you really never want to get offside with the Treasurer. Here's some important info from him.

Membership fees for the 2018/19 financial year are due and payable from the AGM to be held on Sunday 5 August 2018. Some members are already prepaid for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21. See the list of Financial Members in this Sitrep to check whether you are already financial for future years.

For those members who will not be attending the AGM membership fees can be paid by:

- Direct deposit to our new bank account with Bendigo Bank-
BSB: 633000; A/c No: 161658588
PLEASE put your name as the reference
- Cheque—to the Treasurer, RSARA, 20 Katoomba Road, Beaumont, SA 5066
- Money Order—to the Treasurer, RSARA, 20 Katoomba Road, Beaumont, SA 5066. **PLEASE** include your name with the money order.
- On the last page of this newsletter is a current list of financial members.

And from the Secretary.....

Wise words indeed from our Treasurer David Hope, and I thank him for his diligence and hard work in bringing back so many unfinancial members.

When I commenced the initial spreadsheets of members details in 2008 I never had time to chase up those whose payments had fallen behind, and subsequently we weren't receiving Annual Fees from over 100 registered members.

I still have 250 members on my books, which means we either have 100 members unfinancial, or my figures are wrong. I suspect a bit of both!

To see the successful continuity of this Association, we must all pay our Annual Fees. Failure to pay will see you eventually removed from our records, and that would be a real shame for you and for us.

Do us all a favour and get your fees up to date so we can get on with our real goal of “To Perpetuate the Regiment.”

Concerning the AGM.....

A full yearly report from the President and the Secretary will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. Of course, if you attend the AGM on August 5th you will already know what those reports contain. You need to register ASAP with the Secretary if you wish to attend, for catering purposes only!

I shall be shouting free drinks for all members accompanied by their grandparents and the Queen of Tonga! That's the type of guy I am!

RSAR Association - Financial Members as at July 19, 2018

Honorary Members			Members (ctd.)			Life Members			
Wilson	Neil		Munro	Ron	Ω	Acton	Chris		
Lipman	Ben		Oakley	Andrew	Ω	Beckett	David		
			Orrock	Alan	Ω	Blackmore	Bill		
			Parslow	Howard		Bourne	Colin		
Members			Parsonage	James		Brookes	Philip		
Abareh	Wadi		Paul	John		Burnard	Trent		
Abel	Colin		Payne	Bob		Davey	Trevor		
Attenborough	Geoff		Perkins	Bob		Gaborit	Lyndon		
Ayles	Jeff	Ω	Pexton	Timothy		Hawking	Don		
Baldwin	Robert		Phillips	Colin Rex		Haynes	Malcolm		
Barnaart	Philip		Pollard	Barry		Hogan	Mark		
Bates	Allan		Portakiewicz	David		Hook	Alan		
Beames	Rodney		Preece	Brian		Hope	David		
Benveniste	Sam		Rado	Stephen		Horseman	Ian		
Blake	Sam		Ramm	Hank		James	Grant		
Blondell	Mark		Ranger	Denis		Johnson	Barry		
Boath	Ian		Rathmann	Norm		Klopf	Alex		
Brophy	Ryan	Ω	Rathmann	John		Laing	David		
Brown	Bruce		Rijken	Paul	↕	Lakin	Bruce		
Burton	Ray		Robertson	James		Marlin	Robin		
Buttars	Erik		Rossetti	Lee		Moore	Terry		
Carnachan	Ian		Rushton	Benjamin	Ω	Ockenden	Marc		
Chittleborough	Jeff	Ω	Russack	Jonathon		Phillips	Trevor +		
Cooke	Nat		Sage	Andrew		Stewart	Robin		
Cotton	Bob	↕	Sanders	Ashley	Σ	Stewien	Peter		
Cram	Kevin	Ω	Sanderson	Max		Vella	Joe		
Dew	Trevor		Standing	Michael	↕	Waters	Ian		
Domanski	Glenn		Schoeman	Johannes	Ω	Westover	Rhys		
Dunn	Peter		Scott	Rhys	Ω	Wilson	Graham		
Dunn	Bob		Scown	Neville	Ω	Yorke-Simpkin	Reg		
Eckard	Andries	Ω	Thomas	David					
Edson	Roger		Thomson	Jim		Associate Life Members			
Elliott	Graham		Tregenza	Norm		Phillips	Heather		
Eva	Keith		Trezise	George					
Faquiri	Reshad	Ω	Weightman	Aidan		Associate Members			
Faunt	Joshua	Ω	Wheeler	Chris					
Field	Don					Abel	Karen		
Gatley	Graham		ex 10th Bn AIF Members			Ayles	Denise	Ω	
Gibson	Lindsay		Chaplin	Tony	Ω	Beames	Cheryl		
Gill	Graham		Collins	Peter	Ω	Carnachan	Dom		
Gilmour	Graham		Harrison	Keith	Ω	Elliott	Julie		
Goodwin	Graham		Harrison	Nigel	↕	Field	Shirley		
Gordon	Frank	Ω	Hill	Max	Ω	Hook	Philippa		
Harrington	Malcolm	Ω	Kearney	Robert	Ω	Hudson	Margaret		
Harrison	John		Larkins	Steve	Ω	Johnson	Margaret		
Hawkins	Des		Mclver	Bill	Ω	Laing	June	↕	
Haynes	Malcolm		Mulroney	Dennis	Ω	Lee	Ann		
Hudson	Rick		Pike	Graham	Ω	Main	Raelene		
Jeffrey	Scott		Rech	Tony	Ω	Sanderson	Lorraine		
Johnston	Robert		Richter	Bert	Ω	Tregenza	Lyn		
Justin	Trent		Sharon	Greg	Ω	Winger	Kathleen		
Lee	Pat		Spencer	John	Ω				
Loveder	Peter		Tyson	Tich	Ω				
Main	Brian								
Martin	Bob						Honorary Members	2	
Martin	Cameron	Ω					Life Members	30	
Matchett	Bill		Prepaid Members				Associate Life Members	1	
McCulloch	Don			2018/19	Ω		Members	89	
Mitchell	Barry			2019/20	↕		Serving Members	17	
Morony	Frank			2021/22	Σ		Associate Members	15	
						Total financial members			154

VALE Major Trevor Phillips

Major Trevor Phillips passed away peacefully on the evening of 24th July surrounded by his loving family. He was 76 years of age.

I first met Trevor when I was posted to A Coy Alberton after having completed Recruit and Corps Training at Torrens Training Depot in the early 70's. Trevor was the Officer Commanding A Coy, and it struck me that he looked too young to be a Major, and it turns out he was only 5 years older than me. He retained his youthful looks throughout his life.

We crossed horns after a weekend training exercise over to Edithburgh on the HMAS Banks with about 80 other A Coy soldiers. Private Mick Hudson and I had "doctored" our SLRs to fire full auto, but we were caught out when we were directed to aim and fire at a floating buoy off the stern of the moving vessel. We were "dobbed in" to the OC when we returned to Alberton and he summed it up simply. "I'm not going to throw the book at you two, because I wasn't there and didn't see the incident!" We breathed a sigh of relief, until he said "but WO2 Carnachan was there, and he saw it, so he's going to throw the book at you!" Sprung!

Trevor was a founding Life Member of the RSAR Association and signed up for Life Membership in 2007, signifying his support of the way we operated. He attended many Association functions and made numerous friends over the years. He is already sadly missed. More tributes follow.

David Laing - Secretary RSAR Association Inc. Editor "Sitrep. Over!"



Dear David,

Thank you for the very bad news.

He was a great mate and in fact was the god-father of our three boys.

Kind regards,

Adrian Craig

9 RAR

David

Thank you for your kind thoughts on the passing of Major Trevor Phillips .

Regards

Ian Carnachan

CSM A Coy and his mate

Afternoon David,

Sad news, I spoke to Trevor on the phone on Monday 23rd and was going in to see him today; too late.

My thanks for the information. He was a great mate and soldier.

Don Hawking Major (Retd) 10 Bn RSAR

Rest in Peace Trevor. 10/27 Battalion's thoughts are with your family friends at this difficult time. Pro Patria

Trent Burnard CO 10/27 BN RSAR

Editors Note: An Official letter of condolence has been sent to the President RSARA by the CO 10/27 Battalion.

Farewell Sir.

As a past member of 10th Battalion at Alberton. Stand Fast Lest We Forget.

Brian Preece ex-Alberton 10 RSAR



Phillips, Trevor MAJOR (Retd)

Members are advised of the sad passing of founding member Trevor on 24th July 2018 after a long illness.

Our sincere condolences to Heather and family.

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