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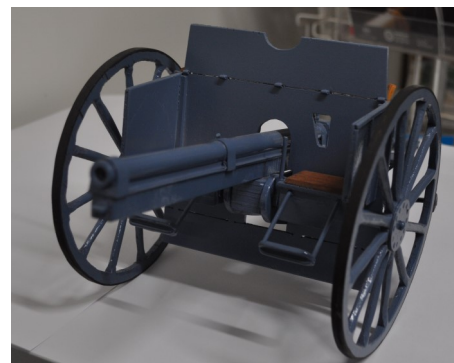
## WW1 German Gun progress

You may recall a story in this newsletter some time ago about a project undertaken by the Murray Bridge RSL and the Murraylands Men's Shed. A WW1 Krupp Artillery gun, bequeathed in 1920 to the community of Murray Bridge, was being restored to its battle-field condition after 98 years of being neglected in a local park.

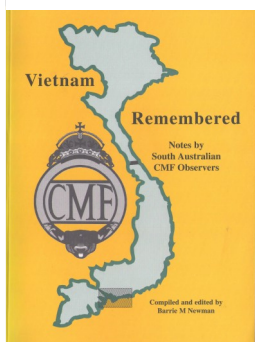
I am pleased to say the gun was moved back to the Murray Bridge RSL last Monday and placed under cover (and under tarps) at the front of the RSL where it will await unveiling. The date set for this event is Sunday 16th September 2018, which is just 2 days short of its capture on the Western Front by members of our own 10th Battalion.

10/27 Battalion RSAR will provide a Catafalque Party and Bugler, and the CO LTCOL Burnard will assist the Mayor of Murray Bridge in the unveiling. A service, conducted by Murray Bridge RSL President David Laing, will commence at 1100 hrs, and will feature the blessing of the RSL Memorial stone on the front forecourt, prior to the unveiling.

If you are interested in history and would like to see the results of this wonderful restoration project, you're welcome to attend. 16th September 1100 hrs.



## Vietnam Remembered



During the Vietnam War a number of CMF Army Officers saw service in Vietnam as CMF Observers. Their tours of up to 3 weeks duration were intended to show them what it was like on the front, and for them to convey their experiences back to their units in Australia. Barry Newman, one of the Observers mentioned, has published a book called "Vietnam Remembered" and although now out of print, we have placed a link on our website where you can read this fine book. I was lucky to receive a hard copy some years ago, and I thoroughly recommend it. Find it at [www.rsara.asn.au](http://www.rsara.asn.au)

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## Trevor Phillips farewell

They came in their hundreds! Medals shining, backs ramrod straight. Some straighter than others.

Bombardiers and Brigadiers. Corporals and Company Sergeants Major. Privates and Lieutenant Colonels. The old and bold, the bald and the grey. And all with a common cause. To farewell not just one of our own, but to say goodbye to a bloody good bloke!

The National Wine Centre was the perfect place for a farewell to a bloke who didn't mind a drop of red. Or white, for that matter!

Alan Hook gave a brilliant obituary of Trevor's early life and his goal to be a good Dad and husband, and also to support his community, no matter where it was. Born in Whyalla, Trevor spent most of his early life working and living in that town and Port Pirie, Ceduna and a lot of places in between, in his role as a bank manager.

Trevor's daughter Anne spoke bravely of her loving father and the way he had always been there for his family. His extended family of grandchildren were in the audience to say farewell to their "Pop."

His entry into the CMF saw him rise very quickly through the ranks, and in no time he reached the rank of Major, and excelled at the duties that came with it. Being my OC at Alberton with 10 Battalion was my earliest memory of him, but we probably saw more of each other as members of the RSAR Association in later days than anything else.

Trevor's wife Heather spoke of their romantic first meeting as young folk, and how they rekindled their friendship years later, to form a bond that has lasted to this day and beyond. With the words of a composed yet grieving wife, Heather left no doubts of her love for the man she has stood by through thick and thin. A marvelous tribute from a very gracious lady.

Trevor's smile will be with us for many years to come, and the coffee shop get-togethers will never be the same without him.

Farewell to a great bloke and a grand soldier.

*David Laing*

Secretary - RSAR Association Inc

Former Section Commander. 10 RSAR A Coy Alberton.

## 2018 AGM Report

For those of you who attended, you know what happened. For those of you who had genuine excuses not to attend, MY apologies. For those of you who said they would attend and didn't, and those of you who just couldn't be bothered, here's the Report in Semi Traditional Mandarin. Please excuse my spelling but I've done my best to stick to the script.

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## Seeking CPL Bradley WOLF

From time to time we get requests to locate people who may be members of the RSAR Association. The one below came to our Historical officer Des Hawkins. He passed it to me, so here it is.

*My name is Suzzie Rhodes I was reserve Pte in approx 1981 part of the regular soldiers at that time were Corporal Macdonald Corporal Bradley Wolf and Sgt Hood.*

*I am trying to find Corporal Wolf I think he was made a Sgt before he left.*

*I was friends with him when I was there but lost contact and would like to get back in contact. If you have any information on where he went or is now I would appreciate it.*

*Thanks for your reply*

*My unit was 10/27 RSAR HQ was split into 2 parts one moved from the smaller unit to Keswick Barracks for part of the unit my CSM was Warrant Officer Richardson with the RSM of the unit being Warrant Officer Pope both were in the Regular Army"*

Regards

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## Hi David. Dick Smith here!!!

Last month I was on holidays in Sydney when I received a phone call right out of the blue from a bloke called Dick Smith. I know of only one Dick Smith, so was a bit cautious as our conversation began. After only a couple of seconds, I knew I was talking to the REAL Dick Smith, and he told me the reason for his call. Dick has been an admirer of the so called "Marree Man" which came to prominence in July 1988 after a local tour pilot overflowed the area and discovered its existence.

Many theories exist of how it came to be there, but Dick says he has an idea it was made by members of the ADF when they were constructing the nearby Oak Valley Airstrip in 1997. Dick says the Army were the only ones with the technology (GPS) and land clearing equipment at the time to carry out such a monumental task.



I was intrigued at how Dick got my number, and he explained he had Googled Army Engineers in SA and been directed to the RSARA website. (3 Field Squadron comes under the organizational umbrella of 10/27 Battalion) (This proves the intrinsic value of our website.)

Dick is offering a \$5,000 reward for the discovery of the origins of the Marree Man, and had reached a stalemate when he stumbled onto our website.

Not being one to shirk a challenge, I promptly shirked the challenge and handed the task to RSARA Historical Officer Des Hawkins, who took up the enquiries with gusto.

So, Des has contacted past and present members of 3 Fd Sqdn, and even spoke to personnel who were actually part of the Oak Valley Airstrip project back in the '90's.

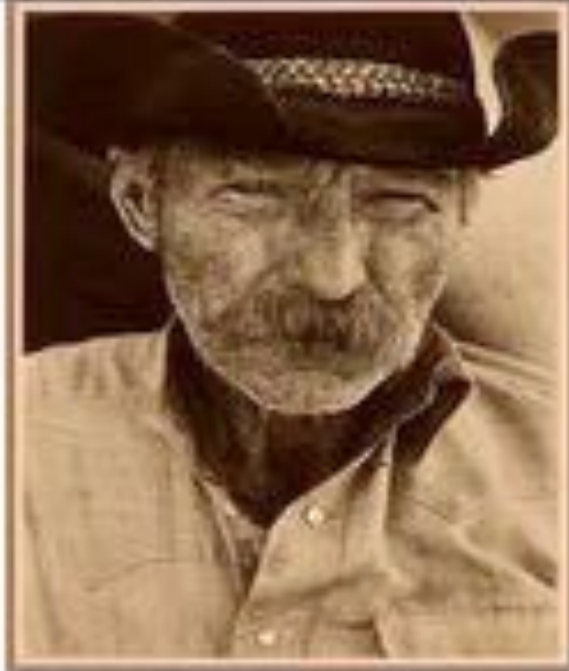
I'll let Des take over from here.

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## There's a message here.....

Here are the Five Rules for Men to Follow for a Happy Life that Russell J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win the....

"Coolest Headstone" contest..."



A COWBOY TOMBSTONE .....

### **FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW FOR A HAPPY LIFE**

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh,
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.



# CPL Dave's Page

## Irish Vasectomy

After having their 11th child, an Irish couple decided that that was enough, as they couldn't afford another bed.

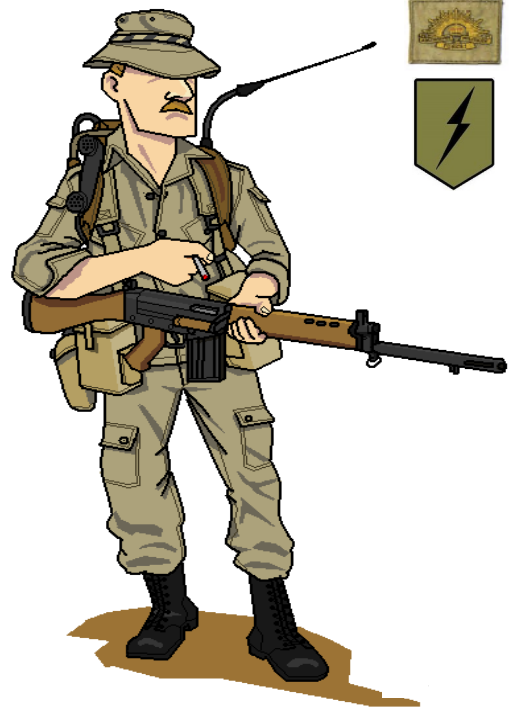
So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children . . .

The doctor told him there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a large firecracker, light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10

The husband said to the doctor, "B'Jayzus, I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me with my problem."

"Trust me, it will do the job", said the doctor. So the man went home, lit a cracker and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5 . . . ? " at which point he paused, and placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

This procedure also works in New Zealand and Western Australia.



## The Talking Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the pub for a drink with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go down the pub with me today?"

We will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going down the pub with me ?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

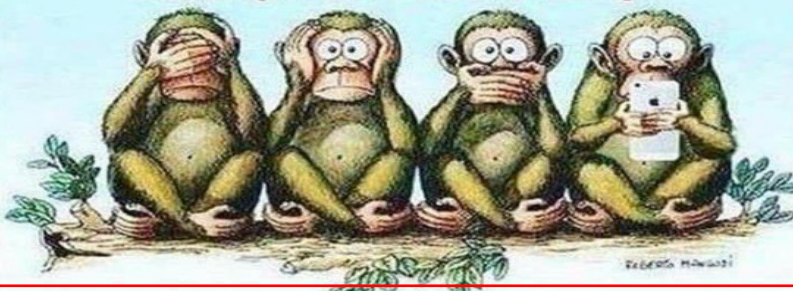
This time he put his face up against the centipede's box and shouted,

"HEY IN THERE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE PUB WITH ME?"

This time a little voice came out of the box,

"I heard you the first time! I'm putting my bloody shoes on!"

**Finally the fourth ape! He is the sum of the first three:  
He sees nobody, hears nobody and speaks to nobody.**



A man doing market research knocked on a door and was greeted by a young woman with three small children running around at her feet.

He says, "I'm doing some research for Vaseline, Do you have a moment to answer a few questions?"

The woman agreed, and he continued...

"Have you ever used the product?"

She says, "Yes, My husband and I use it all the time."

"And if you don't mind me asking, what do you use it for?"

"We use it for sex."

The researcher was a little taken back, "Usually people lie to me and say that they use it on a child's bicycle chain or to help with a gate hinge, But, in fact, I know that most people do use it for sex, and I do admire you for your honesty, and since you've been frank so far, can you tell me exactly how you use it for sex?"

The woman says, "I don't mind telling you at all.. My husband and I put it on the door knobs and it keeps the kids out."

And you thought it was gonna be a dirty joke... Shame on you...

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It's simple! Send an email to the email address just above and request a Membership Application Form. Once you return it, your details will be verified and you will be advised of the outcome

Membership Fees are only \$20 per year for a FULL Member and \$10 for an Associate Member.

Members serving in the ADF pay NO FEES for the first year, and \$10 per year after whilst still serving. Once they discharge they pay \$20 per year.

The Royal South Australia Regiment Association is open to all former serving members of the Regiment, and to former serving members of the ADF who can identify and support the goals of the Association.

Join one of the most successful and proactive ex services organisations in Australia.

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## Marree Man..... continued

*Thanks Dave. The thought of a real "who done it" mystery was something I hadn't expected when I took up the role as your Historical Officer.*

*For the uninitiated the MARREE MAN or STUART'S GIANT is a modern creation which depicts an indigenous Australian man hunting with a boomerang or stick. It lies on a plateau at Finnis Springs 60 km west of the township of Marree in central South Australia. The figure is 2.7 km tall with a perimeter of 28 kilometers. It was discovered by a charter pilot after a flight over the area on 26 June 1998. Suggestions by Dick Smith whose research includes suggestions it was created by late Alice Springs artist Bardijs Goldberg, by local Indigenous people, by Americans and by the Australian Army.*

*Armed with what information I now had, my first line of enquiry was to source contacts within the Army Museum Keswick who may have served with Engineers and may provide some info about this Op.*

*Without hesitation I contacted Jeff Ayles whose knowledge and many contacts over the years has proved invaluable. He suggested having a talk with Nick Meredith also an Army Museum volunteer who back in his days was with 3 Fld. Sqn.*

*As a matter of courtesy I contacted Dick Smith to advise that I had taken up the challenge and once I had spoken with Nick would get back to him. A quick reply from Dick was "Thanks Des. Could you also find the dates that the unit worked on the construction of the Oak Valley Aerodrome? The Marree Man would have only taken a few days and use two drums of diesel! Look forward to hearing from you! Dick "*

*Well done Jeff. Good call.*

*Nick I was to find out was actually the OC 3 Fld. Sqn which in 1997 was ordered at short notice to provide support for the Australian Army Community Assistance Project. A troop commanded by the then 21C Capt Rye spent 2 weeks at Oak Valley, an aboriginal community some 130 Kms. North West of Maralinga in S.A. The Task involved construction of water collection and storage facilities, refurbishment of refuse facilities, airstrip and road maintenance. From there my next contact was Dave Rye, who was good enough to provide the following :-  
"Hey Des, not much more to add I am afraid to what Nick has probably already told you. Yes 3 Fd Sqn did deploy to Oak Valley in 1997 for a two week period where we undertook a number of tasks under the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP). Our main task was the construction of a couple of water catchment tanks. These consisted of a large metal frame structures with an inverted roof that feed into a steel water tank. The tanks came as a flat pack and we had to also construct these. Typically for Engineers, we ended up exceeding our brief and managed to get the airstrip, which was already there but deemed unsafe for use, back up to a point where the Flying Doctors were able to re-use the strip. We also dug a tip for the community and did some minor work on their roads.*

*I should point out that our efforts were a prelude to a larger push by 17 Construction Squadron who followed us out to Oak Valley in the following year and were on the ground for several months. I believe they were actually constructing houses for the community and also undertaking some training opportunities in basic trade skills. I am not sure (or cannot remember) if they did any additional work to the airstrip .....*

# Secretary's Report 2018

I start this report, my 10<sup>th</sup> as Secretary and can say that I am here for the long haul!

After 7 years of asking to be stood down, retrenched, removed, replaced or sacked, I have come to the conclusion that no one wishes to take my place, therefore I shall retire from this position only when I leave this mortal coil, and then you'll REALLY miss me!

Thanks to the efforts of our globetrotting Treasurer, we have now caught up with most of our financial members, and in doing so have increased the size of our bank account. I'm sure he'll tell you about it later.

The President has continued to lead by example, and this year has been no different in the amount of support we have given to the Regiment. Being based in Murray Bridge precludes me from supporting the President in some tasks, however he has never failed to support the battalion whenever asked. I thank you for your efforts and your support of myself, the association AND the battalion.

One exercise hosted jointly between the Murray Bridge RSL and the RSAR Association was a 10/27 Bn Band Concert in June, which saw the RSL and the Association each pocket about \$1500 from the proceeds. We also managed to secure a grant from Veterans SA which paid for \$600 worth of Hall Hire. Thank you very much to the Minister for Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Stephen Marshall for his governments' generosity.

270 tickets were available, and 270 seats were filled on the day. My thanks go to bandmaster David Portakiewicz and the band for providing a fantastic event of musical magic. We really do have a band of national talent, and we're very proud of them.

Our Facebook page and Website continue to attract interest from around the world, and it truly is an intelligent way of communication. A new Facebook page titled "Band of the 10<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Battalion" has recently popped up, and I urge you to visit the page and witness the camaraderie of its' members.

Some articles on our Facebook page attract over 1,000 viewers in less than 24 hours, and this is an indication of their interest in our work.

From time to time I get enquiries from members about "where do my annual fees go?" and what do regional, interstate and overseas members get for their buck?

ANSWER: The Mission of the RSAR Association is to support and perpetuate the Regiment, and some of the ways we achieve this are:-

- Provide literary prizes for 10/27 Bn soldiers who have achieved excellence in their field during the year.

- Provide trophies for the same.

- Provide wreaths for ANZAC Day (\$140)

- Update Honour Boards at 10/27 Bn HQ every year

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## 2018 Dining In night

There are STILL seats available for the 2018 Dining In Night to be held at the Colonel Light Gardens RSL on 30th October 2018 at 1800 for 1830 hrs.

Tickets are only \$45 per head and this includes all beer, wine, soft drinks and 2 course meal.

The past DIN was a great success and was attended by former serving members of the Regiment from all over Australia. The same is due to occur when a number of mates will travel down from Queensland to take part in the festivities this year. There WILL be a "passing of the port" but you won't have to wait hours before you nip off to the loo!! And you don't have to be a former SNCO or Officer. The DIN is open to everyone who wants to enjoy a good night. And if you don't own a Dinner Suit, a suit and Regimental tie are very acceptable.

Please mark the date in your calendar and notify the Secretary if you wish to attend. We'll do the rest.

**30th October 2018**  
**1800 hrs for 1830 hrs.**



## Marree Man.....continued

*All information was passed on to Dick Smith who I believe did personally contact Nick Meredith recently for some further clarification.*

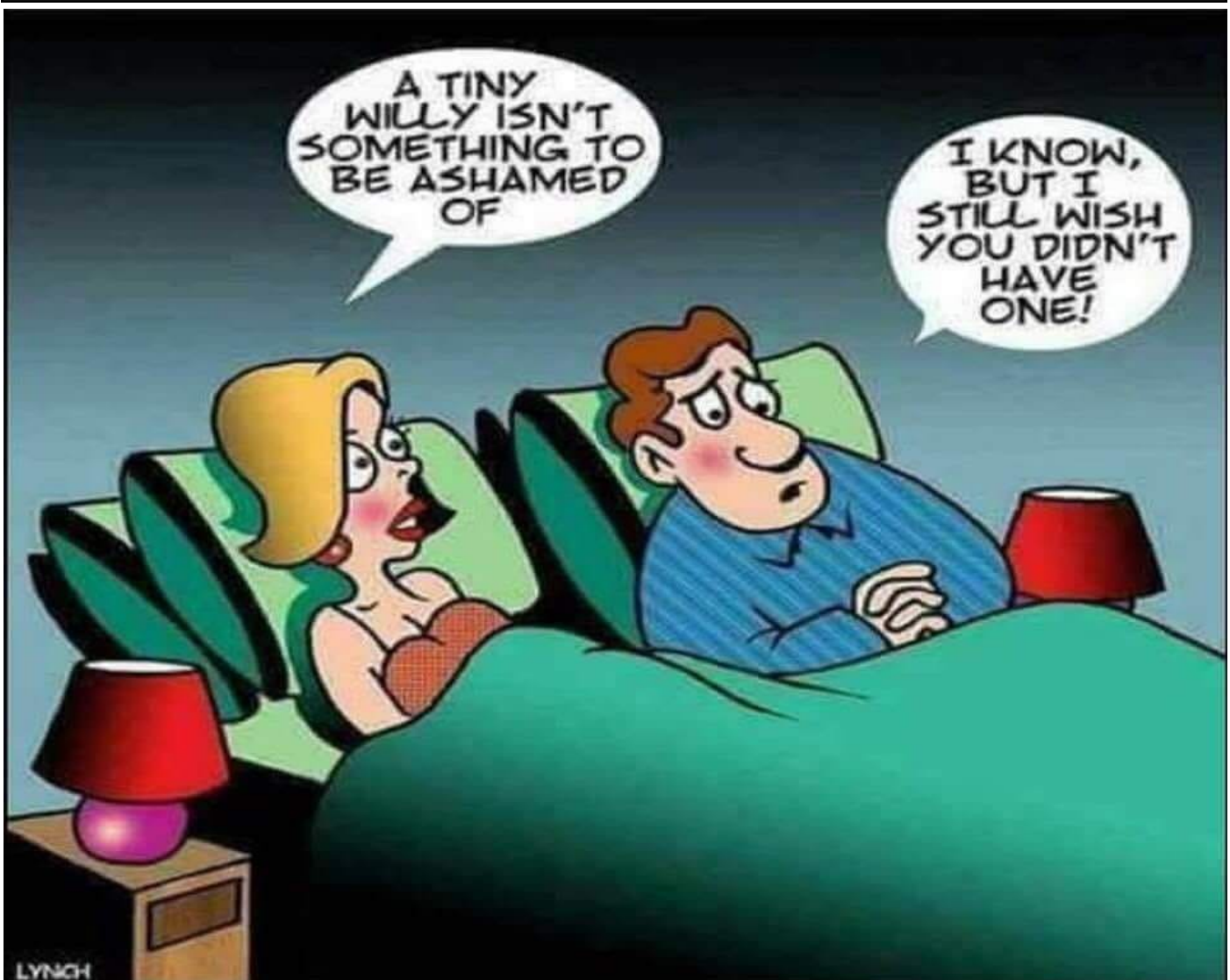
*GPS as we know it today was I believe not available at the time MARREE MAN was created.  
For those of us who remember back then training days, fuel, equipment, vehicles, rations etc. all had to be indented for and had to be approved with follow up post exercise reports to be completed.  
I know there are ways and means to fiddle the system but I think MARREE MAN may have been a bit beyond us.*

So there you have it! That's time Des and I will never get back!!

The rest is up to Dick Smith, and being the pugnacious bloke he is, I reckon it's not the last we've heard about the mystery surrounding the "Marree Man!"

*David Laing* - Secretary RSARA

*Des Hawkins* - Historical Officer RSARA





## Secretaries Report – 2018 .....continued

Supply, prepare and serve BBQ lunches to 10/27 Bn soldiers returning from Annual Field Exercises.

Provide support to the Battalion by supplying sponsorship for various Battalion functions, ie: 2014 Centenary Ball, 2014 Centenary Church Service at St Peters Cathedral.

Provide funds and manpower for projects not funded by Defence, ie: The Keswick Barracks Memorial Garden.

Provide funds for musical instruments and maintenance of musical instruments for the 10/27 Battalion Band which are not funded by Defence.

Periodic donations to charities like Legacy and fundraisers like Tour de Legacy etc

Admin costs for printing and postage of hard copy newsletter “Sitrep, Over!” And on that note I can say our hard copy newsletters have dropped from 30 in 2008 to 10 at the present time. This is an indication of more members becoming technology aware and embracing the internet.

Association fees for Defence Reserve Association, of which we are a member

Entertainment costs for visiting overseas soldiers

Awards and “Thank you’s” for support to the Association

These costs are in the thousands per year, and are proudly borne by the Association. Without your assistance, the moral of a proud Regiment would not be as high, and we can remain certain that the money we raise through fees, subscriptions and merchandise goes to a worthy cause. To perpetuate the Regiment.

We produce a large range of merchandise for sale, including stubby holders, polo tops, ceremonial shields, regimental ties, association badges and more. We add a mark-up of only around 5% to each item, so the savings are passed onto the customer. I encourage you to support the association by purchasing some of the available items.

And my thanks to the rest of the committee, especially the young serving members who combine busy private lives with Reserve training and their duties on this committee.

Finally, thanks to you, the members for continuing to support the Association, and the Regiment.

Pro Patria.

*David Laing*

Secretary RSAR Association Inc

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## **Bandmasters Report – 2018**

### **10th/27th Battalion, Royal South Australia Regiment Band**

The Band has again had a very interesting and productive year. The band has supported its traditional tasks, including



the ANZAC Day dawn services and March, Junior Leaders Course graduation parades, and several commemorative services and Mess dinners. In total the Band has conducted 32 tasks so far this year.

The main highlight for the year so far was the

Band concert held in June at the Murray Bridge Town hall where it helped raised funds for both the RSARA and MB RSL.

The Band is excited about supporting the RSARA annual Dining in night in October and the Battalion Armistice Ball on 3 November at the Convention centre where I hope to see you all.

The Band has been honoured this year by being invited by the Governor of SA to support the Government House Investitures in the second week of September. The Band will support all 4 of these ceremonies being held at Government House.

The Band has also continued its strong push to recruit new members. The Band has enlisted 2 new members with a further 2 new members passing their auditions and awaiting enlistment dates. We even have one of our newest recruits present today PTE Corey Skapin who graduated from Kapooka in February this year.

The Band continues to improve in leaps and bounds and their great work would not be possible without the continued support of the Association, especially its committee members. It has been the Associations support that has allowed the Band to continue its fantastic work. The Association helps with the maintenance of the Band's instruments and uniforms. Myself and the Band would specifically like to recognise the hard work of Rod Beames and David Laing in support of the Band.

The Band will continue to remain extremely busy until the end of the year. The Band is tasked most weekends until the battalion Stand down period. Some of the tasks include Remembrance day, the Credit Union Christmas Pageant, and the Battalion's Freedom of the City March.

SGT *David Portakiewicz*

Bandmaster, 10th/27th Battalion Band.



**From the Commanding Officer 10th/27th Battalion RSAR AGM Speech**

Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you today. Firstly I wanted to start by saying thank you to all the members of the Association because without your support much that has been done over the last 2.5 years would not have been possible. Your support in taking care of the members of the Battalion, through preparing and cooking meals, sorting out honour boards, plaques and the many other tasks sets this association apart from the others in the state, indeed a former RSM of this unit has received RSARA as the envy of many units in the Army. As I near the end of my tenure as CO I can say that this unit has in every sense become a combined arms battlegroup. .



As you would know it is no longer the Reserve unit that many of you would remember. It is without question a far more agile, lethal and protected force than at any time in its history. The Battalion battlegroup is much more secure in its knowledge of the other corps. The relationships within the battlegroup have continued to develop. We have three Arms corps, transport and ordnance corps amongst others. We have a transport 2IC, an armoured corps ADJT, and Infantry 2IC on full time service in the Engineer squadron, a Signaller and an Engineer as 2IC of the Infantry companies.

For now, let me speak very briefly about where the unit the state of the Unit. Since the last AGM, which unfortunately I was unable to attend we have seen a number of changes, we've had many successes and been directed to undertake many tasks. We have deployed members on operations. Our own Regimental Sergeant Major is due to return to Australia from Operation Augury in 7 days time after training the Philippine Army to combat the threat of terrorism in their country. Indeed a number of us were selected to support operations in the Middle East but for a range of reasons were not called forward.

We have returned a significant number of soldiers from Rifle Company Butterworth. The unit has now finished its Reset year where it has spent a considerable period of time training its members and supporting other units to train soldiers and officers also. We have qualified nearly every officer in their ADF Range Qualifications and most officers are now rank

and trade qualified. In fact a sizeable number of soldiers, NCOs and officers have spent the last year getting themselves qualified for their next rank and as such I am very happy to say that later in the year I expect many will be promoted. We have also spent the year adjusting to the changes that have resulted from the 2nd Division Transformation, which have seen us gain capability in some areas, but lose it others, namely we have fewer Regular Army cadre staff to carry out much of the day to day work within the battlegroup. We have proudly sent engineers in support of the Australian Army Aboriginal Community Assistance program.

We are now actively involved in community engagement with the Aboriginal community in Murray Bridge. We are now well into our recently directed planning and training for our domestic security and emergency tasks. Training that was well executed and has prepared us well for future certification March next year. We have achieved nearly every support task that we have been asked to achieve over the last financial year and we can be justifiably proud of our hard work, our dedication, our loyalty and our professionalism.

The next 12 months will be equally if not more demanding. We have entered the readying cycle as we again prepare ourselves for Ex Talisman Sabre and deployments after that time. We will again be sending soldiers and officers on our whole of government Border protection operation as well as Rifle Company Butterworth in Malaysia and once again it looks promising for members of the Battlegroup to be called for operations in the Middle East...on the proviso that they have participated in the three major exercises this year. In September we commence training the Battlegroup on the Enhanced F88, a significantly more lethal weapon system and one that can guarantee even the most average of combat shots the ability to provide effective fire out to 600 metres.

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## **From the Commanding Officer 10th/27th Battalion RSAR continued**

This year also marks the end of the 100 years of Anzac. Armistice day will be a poignant reminder of the day that brought an end to what, at the time, was the greatest conflagration in human history. Through the unit and the community observing this day we are reminded of the sacrifice of all the men and women that gave their life. I read the other the day that by some coincidence there have now been exactly 100 Australian VC winners and as many of you would know only 4 of them are alive. Remembering the Armistice matters because as a result of WW1 there are more than 102,000 names inscribed on the National war memorial. The pain that each of the families of those 102,000 men and women would have felt following the loss of their loved ones needs deep reflection to truly understand if you haven't experienced that sort of grief yourself. Remembering this years Armistice matters, because we must continue to strive for peace and understand the cost of war. We do not celebrate, we commemorate but whilst we commemorate and remember those sacrifices we must also train for war, for that is our role and you can be assured that the unit is heavily invested in this. To that end the battlegroup will march through the centre of the city during this year's Freedom of Entry on the 03 November and the Battlegroups end of year ball will held on the same night at the convention centre. All ranks will wear service dress in memory of those that celebrated the end of the war 100 years ago. RSARA members will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets to attend.

Finally, amongst our many official duties that soldiers and officers will undertake on the 11 Nov 18 we will also unveil the city's largest mural on the walls of the Q store at Keswick barracks. Overlooking the railway line and the Royal Adelaide Show grounds the mural promises to commemorate the history of South Australia's reserve heritage from the Boer war to the current day. It promises to be one of the most inspirational art pieces in South Australia and will attract significant public attention for the Army Reserve. Let me say Rod Beames' enthusiastic support has been vital to the ongoing planning of the project.

I would like to thank you all for coming, but I would especially like to thank the partners who supported your loved ones whilst they served and continue to do so through their membership with RSARA . I would also like to thank the serving members that are financial members and those that are today. It's vitally important to the health of the association that we strengthen the membership through current serving soldiers. I believe in it so strongly that during the last financial year I decided to become a life member of the Association and I look forward to continuing my long association with RSARA. Thank you to all the members that have helped with the little things, those fringe activities that I certainly do consider important and often vital.

Thank you everyone

*Trent Burnard*

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer  
10th/27th Battalion RSAR



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We all start somewhere, and LTCOL Burnard did as well.

The pic at left shows him in Kigali, Rwanda in 1994 as part of the infantry protection element for the Australian Medical Support Force with 2nd/4th RAR.

Here Private Burnard sits under a green canvas shade cover at Belgium Gardens. He is talking with a young ten year old Kigali boy, John Paul.

Private Burnard is wearing a blue United Nations (UN) beret and is armed with the F88 Steyr.

## Presidents Report 2018

The role of the Association has continued to be active and relevant. so as President, I am proud to be able to deliver a positive summary of events. When you have a winning team, the coach's job is easy and this is the case with the Royal South Australian Regiment Association.

We have been successful with major activities like feeding the Battalion Sunday lunch at Edinburgh in February and minor activities (but just as important) like updating the “Soldier of the year” Board and collecting the “empties” from the mess and cashing them in for Legacy. Often it is the little things on the fringe which cause the biggest headaches for the Battalion Leaders and when we help here it is appreciated.

We have been able to frame some old photographs which had been stuck up with blue tack and we are currently working with the Army museum in upgrading the historical display in the HQ building.

The Association has been instrumental in sponsoring a grant application for new uniforms for the Band (still pending) and another application for a mural on the Q store facing the Keswick Railway Station.

These projects fall outside the Army (they are not considered capability orientated) but to the CO and the Battalion they are important and we can help.

The highlights of the past year for the Association include the Formal Dinner; the “WETTS” shoot after the Battalion Lunch, and of course, the Anzac march.

In the past year we have cancelled the Sunday lunches as our attendances fell below 30 members. However, we have booked another formal dinner with the Band for October to again be held at the Col Light Gardens RSL I am looking forward to a strong attendance for the event. Also, the Battalion has invited all members to attend the gala celebrations for the anniversary of cessation of hostilities 100 years ago. This will be held at the Convention centre and you can get your tickets on line now.

These 2 social occasions should give ample opportunity for members to exercise their voices and their dance steps.

This year we have added “Regimental Plaques” to our catalogue of merchandise. These were made by the Murray lands Men's Shed and are of very high quality. For \$50, inscribed and delivered, they are proving to be a popular purchase for the home display.

Again, I can't close without thanking the Committee of Management for all their support and hard work. In particular I mention the subs clean up project undertaken by the Treasurer and his implementation of our new electronic payment system and the ongoing quality newsletter “Sitrep Over” produced by our Secretary.

THANK YOU!

*Rodney Beames*

President  
RSAR ASSOCIATION Inc





**RSAR Association - Financial Members as at August 27, 2018**

<b>Honorary Members</b>		<b>Members</b>		<b>ex 10th Inf Bn Members</b>	
Wilson	Neil	Ayles	Jeff	Chaplin	Tony
Lipman	Ben	Bennett	Christian	Collins	Peter
		Brophy	Ryan	Harrison	Keith
<b>Life Members</b>		Burton	Ray	Harrison	Nigel ↑
Acton	Chris	Chittleborough	Jeff	Hill	Max
Beckett	David	Cooke	Nat	Keamey	Robert
Blackmore	Bill	Cotton	Bob ↑	Larkins	Steve
Boscence	Bob	Cram	Kevin	McIver	Bill
Boume	Colin	Dew	Trevor	Mulroney	Dennis
Brookes	Philip	Eckard	Andries	Pike	Graham
Bumard	Trent	Faquiri	Reshad	Rech	Tony
Burns	Wayne	Faunt	Joshua	Richter	Bert
Camachan	Ian	Gatley	Graham	Sharon	Greg
Davey	Trevor	Goodwin	Graham #	Spencer	John
Elliott	Graham	Gordon	Frank	Tyson	Tich
Gaborit	Lyndon	Harrington	Malcolm		
Hawking	Don	Hawkins	Des	<b>Associate Members</b>	
Haynes	Malcolm	Heath	Jonathan	Ayles	Denise
Hogan	Mark	Lee	Pat	Camachan	Dom
Hook	Alan	Martin	Cameron	Elliott	Julie
Hope	David	McCulloch	Don	Hook	Philippa
Horseman	Ian	Mitchell	Barry	Klopf	Josie
James	Grant	Munro	Ron	Laing	June ↑
Johnson	Barry	Oakley	Andrew	Lee	Ann
Klopf	Alex	Orrock	Alan	Tregenza	Lyn
Laing	David	Portakiewicz	Anthony	Winger	Kathleen
Lakin	Bruce	Portakiewicz	David		
Marlin	Robin	Preece	Brian		
Moore	Terry	Ramm	Hank	Honorary Members	
Ockenden	Marc	Ranger	Denis	Life Members	
Pollard	Barry	Rathmann	Norm	Associate Life Members	
Stewart	Robin	Rathmann	John	Members	
Stewien	Peter	Rijken	Paul ↑	Serving Members	
Vella	Joe	Rushton	Benjamin	Associate Members	
Waters	Ian	Sanders	Ashley Σ	<b>Total financial members</b>	
Westover	Rhys	Skapin	Corey		
Wilson	Graham	Standing	Michael ↑		
Yorke-Simpkin	Reg	Schoeman	Johannes		
		Scott	Rhys		
<b>Associate Life Members</b>		Scown	Neville	<b>Prepaid Members</b>	
Phillips	Heather	Tregenza	Norm		2019/20 ↑
		Trezise	George		2021/22 #
		Wheeler	Chris		2021/22 Σ