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# Representative Colonel's Foreword

## His Excellency, The Honorable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia

It is with great honour that I have held the appointment as Representative Colonel of The Royal South Australia Regiment since 2014.

It has been a privilege through this duty to interact with many remarkable people who make up the Regiment.

This year marks the Centenary of the Armistice declared on 11 November 1918 and the conclusion of the Great War of 1914 to 1918. At the end of the war, the 10th Battalion had seen its last major action at Amiens with the 27th, 43rd, 48th and 50th Battalions seeing theirs at the Hindenburg Line. This year also marks General Monash's military genius at the village of Hamel on 4 July 1918. This battle was a resounding success and was noteworthy for the innovative use and coordination of the capabilities of infantry, tanks, artillery and aircraft —what is today called 'combined arms'. In this battle, the 43rd Battalion had the distinction of seizing the village of Hamel itself.

The history of the military presence within South Australia has been that of trials and tribulations through the 19th and 20th centuries, with many significant events. The Infantry of South Australia were amongst the first to South Africa and the Boer War, the 10th Battalion Australian Imperial Force was one of the first Battalions within the 3rd Brigade ashore at Gallipoli, and the 2/48th Battalion Australian Imperial Force was the most decorated Battalion of the Second World War.

The Armored and Engineer force elements that today come under command of 10th/27th Battalion have

just as strong a history as the Infantry, with both Corps playing an important role in establishing defences within the Colony of South Australia. The Battalion served with distinction at Gallipoli and on the Western Front in the First World War, and in the harsh conditions of the Middle East and South West Pacific during the Second World War.

While the major conflicts of the 20th Century are the most heralded, many soldiers who have served in The Regiment have seen service during other conflicts such as those in Korea and Vietnam, or in more recent operations in Afghanistan, the Middle East, Timor Leste, or Solomon Islands. These are just some of our notable achievements.

Yet it must not be forgotten that The Regiment continues to support the community by assisting in disaster relief and by maintaining the oldest military band in the Australian Army: The 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment Band.

I thank the men and women of South Australia who form The Regiment for their service, and praise their efforts as they continue to uphold the customs and traditions of the Australian Army and the core values of the Australian soldier.

We live in peace and freedom today because of your service and valour. So much so, we live a life in Australia that is the envy of much of the world.

*Pro Patria*



The Representative Colonel hosting the 10/27 RSAR Band at Government House



# Colonel Commandant's Message

## Brigadier Tim Hanna, AM

It is a great honour to hold the appointment of Colonel Commandant of The Royal South Australia Regiment. While I do not have an infantry background, it is a sign of the times that the 10th/27th Battalion now comprises a diverse range of sub-units and Corps.

The Australian Army has evolved since its inception in 1901 to reflect the Government's requirements for the defence of our nation. The current capabilities and structure of the 10th/27th Battalion are very different from its formative years. Vehicles, weapons, uniforms and communications equipment have all changed remarkably over the last 100 years, indeed, even over the last decade. So too have tactics, techniques and procedures.

In recent years, there has been a considerable enhancement to individual soldier equipment which reflects the requirements of Army's mission to prepare for war. This mission has also seen an increase to the ongoing demands of training and achieving skill proficiency at the individual and collective levels of the Battalion, as the capability of the Army Reserve is utilised more to enhance the full-time Army. For example, in mid-2018 elements of the Battalion, as part of Battlegroup Jacka, entered the Ready year of Army's Force Generation Cycle. As part of this Battlegroup they will work alongside their full-time counterparts as an integral part of the 1st Brigade to provide support during Exercise Talisman Sabre in July 2019.

In recent years the various sub-units which now make up the Battalion have performed admirably in a variety of roles in Australia and overseas. This continues a great tradition for South Australian soldiers, which started with the militia of the 19th century colony of South Australia, to those who served in many famous campaigns in Gallipoli, Europe, North Africa, and New Guinea in the First and Second World Wars, through to those who have served in the operations of the 21st century. This includes the recent peacekeeping deployments in Solomon Islands and on border security deployments in the waters off Australia's coastlines. Support to major events such as international sporting activities and in the wake of natural disasters have also featured prominently over the last decade.

However, the challenge remains to ensure that we continue to contribute to future defence capabilities. Effective recruiting, well-executed training and inspiring leadership will assist the 10th/27th Battalion to achieve its mission and maintain its fine reputation.



The Centenary of the Armistice has been a strong focus for the Battalion in 2018. Given its proud and illustrious history, it was fitting that the Battalion marked the Centenary by exercising the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide and holding a Centenary of Armistice unit ball. These links to our past are important for those who have served and our present-day officers and soldiers.

We are all proud to be associated with the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment, its predecessor units, and today's serving members.

*Pro Patria*



Brigadier Hanna welcoming the Lord Major during the Freedom of Entry Parade , 3 November 2018

# Commanding Officer



It was with an immense sense of pride that I joined the Battalion as a recruit in April 1990, nearly 29 years ago. Never could I have imagined the honour and the privilege of taking command of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) in 2016. I have had the good fortune to have served with some of the finest men and women I have ever known.

*The 10th/27th Battalion, inclusive of 3rd Field Squadron and A Squadron 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles), represents the history and the future of the combined team that has achieved so much during my tenure.*

During the past three years we have seen the culmination of Plan Beersheba across Army and we have fully adapted to the Force Generation Cycle (FGC). This has become our lighthouse and our *raison d'être* – it is our way of doing business. The FGC has provided the essential foundation for our place within the Army of today and enables our future within that

Army. We have achieved a great many things including the force preparation and deployment of 168 people on Exercise HAMEL 2016, operating as the mounting Headquarters for Rifle Company Butterworth 120 and Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR 2016, and the contribution of personnel to those activities. We have contributed a significant number of small-team and individual reinforcements to a multitude of Transit Security Elements and Butterworth deployments as well as to Operations OKRA and AUGURY. A large number of soldiers, non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and officers have been recognised through the Prince of Wales Award or participated in the Tasman Scheme. All of these major tasks have been in addition to the increasingly demanding domestic operational preparedness requirements and training requests to assist in the delivery of individual training around the country.

Whilst not at the same rate yet as our full time units, we have also seen unprecedented change and modernisation in our equipment fleets. This includes the commencement of the introduction of the G Wagons and the interim F88 SA2 Steyr with Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight scopes, and the simultaneous conversion and introduction into service of the EF88. During the past three years the unit has been issued the next generation Australian Multicam Uniform and Soldier Combat Ensemble. Members of the unit have trained in Combat Shooting and the Army Combative Program and, by the time of publication of this edition of *Pro Patria*, selected members will have qualified on the Multi-Rotor Unmanned Aerial System. I envisage that over the next 10 years we will see part-time soldiers having a significant involvement in the adaptation and employment of new technologies including next generation night fighting equipment. I have seen the Battalion's culture and camaraderie improve as a result of all members of the unit embracing the combined arms effect.

Our unit is in great shape but we know there will always be challenges and there is much more that we need to do. It is imperative that we finalise our unit's transformation. In the coming year we will complete the rationalisation of our depots and we will see Alpha Company consolidated and moved to a more purposeful facility in Adelaide. There have been other challenges also. We continue to work hard in recruiting large numbers of infantry soldiers, yet despite our hard work in this area success remains elusive. Not so for the Royal Australian Engineers and Royal Australian Armoured Corps, where these corps' correspondingly small recruiting targets have been routinely filled and we



now seek additional recruiting targets. In other areas we have been spectacularly successful. The numbers of soldiers, NCOs and officers who have become fully qualified and subsequently been promoted and committed to the advancement of the unit has been unprecedented in the last ten years. This is in large part due to the members themselves but also to the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our success in this area. I also wish to congratulate all those that have won sub-unit and unit awards as well as higher commendations over the past three years.

During the past three years we observed the centenaries of a number of decisive battles in our unit's history such as Beersheeba, Amiens and others. This year also culminated with the Freedom of Entry parade in the City of Adelaide and the Armistice Ball at the Adelaide Convention Centre to mark the end of the First World War. The Centenary of Armistice has given us an excellent opportunity to reflect on our heritage; however, it is our future that we must focus on. We must continue to train as 'war fighters training for war' and I caution all of us not to become complacent or under estimate the serious business that we are engaged in. During the past three years we have had part-time members selected for service in the Middle East and at this time there is no reason to suggest that this will not continue. Indeed, with an increasingly uncertain geopolitical future and rising competition in our near region it is conceivable that members from the unit will have a progressively more important role to play as part of the Total Force's warfighting capability. Our future success will be dependent upon the ability to harness the capability of all of our people, ensuring they have all the requisite competencies and are sufficiently experienced to add value alongside or in support of our full-time comrades. It is imperative that we do not become distracted from the fundamentals of warfighting and I urge you all to strive to become the most tactically and technically proficient soldiers, NCOs, warrant officers and officers that you can become.

I wish to also briefly mention Sergeant Ashley Meek who tragically passed away in February 2017. He was a highly respected senior NCO whose loss affected many in the unit including myself. He will be remembered.

I would also like to convey my appreciation to all of those that have served in any capacity in the Battalion from every Corps at every rank and regardless of your level of commitment. The unit's success is due to your hard work, flexibility and initiative. It has not always been easy and indeed at times it has been frustrating, but I have been honoured to lead this proud unit of extraordinary Australians. We have a strong foundation, great people and much to be proud of, and it is a great time to be a part-time Australian soldier because not

since 1945 have the part-time forces been called upon to do so much in the service of their country.

Finally, as my tenure has now drawn to a close I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members of the unit who have contributed to generating and supporting capability around the country and overseas. Although all of the full-time members deserve my thanks the RSM, Warrant Officer Class One Ben Lipman, and Warrant Officer Class Two David Nicholas, deserve particular recognition for the dedication, hard work, loyalty and support. The Regimental Council and the respective Corps associations that have supported the unit throughout the last three years are also due significant recognition. I also wish to thank all of the employers and the families who have shared their time with the Army to give every member of the unit the opportunity to progress their career and serve their nation. Indeed, I know that my own wife Lou and my four children have consistently supported and enabled me so that I could spend the last three years focusing on this unit and the Army. It is truly a team effort and a shared sacrifice in the service of our country. I wish you all the best and I know the unit is well placed. I congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morgenthaler on his appointment as the Commanding Officer of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment in 2019.

*Nec Aspera Terrent, Ubique, Pro Patria.*

**Lieutenant Colonel Trent Burnard**  
Commanding Officer, 10/27 RSAR



"Bush selfies"

Battalion Leadership Team - CO and his RSM out field

# Regimental Sergeant Major

With a sense of honour and privilege I took up my appointment as the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) in January 2017. On arrival I was unsure what to expect from a Reserve battalion. As the first activity of any significance I presided over was 6th/13th Light Battery firing guns on Australia Day, I quickly learnt there was more to the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) than Employment Class Number (ECN) 343.

I am a firm believer that the RSM should not 'come in with a plan for what you want to achieve in your two years' as taught on our courses. On the contrary, I believe he should come into the unit and figure out what the unit needs of him. On my arrival I realised the unit was in desperate need of 'middle leadership' – Corporals, Sergeants and Warrant Officers. Last December we promoted 17, and we look to eclipse that number at the end of this year.

*We continue to look for good men and women with the right drive and commitment to put on courses and promote. I aim to deepen the pool so subsequent RSMs can select Platoon Sergeants and Company Sergeant Majors based on merit. Get qualified!*

During my first two years as RSM the unit has gone through a number of major changes with the implementation of the 2017 Unit Employment Review, adoption of Combat Shooting and introduction of the Army Combative Program. At the same time all the regular activities such as ECN 343 skills remediation, radio, chainsaw and driver's courses and so on have continued along with the mundane but critical governance that comes with a unit of this size.

We continue to support operations with large contingents supporting Rifle Company Butterworth, and individuals supporting Transit Security Element rotations. Last year the Adjutant, Captain John Moulton, was in Taji, Iraq; and I myself have recently returned from a deployment to the Philippines as the RSM of Joint Task Group 629 conducting operations in support of counter terrorism and counter violent extremism in our region.



As I write this article we are preparing to exercise 10 RSAR's Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide, host the Armistice Ball, send a combat team to Exercise Jacka Walk as part of Battle Group Jacka, and conduct a full hand over/takeover of command. For a unit that does not do a great deal as a battalion, we sure do a lot as individuals and small teams.

To all the soldiers who regularly attend or assist with Battalion and/or Brigade training weekends, excises, and governance activities, well done for your attendance and commitment. To those who do not, I encourage you to immerse yourself in the training available in the coming year.

The Australian Regular Army staff of the unit deserves to be thanked separately for their tireless efforts in planning, organising and executing relevant training. The knowledge and experience you bring to the unit are important as you are the conduit that allows the Reserve force to remain current on developments in the wider Army.

It has been my privilege to have been your Regimental Sergeant Major for the last two years. I thank you all for your support and efforts and look forward to resuming the fight with you next year. To all members of the Battalion and your families I wish you all the best for the festive season and good fortune for 2019.

*Pro Patria.*

**Warrant Officer Class One Ben Lipman**  
Regimental Sergeant Major



# Executive Officer

My arrival at 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) at the start of 2017 came at short notice and was followed by a swift and effective handover from Major Malcolm Haynes and Major David Neale who had shared the Executive Officer (XO) duties in 2016. Unlike previous XO/Second-in-Commands, this was my first posting to 10/27 RSAR.

The tempo was immediate with Force Preservation Training for 2017 and the Commanding Officer's Officer Training Weekend just around the corner. These ran smoothly thanks to the preparation and planning through operations and the Adjutant, Captain Rob Johnston.

The XO position oversees many of the governance aspects of service, which include Work Health and Safety (WHS), Tier 2 and Tier 3 advise and assist inspections and audits, Non-Public Money Accounts (NPMA) along with any of the '...and other tasks as directed.'

WHS is continuous and while most issues can be observed and fixed using the hierarchy of controls, many have a longer cycle. It is through the WHS Committee that issues such as bird infestations (and other associated matters) have been remedied or included as part of a national program. Hearing protection for the band was raised and through consultation with Defence Force School of Music and the Australian Army Band-Adelaide, funding has been secured to procure specific hearing protection.

Audits and visits have been conducted by the Army Compliance Assurance Unit (Tier 3) and Brigade Headquarters (Tier 2). The Tier 3 compliance culture testing audit was positive with some recommendations for improvement with no faults identified that required the issue of a Corrective Action Request (CAR). Two CARs issued as a result of Tier 2 inspection have been resolved. Overall, the culture towards governance is strong but it needs the continued effort at ground level to achieve and maintain compliance.

Introduction of the NPMA Manual resulted in a Regimental Trust Fund Constitution review, however this will not significantly change current practice. The sub unit accounts have been well run and the review of the books of account at third quarter of the financial year has improved the audit process and the overall result. Well done to all appointment holders.

Two Amiens dinners have been conducted at the Keswick Barracks Officers Mess and the Colonel Light Gardens Returned and Services League Club, which



were well attended. Thanks go to Lieutenant Josh Green and Lieutenant Matthew Hume who liaised with Army Museum and the RSAR Historical Collection to secure suitable pieces to be displayed during these evenings. The most recent Amiens dinner was attended by the Representative Colonel, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, AO Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le, Colonel Commandant Brigadier Tim Hanna, AM and guest speaker Brigadier Pat Beale, DSO, MC.

ANZAC Day marches, the Freedom of Entry parade and Armistice Ball were all significant unit events in the public eye and maintained the profile of 10/27 RSAR in Adelaide.

I would like to thank Major Aaron P Jackson and Lieutenant Matthew Hume who have been instrumental in bringing all of the articles and information together to make this edition of Pro Patria a success.

10/27 RSAR has a diverse range of Corps and trades which are required to produce a defined capability in the part time space. It is difficult and takes time but what I see is a commitment to achieve that outcome. You balance civilian careers, family and military service and you are equal to the task.

*Pro Patria*

**Major Tim Pexton**  
Executive Officer

# Padre's Reflection

## A word about 'hospital corners'

A couple of months ago I completed both modules of the Specialist Service Officer course and I found it a really beneficial introduction to Army life. The first few days began with the Duty Student shouting, 'Stand to SSO!', which would get repeatedly echoed by those who heard it. We'd race downstairs to line up in the lower level hallway in our pyjamas with our bed sheets over our shoulders. We'd get limited time to get through our morning routine and have the whole course back in the corridor in the dress of the day. Needless to say we didn't meet a number of these timings so we'd head back up to our rooms, get into our pyjamas and back into bed. 'Stand to SSO!' would be bellowed out again and then we'd repeat the process a few more times before we got to breakfast.

*There's nothing I've read in the Bible about hospital corners on beds. However there's a lot about sticking by people and going the extra mile.*

As I thought about what was going on, I began to appreciate the way this early morning routine got a whole lot of people who'd never met before to start working as a team. Myself and my room-mate quickly started to develop ways to work together to get the beds made, water bottles filled or emptied, making sure our uniforms were in order and that our room was tidy. Those in rooms who'd finished their tasks with time to

spare would help others in the section get ready. We'd do what we could to help those around us.

I'm reminded of what we read about the early church in the Bible. People were putting others needs before their own as they sought to follow Jesus and reflect the love of God within their community. We read that the care for each other was such that people would sell land or belongings to help look after those who had need. A popular Bible verse used at weddings is from a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to a church in a place called Corinth. He states that we can have all the skills and abilities in the world, but if we're not caring for and supporting those around us, we've missed the mark.

In saying all this, I get that there are times when frank conversations take place and you can get 'asked into an office without a coffee', but at the core of it all, we serve together, we do our best to look after each other and do what we're here to do. It's been great to see this in action.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my first year at 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment and look forward to 2019. I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year and I certainly remain available should the need arise over December/January.

Merry Christmas to You and Yours.

**Chaplin Derek Croser**  
Padre

### Contact the Padre

Members of the unit are welcome to contact the Padre at any time if required.  
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Padre having a chat to soliders during the urban weekend at O'Halloran Hill



# Battalion Headquarters

## S1: Orderly Room

The current tempo for the members of 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment is high, however, for the unit's S1 Cell the tempo is very hectic at all times. To mention a small portion of what we do: it ranges from ensuring that all roll books are submitted and loaded in time for payday; to processing vast amounts of service category (SERCAT) 2 transfer requests; to ensuring members are on the correct pay level and grade; and providing advice to all unit members on administrative procedures.

Preparing for Exercise JACKA WALK in October has ramped up activity for the eager administration team. Sergeant Matt Robinson, Corporal Aiden Weightman and Private James Lister all attended this exercise, supporting the administration effort behind the scenes. It was also the first opportunity for the newer members of the team to see the Army Reserve in action on exercise

and to have the responsibility of the day-to-day administration required of a major exercise. Additionally, the S1 Cell also had the opportunity to work with other S1 staff from across other brigades to further enhance their knowledge and awareness of a much larger organisation.

Corporal Weightman, having only come on continuous full time service (CFTS) in August, has been in charge of running the unit's shop-front and the day-to-day administration of the unit since Corporal Kerstin Johansson went on maternity leave.

Even more recently, the S1 Cell has taken on two more new members with Privates Deb Barnes and Manpreet Sharma joining the team. Both of the new members have been hard at work getting the necessary qualifications done online in Campus prior to attending further qualification courses to progress their new careers in the Army.

With all that said however, not all has been concentrated in the Orderly Room. Recently the S1 Cell has also been living up to their other obligations of being soldiers first by attending the recent EF88 conversion course. It was a tremendous experience for all, particularly for the new members being introduced to Army's new weapon system.

Looking towards the end of year the main effort for the S1 Cell post-Exercise JACKA WALK is the administration of members marching out, and preparing for the new challenges expected in 2019. Overall, it has been a very challenging year for the S1 Cell and, hopefully, the new systems instigated in 2018 will allow 2019 to flow very smoothly.

**Warrant Officer Class Two  
Simon Dettmer**  
S1 Chief Clerk

## S3: Operations Cell

### Keeping an ear to the ground

Being abreast of policy change and forced evolutionary practice in the current organisational environment is not enough to assert a collective awareness in the part-time component of a Total Force concept. More than ever, the Road to War requires a networked individual to remain 'plugged in' in order to harvest a complete understanding of the environment and predict the order that new and present targets need to be engaged. Basically, the part-time soldier needs to maintain an equal standard of alertness and consciousness comparative to their full-time colleagues.

The removal of one traditional barrier has been the improved use of social media and protected-level messaging that is now proving to

be a springboard for a way forward in this area. The catalyst to forming a knowledge-gathering equilibrium across the force has been the introduction of ForceNet; a new, portable web-based application that allows part-time members to persistently access and receive data and information using their personal mobile devices. Providing constant feeds and updates, this tool effectively eliminates the 'lag' previously encountered by part-time members who awaited a burst of instructions on the next weekly parade night or weekend. While useful in an environment that is placing demands on part-time soldiers to jump out of the telephone box in their new outfit as the call beckons, ForceNet is one of the newest, most modernised methods enabling the part-time force to imbue a new form of relevance into their toolkit that allows them

to deliver a fast response capability to the Australian community during natural disasters, emergencies and other tasks placed upon us.

### 2nd Division restructure

In the last three years, 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) has progressed through the Plan Beersheba force realignment and redistribution which has now arrived at the current state of an Army Reserve Division reconstituted within the Total Force; an enhanced readiness focus more on combined arms integration right across Army, with modernised equipment, and a suite of tailored workplace arrangements enabling a delivery of capability from within different states of preparedness. The Army Reserve has been at the forefront of this change since 2016, when Commander 2nd

Division, Major General Stephen Porter, AM embarked on a new restructure involving two major components affecting this, and other Reserve units. The first was the establishment of an independent Artillery Regiment, and we farewelled the 6th/13th Light Battery element from under command of 10/27 RSAR. The second, the establishment of a new Training Brigade under Headquarters 8th Brigade, centralised control over all training units within the 2nd Division with an ultimate goal of providing consistency and a broader, nationalised offering of career and trade courses to the 2nd Division.

### Army service options

To respond to the heightened preparedness demanded through new operational tasks meant that a new sub-set of questions have been asked of part-time members in order to widen the nozzle to delivery more relevant, competent and accountable service in a shorter timeframe. New Service Categories (SERCAT) have been established to enable customised work performance. The SERCATs previously known as Active, Standby and Ready, have now been renamed and reviewed to provide more flexibility.

In addition to a full-time service option, the SERCATs offer varying degrees of continuous employment for members to choose from. This shopping cart approach gives us many ways that an individual can now 'skin the cat' with an aim to generate force elements that operate with equal skills at the same pace and in similar environments and structures to the Regular force.

### Introduction of Core Combat Skills

Commander Forces Command has introduced a new suite of Army Core Combat Skills that are being developed and will rolled out in the unit in the following forms:

- Army Combative Program
- Combat Shooting

- treatment and care of the battle-casualty
- physical conditioning programs.

These elements have been identified as being critical skills that are prerequisites for deployment on operations and have been developed to replace the aged and out-of-date components such as Military Self Defence, Army physical conditioning and the Live Fire series of weapon proficiencies. The opportunities for modern, more enhanced hand-to-hand fighting and combat skills will assist the trained force in many ways including the Army's response in domestic security incidents.

We are also currently looking forward to the introduction of a new service rifle, the EF88, new heavy and utility lift systems, or Rheinmetal and Boxer Land Combat Vehicle systems and all new digital communications suites to enable commanders instantaneous decision support over joint battlespace communications systems.

### Force Generation

The last three years have seen elements of the combined 4th and 9th Brigade Reinforcing Battlegroup, Battlegroup Jacka, successfully complete its first Force Generation Cycle (FGC). This cycle has realigned 10/27 RSAR and its approach to raise, train and sustain capability into a cycle that develops its directed capabilities in a deliberately progressive and certified method to 'force assure' our members and collectively formed bodies commensurate with our partnered Combat Brigade, the 1st Brigade. The outputs to the FGC are collectively trained elements that can readily compliment operational deployments and commitments with little preparedness and/or gap training.

Force Generation (FORGEN) of Battlegroup Jacka remains the highest priority collective target for 10/27 RSAR, in which soldiers

progress and advance their skills and operability to prepare them for operational deployments that may arise. The provision of up to a Combat Team and Protected Mobility Vehicle section to the Reinforcing Battlegroup and a Light Cavalry Scout troop along with Combat Engineers to the 1st Brigade is just the minimum target we have aimed for in this cycle.

The specific major FORGEN activities this unit has been involved in during 2018 are:

- Exercise JACKA CRAWL in March 2018
- Exercise PREDATORS RUN in September 2018
- Exercise JACKA WALK October 2018.

### The 'Army in Motion'

The vision of the incoming Chief of Army, Lieutenant general Rick Burr, AO, DSC, MVO, is to be an 'Army in Motion', highlighting the need to focus on preparedness, people, profession and potential. For part-time members of 10/27RSAR, preparedness is the key to unlocking the other three focus areas. Without constantly enhancing our mindset and views on the importance of readiness, commitment and the trust in each other, our commanders, our employers and family, then we are in breach of our contract with the Australian community. The successful and professional integration of people, equipment, systems, policy and behaviours is not something we should plan for and hold in contingency. It is something that needs to be done right now and should be forged firmly into our daily routines and habits for it to become a way of life for all soldiers as part of a 'versatile, decisive force offering a broad utility for the nation. Preparedness is dynamic. It requires us to be ready now, while concurrently becoming future ready.'

**Major Rob Mitchell**  
S3 Operations Officer



# Unit and Individual Achievements 2016-18

## Operations

The 'jewel in the crown' for part-time soldiers is the ongoing Operation RESOLUTE border security commitment. 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment will continue to prepare and present our best soldiers to receive official recognition of their service through deployment in support of operations.

Through the last force generation cycle (FGC), our unit has deployed members on several operational deployments including:

- Operation RESOLUTE (border security)
- Operation HIGHROAD (Afghanistan)
- Operation OKRA (Iraq)
- Operation AUGRY (Regional Asia Pacific).

## Training

Throughout the last FGC, the unit has maintained a high level of training tempo to satisfy the nuanced elements of foundation warfighting. We have conducted the following training courses:

- Combat Shooting Course
- preparation and qualification in activities that support Defence Force Aid to Civil Authority
- Manpower Analysis and Planning Software training
- Basic Combat Communications Course
- Army Combative Program
- EF88 Conversion course.

## Training support activities

Training support activities have included:

- support to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney Universities Regiments (AUR/MUR/SUR)
  - small group instructors
  - section commanders
  - safety supervisors
  - opposing force (OPFOR)
  - general duties and drivers
  - sentries
  - Demolition of Malfunctioned Explosive Ordnance/Battle Noise Simulator operators
- support to Royal Military College Duntroon
- support to Exercise HAMEL 2016 and 2018
- support to School of Military Engineering
- ongoing recruiting activities
- support to Cadets Annual Camp in September 2018
- Exercise EXECUTIVE STRETCH.

## Ceremonial and representational activities

Ceremonial and representative activities include:

- numerous band support activities including:
  - ANZAC Day
  - support to Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy – Army
  - numerous dinners
  - numerous bugler support tasks
  - Christmas Pageant
  - Remembrance Day activities
- Support to ANZAC Day – catafalque parties and marching in the city
- Legacy Week
- Remembrance Day – Centenary of Armistice and catafalque parties
- Support to the unveiling of two Krupp Guns (memorials)
- Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting (ASSAM) participation in 2017 and 2018
- Simpson Trophy participation.

## Awards

In 2018 the following Battalion Awards and awards for shooting were presented:

- 5 x Soldiers Medallions
- Simpson Trophy:
  - Team winners – Bravo Company
  - Individual winner – Private Ben Robins (second year running)
- AASAM
- Returned and Services League Trophy – Reserve Battalion Champions

## Rifle Company Butterworth

Two Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) rotations to Malaysia were supported:

- RCB 120: 20 Nov – 28 Feb 18: 35 members deployed
- RCB 124: 12 Nov 18 – 20 Feb 19: 6 members deployed.

## Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program

Exercise SAUNDERS was held at the following locations:

- Laura, QLD in 2016
- Toomelah, NSW in 2017
- Yallata, SA in 2018.





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# Alpha Company

## Officer Commanding's Message

I have had the privilege to serve as the Officer Commanding, Alpha Company for three years since my appointment in 2016. I have been very pleased to see the Company grow in numbers for the first time in many years, to the point where its posted strength is now larger than that of Bravo Company.

Alpha Company is unique, with depots dispersed throughout regional South Australia and New South Wales, including Mount Gambier and Broken Hill as well as a strong, growing foothold at Warradale Barracks covering the southern suburbs of Adelaide. A strategic goal of 10th/27th Battalion has been to expand our presence

in the southern suburbs of Adelaide and as a result our numbers have grown significantly. A key highlight of my tenure as Officer Commanding has been the formation of a new Platoon (callsign I12) at Warradale, which demonstrates our growth and capability.

To support the growth strategy for the southern suburbs, we are actively seeking suitable permanent accommodation at Warradale to relocate the Company. Noarlunga depot has been training regularly at Warradale for a few years, and I expect that once we have permanent accommodation Alpha Company will withdraw from Noarlunga to consolidate at the Warradale Depot.

I acknowledge the dedication of our regional members who travel

long distances to attend training activities. Sadly, our country depots continue to decline in numbers and Alpha Company will withdraw from Berri, Kadina, Clare, Whyalla and Port Pirie. These depots have a long and distinguished history; however, declining numbers has meant that they are no longer a viable place of parade. In response, we have had to become smarter at delivering flexible training and administration, to ensure that our regional members are supported and able to provide capability, regardless of home location.

The future of our remaining regional depots depends on the ability of our regional members to embrace the Commanding Officer's vision that 'every soldier is a recruiter' and drive the recruiting effort to ensure growth in regional areas. Similarly, the greatest risk for our metropolitan members is that our growth will not be sustained.

My raise, train and sustain goals for this year have focused on recruiting, remediation of training shortfalls and development of our junior non-commissioned officers. We have made good progress with remediation of training shortfalls and we have been able to upgrade most junior soldiers from Private to Private Proficient. We have also been able to achieve targets for soldier career development and as of the recent end-of year promotions, we have filled all Lance Corporal positions in our manning list. Preservation of our force has been achieved through retention of regional members, engagement of noneffective members, individual readiness and professional military education.

Supported by three exceptional Training Warrant Officers, Warrant Officer Class Two Stuart Bailey, Warrant Officer Class Two David Nicholas and Warrant Officer Class Two Scott Cawsey, we have



Lieutenant Hayden Moriarty conducts a lesson on the principles of the attack



Corporals Chris Smaling and Sam Nightingale practice firing drills as Safety Supervisors during a high explosive training weekend



successfully delivered a quality training program that was well planned, resourced and achieved the required training outcomes. Our training program has focused on 'warfighters training for war' and has sought to develop foundation warfighting skills and combat shooting, and to prepare for the Exercise Jacka series on the 'Road to Ready'. Moving into the Readying phase of the Army's Force Generation Cycle during 2018, we are well positioned to meet the force generation requirement to provide a trained, competent, proficient and available force that is ready for taskings as part of the Reinforcing Battlegroup, Battlegroup Jacka, on Exercise TAILSMAN SABRE 2019.

During the last three years we have had members serve with distinction on Operation RESOLUTE (as part of Transit Security Element rotations 83 and 85) and participate in overseas exercises in Malaysia as part of Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) and in New Zealand as part of the Tasman Scheme. The Company has also participated in several ceremonial activities, culminating in the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide parade in November 2018, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

My tenure as Officer Commanding has been ably supported by a



Lieutenant Bryce Williams conducts an after-action review following a platoon attack, during an infantry minor tactics training weekend

command team which has included several key appointments, often filled by staff acting on higher duties.

I acknowledge the support and guidance provided by the Company Sergeant Major, Sergeant Rodney Charman, and the Second-in-Command, Captain Martin Stawski. I congratulate Captains Mitch Wyatt and Hayden Moriarty on their recent promotions and thank them for their service as Platoon Commanders. I also thank Lieutenant Bryce Williams for his service as Platoon Commander, as well as Sergeant David MacDonald, Sergeant Wayne Spencer and Corporal Samuel Nightingale for their service as Platoon Sergeants; and I thank all soldiers and non-commissioned officers for their dedication and service during my command. I

congratulate Corporal Michael Abrahams (2018) and Private Brett Harris (2017) for being awarded Soldier's Medallions.

At the end of 2018, a number of key staff will post out of Alpha Company. Warrant Officer Class 2 Cawsey will transfer to Battalion Headquarters as the Operations Warrant Officer. Captain Stawski will transfer to 3rd Field Squadron and Captain Wyatt will transfer to Bravo Company. Sergeant Charman and Sergeant MacDonald will both transfer to Adelaide Universities Regiment. Sergeant Spencer is also expected to Corps transfer to the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police. I wish these members all the best in their new appointments.



Alpha Company members after the morning physical training session during an EF88 conversion training weekend



Finally, I pause to reflect on the death of Platoon Sergeant Ashley James Meek on 5 March 2017. Sergeant Meek was a veteran of East Timor and Iraq, and a Brevet Sergeant in the South Australian Police Force. He took his own life as a result of wounds unseen. Sergeant Meek was an exceptional soldier and police officer; he lived to serve, and his duty done, he is remembered.

*As the Officer Commanding, I have been inspired by working with great leaders and have sought to lead by example and influence the team to achieve extraordinary things.*

I understand the value of **service** over obligation, **willingness** over obedience, **courage** over fear, **initiative** instead of merely following, **respect** at all times and **sacrifice** from the top down. My core values are **integrity**, which is a choice to hold oneself to consistent moral and ethical standards; **care**, which is our obligation to each other to be fair and respectful, and to value individuals over processes; **adaptability**, in that we must all be adaptable, flexible and reliable; and **success**, because our success as a team has been the result of the success of each member of the team.

I congratulate Major Andrew Kemp in his appointment as the next Officer Commanding, Alpha Company, and I proudly transfer Command of a Company that is growing and providing real capability.

**Major Steve Miller**  
Officer Commanding,  
Alpha Company

## 1 Platoon Recap

### Regional SA Platoon

It has been a busy year for 1 Platoon, which is 10th/27th Battalion's regional platoon. The Platoon includes soldiers from geographically disparate regional depots in locations that stretch from Clare to Broken Hill, and from the Riverland to Mount Gambier. The extreme distance between these depots yields unique challenges for the Platoon; however, despite these the Platoon has made a significant contribution to the fabric of the 10th/27th Battalion during 2018.

### Mount Gambier Depot

While Anzac Day was celebrated by the majority of 10th/27th Battalion in Adelaide, soldiers from Mount Gambier Depot provided a strong showing in the town, demonstrating their presence to the local community. Their activities included the conduct of a Dawn Service Catafalque Party and participation in the local march. Accordingly, Anzac Day provides an excellent opportunity for the Depot to give something back to the local community and ensure their presence continues to be felt. This effect was achieved with remarkable effect thanks to Sergeant Kym Prosser's front page appearance in The Border Watch local newspaper. An honorable mention is due to Private Gary Turner who also appeared in print as a stoic member of the Catafalque Party.



Lance Corporal Joshua Clark instructs soldiers of Mount Gambier Depot on the use of the M72A1 66mm weapon system



Anzac Day Catafalque Party in Mount Gambier, 25 April 2018

The 2017 annual Mount Gambier Depot Cabaret was held on 2 December 2017, and upheld the spirit and tradition of a decades-old Alpha Company end of year celebration. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Trent Burnard, and Officer Commanding Alpha Company, Major Steve Miller, attended a memorable evening held at the Herb Ashby All Ranks Canteen. The annual Cabaret is an opportunity for the Mount Gambier Depot to reach out to the community, with Association and former serving soldiers invited to





Mount Gambier Catafalque Party. L-R: SGT David MacDonald; LCPL Joshua Clark; LCPL Drew Hamilton; PTE Simon Gallasch; CPL Chris Smaling; and PTE Gary Turner

participate in the event. It was a pleasure to meet some of the local civilians connected in one way or another to the Depot. As 2018 draws to an end, preparations are currently being made for this year's Cabaret, which promises to exceed that held in 2017.

Recruiting is the life blood of any Army Reserve unit. This is even truer for the remote depots whose numbers have dwindled over the last decade. Lance Corporal Joshua Clark has been tasked with closely monitoring expressions of interest (EOI), which have filtered in from throughout the south east of South Australia. Through this work he managed to discover that Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) had been turning soldiers from Mount Gambier away due to administrative allocation errors. Having now addressed this matter with DFR, the Platoon is looking forward to progressing several EOIs in the near future. Another exciting turn of events this year was Officer Cadet Rob Main moving into Mount Gambier. He is expected to attend his final Training Block at Royal Military College in January 2019 and, on successful completion of this course, he will provide Mount Gambier Depot a locally-based officer.

For the whole of 10th/27th Battalion, weapons training has been a high intensity focus for 2018. This has proved a challenge for 1 Platoon as

only the Mount Gambier element of the platoon has ready access to weapons within the Depot. Despite this challenge, the lead up to the April High Explosives Training Weekend gave the soldiers a chance to reinforce weapon handling drills and to increase familiarity with these weapons systems. A fantastic outcome for 2018 has been the delivery of a Mag 58 to the Mount Gambier Depot. This training resource gives the Mount Gambier Depot opportunities for realistic training and weapon handling reinforcement not previously available.

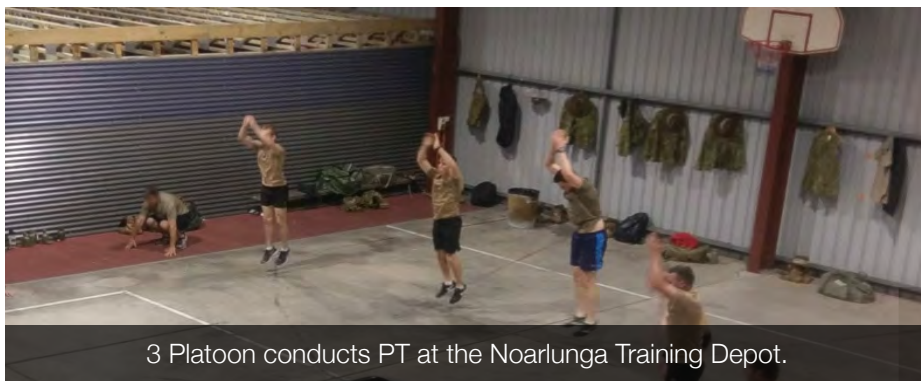
An obvious stand-out reflection on unit training this year was an increase in the variety and resources available for training. This was highlighted at the April High Explosives Training Weekend, as live fire training with high explosives weapons systems had not been conducted in the previous few years due to ammunition limitations. In addition to providing soldiers with an opportunity to become more comfortable in deploying these weapon systems to their full effect, this activity also resulted in several Privates qualifying for an upgrade to Private Proficient. With a bird's eye view from the Officer in Charge of Practice's tower, I even got to see a major deploying of ordinance on the Grenade Range, a rare opportunity since everyone outside of the tower has to take cover before the grenades explode.

This year has ended with news that Platoon Sergeant 1 Platoon and Mount Gambier Depot Commander, Sergeant David MacDonald, will be posted to Adelaide Universities Regiment (AUR) in 2019. His departure leaves a significant hole in 1 Platoon capability, however this posting is necessary as it will give Sergeant MacDonald a great opportunity for further professional development as an Instructor at AUR. His administrative prowess will be missed, however this situation also presents an opportunity for other soldiers to 'step up' in 2019. Sergeant MacDonald has made a significant contribution to 1 Platoon and Alpha Company, and I thank him for his hard work and assistance and wish him all the best for his posting to AUR.

### Broken Hill Depot

Broken Hill continues to provide a capability even through challenging times and reduced numbers, with current members continuing to commit to the long distances required to travel for weekend training. This is evidenced by Private Ben Harris deploying to Operation RESOLUTE as member of the Transit Security Element in the last year.

The Broken Hill depot continues to be a valued asset for Army, the depot has been utilised by Australian Army Cadets and 9th Combat Services Support Battalion to meet their commitments.



3 Platoon conducts PT at the Noarlunga Training Depot.



3 Platoon members undergoing refresher training on the M18A1 Claymore prior to deploying to Cultana for the high explosive training weekend



3 Platoon conducting navigation refresher training in the lead up to the navigation exercise conducted on the ECN 343-3 remediation weekend

Improvements have been made with a computer systems upgrade and the barracks also has provided support to a number of units across the county, allowing for movement, accommodation and staging points. The Depot was also used to provide a careers expo day for school leavers. The barracks has seen a significant clean up that allowed for the Cadets to now occupy a portion of the main building. The Cadet unit was also able to hold a Bivouac, hosting up to 80 cadets and staff at the Barracks who will hopefully be encouraged to become Reserve members of 10th/27th Battalion in the future.

Recruitment has seen interest from medical professionals to local police. Recruitment will need to continue to be a focus to capitalise on a diverse

and robust local workforce, in particular the mining industry which is likely expand and contain suitable candidates.

A challenge for the year has been a clean-up following a significant storm which caused some damage to the depot.

### Conclusion

In closing, 1 (Regional) Platoon has proudly continued to maintain our traditions and to generate capability for the Battalion during 2018. I am looking forward to seeing the next generation within the Platoon step up during 2019.

**Captain Hayden Moriarty**  
Commander, 1 Platoon

## 3 Platoon Recap

### Noarlunga Platoon

3 Platoon is traditionally the Platoon posted to Noarlunga Depot and it has been parading at that location in some form since around 2006. The year saw the withdrawal of 3 Platoon from Noarlunga to Warradale in support of 'seizing and holding ground' at Warradale Barracks. This move has contributed to the long term strategic goal of eventually locating Alpha Company headquarters there. This has been a frustrating time for some as the facilities we have been utilising at Warradale Barracks are 'austere' to say the least. Hats off to the soldiers who have had to remain flexible over the last three years with any given parade night being at either location. Everyone within the Platoon has remained positive and patient during this withdrawal phase. They look forward to the eventual complete move to Warradale and wait patiently for the facilities to match.

With a posted strength greater than 70, 3 Platoon was also the largest platoon in the Battalion, coming close to rivalling some sub-units in size. We had a busy year this year with a number of members returning from Rifle Company Butterworth 120 and a strong showing on Exercise JACKA CRAWL.

There was a strong training focus on Employment Categorisation Number (ECN) 343-3 remediation, with about a third of the platoon with shortfalls. This was greatly improved after a whole training weekend was devoted to this training and several key activities conducted on Tuesday nights. This has seen many soldiers being advanced to ECN 343-3, thanks in part to the efforts of Warrant Officer Class Two Scott Cawsey. Next year there should be plenty of nominations for subject courses for Corporal as these soldiers continue their career progression.



The platoon supported many recruiting activities over the year – helping to meet our raise function. Without recruiting, the platoon, sub-unit and the Battalion will suffer in numbers through natural attrition, reducing the effectiveness of training for all. Well done to all those that supported these activities over the year, they are critical for our future. The platoon organised and ran the ‘bring-a-boss’ night which was held at Warradale Barracks in May. It was a good night with many positive comments from members’ civilian bosses. The night included a display using a Protected Mobility Vehicle, a Vehicle Check Point demonstration and the bosses firing both F88 and F89 in the Weapons Training Simulation System.

Over the year training morphed into a new model that works very well. Most nights the platoon parades in patrol order, draws weapons then moves straight into Battle Physical Training (PT). This minimises time changing from PT gear into uniform, saving precious training time. Following battle PT is generally

good training with the benefit of a large platoon meaning platoon level training could be conducted most nights.

A long couple of months of weapons training in May and June culminated in the second half of the year with the long overdue splitting of the platoon in two. 3 Platoon became 2 and 3 Platoons. Incoming Platoon Commander Lieutenant Bryce Williams teamed up with Sergeant Wayne Spencer to become the leadership team for 2 Platoon. Corporal Sam Nightingale stepped up to become Platoon Sergeant for 3 Platoon with the Platoon Commander remaining Lieutenant Mitch Wyatt.

This was a massive breath of fresh air as the admin burden on Platoon headquarters staff immediately halved and the outcome was noticeable immediately. Training improved as there was all-of-a-sudden more staff available to conduct face-to-face training and administration was completed quicker and more efficiently,

reducing the burden on individuals.

This now sees two fully-manned platoons from Alpha Company posted to Warradale, which bodes well for our ‘seize and hold ground’ mission at those Barracks.

***Buckle up, it's never been a greater time to be a Reservist.***

It's been a long and busy year and many are looking forward to the break. Next year promises to be bigger and better as we hit the back half of the ‘readying’ phase and enter the ‘ready’ phase. Exercises will include Exercise JACKA RUN, Exercise TALISMAN SABRE and Exercise PREDATORS STRIKE. There will also be at least two Transit Security Element rotations as well as the normal training weekends.

**Captain Mitch Wyatt**  
Commander, 3 Platoon

## Alpha Company 2018 Awards

Pictured: Sergeant Wayne Spencer, Best Alpha Company Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, presented by Major Stephen Miller, Officer Commanding, Alpha Company.

The following personnel also received Alpha Company awards for 2018, however these were not presented until after the finalisation of Pro Patria:

- Private Robert Hardy, Best Soldier
- Corporal Michael Abraham, Best Junior Non-Commissioned Officer
- Captain Mitch Wyatt, Best Officer



# Bravo Company



## Bravo Company in 2018

It's good to be 'home', by which I mean posted into Bravo Company again. I was first posted here in February 2002 as a Private (Trainee) when I marched out of Kapooka, and I served in Bravo Company as a Rifleman during 2002 and 2003. I again posted into Bravo Company when I graduated from Royal Military College (RMC), and I served as Platoon Commander in 2007 and 2008. Now, as a newly-promoted Major, I have again been posted to Bravo Company at the start of 2018 as Officer Commanding (OC). It seems there is a pattern here...

Of course, if you had told 19-year-old me in early 2002 that I would one day be OC, I would have laughed at you. The Corporals and Sergeants probably would have laughed harder (to the best of my knowledge

the Corporals and Sergeants may well be laughing now; if so, then a major change in the last sixteen years is that these days they have the courtesy to be doing it behind my back!).

I am not sharing this story merely to reminisce, however. In each of these three postings to Bravo Company I have seen it at a different stage of its existence. The change over time has been pronounced. For example, I was fortunate to be selected in July 2003 to attend Exercise PACIFIC RESERVE in Hawaii, and in January 2004 to attend Exercise TASMAN RERSERVE in New Zealand. Back then, these were two of the only three overseas trips that a Reservist could do, the other being Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB). Most of the senior soldiers and junior non-commissioned officers, many of whom had been in for over a decade, had only been overseas once or more often not at all, and there was precocious young me getting two overseas trips in two years!

By the time I posted back into BRAVO Company in 2007, what had been almost unimaginable five years earlier had happened:

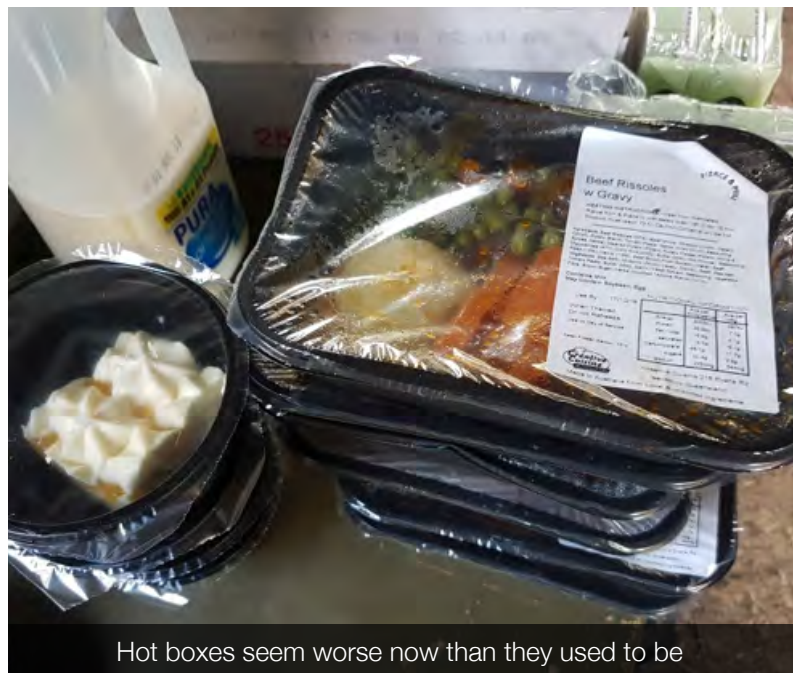
Reservists were being deployed on operations in formed bodies. In 2007 and 2008, I helped train and deploy several of my soldiers on various rotations of Operations ANODE (Solomon Islands) and RESOLUTE (Australian border security). Bravo Company was very busy supporting operations during those years, as was the whole unit.

*The capability and training standard of Reserve Infantry soliders is better today than at any other time so far this century.*

Now, as OC, I have marched into Bravo Company at a time when the operational tempo has decreased steadily from its peak almost a decade ago. Yet the capabilities that each soldier can bring to bear have increased and the training and preparation both of individuals and teams of soldiers is today better than it has been at any other time in my Army Reserve career to date.



Bravo Company soldiers wearing newly issued field cams and SCE webbing, helmets, eye and ear protection



Hot boxes seem worse now than they used to be



## Equipment and individual training

I had an awkward feeling earlier this year, when I realised that every piece of equipment I was trained on during my basic training at Kapooka has now been replaced. Relative to what has been replaced, however, the new equipment is exceptional in quality, well-designed with the users (infantry soldiers) in mind. For example, our new camouflage uniforms come in two varieties, field and barracks, with the field cams including under-armour shirts (which soldiers used to go out and pay for) and knee and elbow pad inserts (if they'd had those when I was a soldier, I may not have had the knee injury that I did). Our new warm weather 'all-purpose jacket', which comes with a zip-in fleece insert, actually works very well (again, good cold weather gear was something soldiers used to once go out and buy as the issued kit was not as good as the commercially available alternative; now it is the other way around).

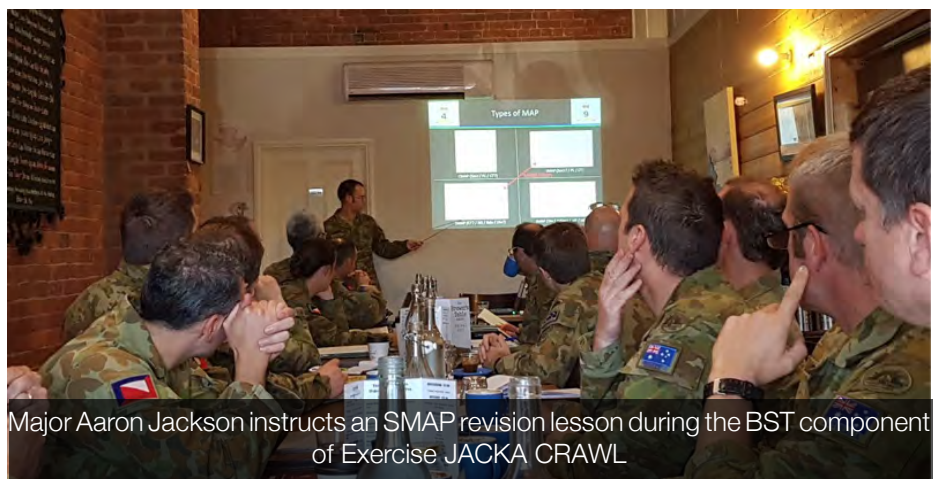
Our belt webbing has been replaced in the last few years by a 'Soldier Combat Ensemble' (SCE) that includes a reduced-size equipment belt for wearing when 'clean skinned'; a vest-style of webbing that includes places to insert body armour (plates and Kevlar mesh); new combat helmets; issued

ballistic-grade eye protection; and Peltor earmuffs that filter and reduce noise without entirely cancelling it out (meaning that soldiers no longer need to choose between hearing shouted instructions or not being deafened by weapons fire – they can now achieve both of these simultaneously). To complete the fit-out, new SCE field packs are likely to be issued early in 2019.

A new rifle, the EF88, is being rolled out across Army. Bravo Company personnel undertook a 'conversion course' to qualify on the new weapon system earlier this year. A new fleet of 'green' vehicles has also been progressively rolled out over the last few years; for an infantry company, the main change affecting us has been the replacement of the Rover 110s with new G Wagons. A suite



Bravo Company personnel who attended Exercise JACKA CRAWL in March 2018



Major Aaron Jackson instructs an SMAP revision lesson during the BST component of Exercise JACKA CRAWL



Soldiers fire a Carl Gustav 84mm anti-armoured weapon system during a range weekend Bravo Company conducted in April 2018





of new communications equipment has also come into service over the last few years and Signals Platoon, which is now part of Bravo Company, have been progressively qualifying their members in its use.

After all of this, one can't help but think that the only thing left for Army to implement is the production and distribution of a decent hot box meal, this being the one area in which things seem to have gone backwards over the last few years!

This plethora of new equipment has been accompanied by new training standards, including a revised approach to individual combat shooting training and a new unarmed combat training program. Some Bravo Company personnel have been able to complete these new training courses during 2018, and others are likely to undertake

the courses in the next few years. In this regard we have benefited from the presence of the Training Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer Class Two (WO2) Charles Boag, who is qualified to instruct both of these courses. Bravo Company also ran a training weekend in late April that included the conduct of range practices for grenades, the 40mm Grenade Launcher Attachment (GLA) and the Carl Gustav (CG) 84mm anti-armoured weapon system. The outcome of this weekend was the qualification of several Battalion members as well as the opportunity for other members to refresh their skills (plus it's always fun to blow things up – so a good time was reportedly had by all).

### Collective training: Battlegroup Jacka

Collectively, Bravo Company personnel have commenced training

as part of Battlegroup Jacka, which is the 4th Brigade (Victoria) and 9th Brigade (South Australia and Tasmania) contribution in support of the Regular Army's 1st Brigade during the Readying Year of Army's Force Generation Cycle. The force Generation Cycle is a three-year program that includes a 'Readying' year; a 'Ready' year; and a 'Reset' year.

During the Readying year in Financial Year 2018-19, Battlegroup Jacka is conducting a series of training activities that will culminate in the Battlegroup's assessment during Exercise TALISMAN SABRE in July 2019. At that exercise Battlegroup Jacka will need to meet the same collective training standards as the Regular Army battlegroups that attend the exercise as part of 1st Brigade. This assessment standard, more than anything else, has resulted in the raising of the Army Reserve's training standards to where they are today – better than at any other time I have seen in my career to date.

The first of the Battlegroup Jacka Readying exercises occurred before the Readying year even started, in March 2018. This exercise, Exercise JACKA CRAWL, consisted of two discrete components. The first was a field training exercise (FTX), which is discussed in depth in a separate article in this magazine authored



Headquarters Combat Team Charlie during the CPX component of Exercise JACKA WALK was staffed mostly by members of Bravo Company



by Sergeant Mark Blondell. The second component was a battle staff training (BST) course for members of the Battlegroup and combat team headquarters at the ranks of Sergeant and above. This course was refresher training on military planning and headquarters procedures, to set a common standard as the 'starting point' for headquarters staff. Yours truly delivered the Staff Military Appreciation Process (SMAP) revision training package, while two other Officers Commanding from sub-units with 10th/27th Battalion, Majors Pat Trainor and Chris Manning, organised and delivered other components of the course.

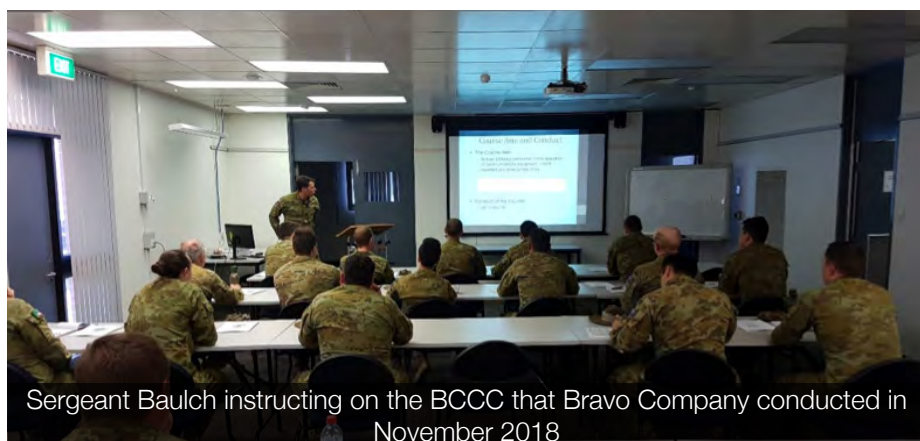
The second Battlegroup Jacka exercise, Exercise JACKA WALK, was held in October 2018. Again there were two components, the first being a platoon-level FTX and live fire exercise (LFX), and the second a command post exercise (CPX) for combat team and Battlegroup headquarters. The FTX and LFX are also discussed in depth in another article in this magazine, by Lieutenant Roberto Cardone. Suffice to say at this juncture, the Bravo Company personnel in attendance at this component of Exercise JACKA WALK performed very well, with the platoon from 10th/27th Battalion finishing equal first of the five platoons assessed during the exercise. In particular, I note that the Platoon Commander, Platoon Sergeant and all three section commanders are members of Bravo Company. I am very proud of these personnel, in particular for the leadership they showed during the exercise and for the high the standards they set and maintained throughout.

The CPX component of Exercise JACKA WALK, meanwhile, was a great learning opportunity for the combat team and Battlegroup headquarters to develop their own standard operating procedures (SOPs), to get used to working with the newly-introduced suite of

communications equipment, and to practice planning for combat team and Battlegroup activities. The CPX scenario included the conduct of several planning activities as well as simulated events that unfolded in real-time. Members of 10th/27th Battalion formed the majority of the staff in Combat Team Charlie headquarters on this exercise, including myself appointed Officer Commanding, WO2 James Gosling

as the Company Sergeant Major (CSM) and (then) Lieutenant Mitch Wyatt as Second-in-Command.

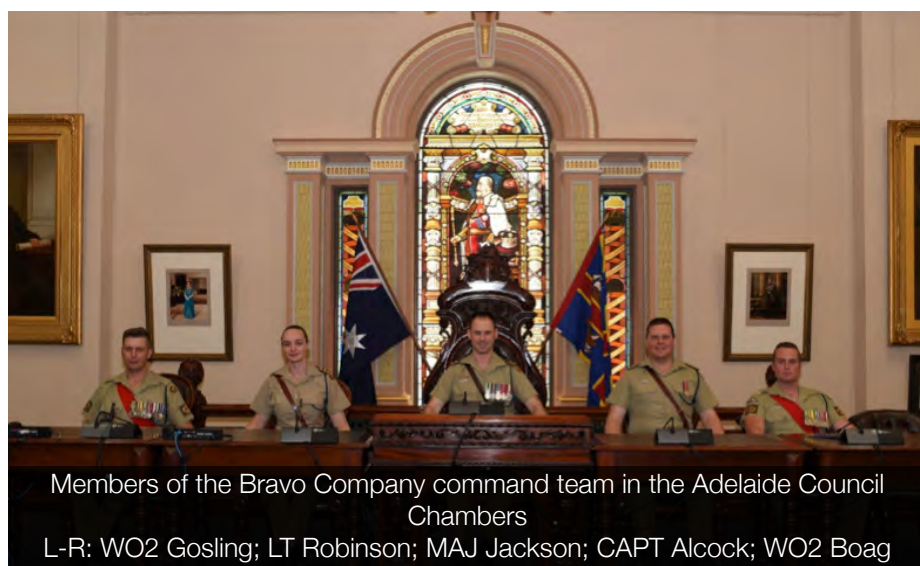
These major training activities are due to be followed by Exercise JACKA RUN in April 2019 and then Exercise TALISMAN SABRE in July 2019. They have been excellent steps on the ongoing 'road to Ready'.



Sergeant Baulch instructing on the BCCC that Bravo Company conducted in November 2018

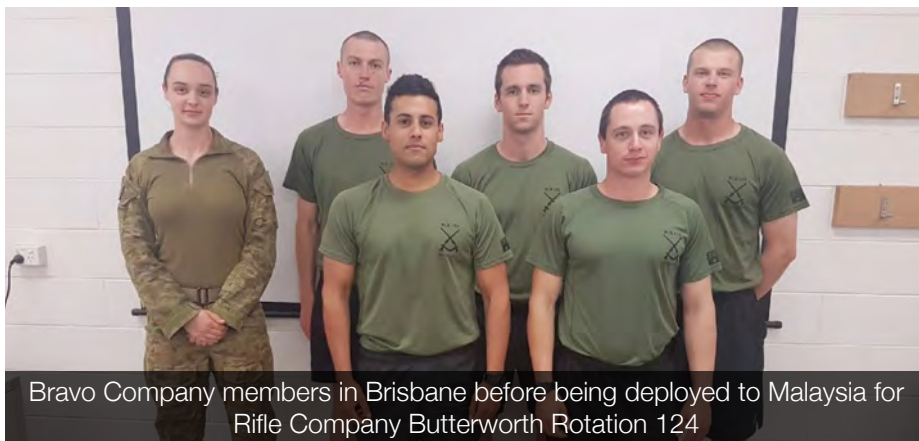


Bravo Company personnel carrying the 10th Battalion colours during the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide parade on Saturday, 3 November 2018

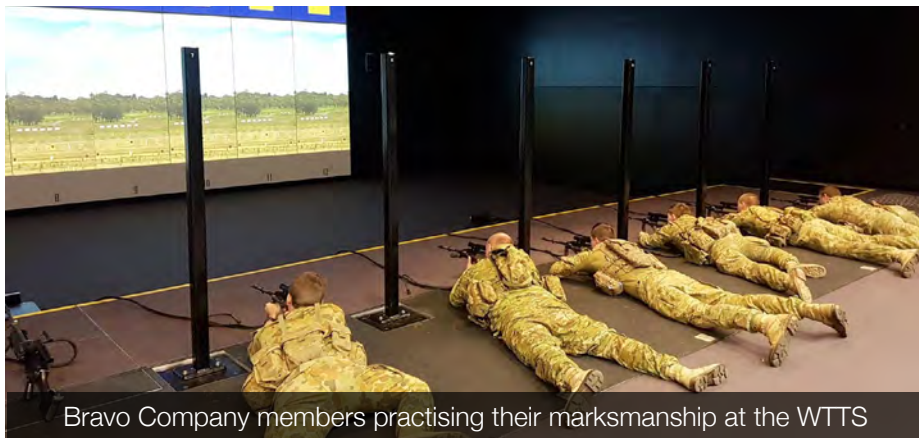


Members of the Bravo Company command team in the Adelaide Council Chambers  
L-R: WO2 Gosling; LT Robinson; MAJ Jackson; CAPT Alcock; WO2 Boag





Bravo Company members in Brisbane before being deployed to Malaysia for Rifle Company Butterworth Rotation 124



Bravo Company members practising their marksmanship at the WTTS



Bravo Company formed up for the 2018 ANZAC Day parade



Bravo Company personnel who attended Exercise JACKA WALK in October 2018

## Other Bravo Company activities

Aside from Battlegroup Jacka activities, Bravo Company training during 2018 has prominently included the conduct of the aforementioned range weekend in April; conduct of an EF88 conversion course in September; and the conduct of a 'train the trainer' package for the new Army Combative Program in October. A team from Bravo Company, consisting of Lieutenant Katherine Robinson, (then) Lance Corporal Calum Findlay, Corporal Ben Healy, Private Ben Robins and Private Lachlan Harris, won The Simpson Trophy in September for being the best shots in South Australia. Private Robins additionally won the Best Individual Shot Trophy for the second year in a row, subsequently being featured in Army News. A separate article in this magazine by Corporal Calum Findlay provides further details about this event.

Members of Bravo Company were also involved in ceremonial activities including Anzac Day in April and the commemoration of the centenary of the 1918 Armistice in November. In particular, I note that members of Bravo Company had the honour of forming the Colour Party for 10th Battalion's Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide parade held on



3 November 2018. This was due to Bravo Company's historical lineage being from the 10th Battalion, whose colours were carried at the Freedom of Entry parade due to 10th Battalion's other historical link with the City of Adelaide. After the parade, senior members of Bravo Company (excepting the Colour Party) were invited along with other members of 10th/27th Battalion to an afternoon tea at the Adelaide Town Hall, where we were able to get a cheeky photo taken in the Council Chambers with yours truly in the Mayor's seat!

Externally to 10th/27th Battalion, several members of Bravo Company provided support to various activities conducted by other units in 2nd Division. In particular, several members at the rank of Corporal and above provided support to Adelaide Universities Regiment and other training units by acting as Small Group Instructors (SGIs), and several soldiers volunteered to act as 'enemy party' or in other supporting roles for these same courses.

At the start of the year, when I posted in, Bravo Company had five personnel attending Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) 120. Separate articles in this magazine, including one by Bravo Company's Lieutenant Katherine Robinson, provide further

details about this RCB rotation. As I write this article, another six members of Bravo Company are preparing to attend RCB 124, which will commence in November 2018. We wish them all the best for this exciting opportunity.

Finally, two Bravo Company officers, Lieutenants Joshua Green and Katherine Robinson, supported Operation RESOLUTE by filling short-term postings as Watch Keepers in Headquarters 51st Battalion, The Far North Queensland Regiment. Lieutenant Green has since commenced a civilian appointment with London Ambulance Service and in his Army Reserve appointment he is currently on exchange with 6th Battalion, The Rifles, a British Territorial Army unit.

### **Postings, promotions and awards**

This year has seen several new march-ins to Bravo Company, as well as several promotions and awards. At the end of 2017, the CSM, James Gosling, and one of the Platoon Sergeants, Simon Majewski, were promoted from Sergeant to WO2 and from Corporal to Sergeant, respectively.

The previous OC, Major Ben Flink, posted out at the end of 2017 after three years at the helm. My thanks to him for his excellent command and

leadership of the Company during his tenure, which included going through the previous Readying year in Financial Year 2015-16.

At the start of 2018, I posted into Bravo Company, as did a new Training Warrant Officer, WO2 Boag, and a new Second-in-Command, Captain James Alcock. In July 2018, Lieutenant Matthew Hume posted in as Commander 4 Platoon upon his graduation from RMC. These changes have ensured the Company has had a strong command team, and during 2018 we have learned to work together quite effectively.

At the end of 2018, several Bravo Company members have been promoted. These personnel include Private Joshua Faunt being promoted to Lance Corporal; Lance Corporals Calum Findlay and Wadi Abareh being promoted to Corporal; and Corporal Braedon Baulch being promoted to Sergeant.

Two members of Bravo Company won Battalion awards in 2018. First, Private (now Lance Corporal) Joshua Faunt was awarded a Soldier's Medallion for comprehensively overhauling first aid training in Bravo Company in 2017, and for his excellent performance as President of the Roy Inwood VC Club mess committee during 2017 and 2018.



Bravo Company personnel before the march on ANZAC Day, 25 April 2018

Second, following his outstanding performance during the Simpson Trophy competition, Private Ben Robins won the annual award for Best Shot in 10th/27th Battalion. In addition, the CSM, WO2 James Gosling, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for having served for 20 years in the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

At Company level, I am proud to have been able to recognise five personnel with Bravo Company awards. These personnel include Private Matthew Hornhart, who won the Bravo Company Most Outstanding Soldier Award for 2018; Corporal Calum Findlay and Sergeant Braedon Baulch, who tied for and both won the Bravo Company Most Outstanding Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Award for 2018; and Sergeant Mark Blondell, who won the Bravo Company Most Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Award for 2018. Rounding out

the five was Lieutenant Roberto Cardone, who was awarded an Officer Commanding's Certificate of Appreciation for having successfully managed his Army Reserve commitments, his civilian employment as Branch Manager at National Australia Bank, and the demands of a young family, over the last three years.

*The Company has collectively achieved a great deal during 2018, and several of its members have also achieved a great deal individually during the same period.*

### Concluding remarks

No doubt my pride in Bravo Company and its members has shown through in this article. For those members of the Company that I have not named above, and there are several of you, my thanks for your efforts during 2018. My thanks also to my partner, Maricel, for your ongoing support throughout yet another busy year.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Bravo Company team in 2019 as we complete the Readying year and, hopefully, get several members of the Company deployed on operations once the Ready year commences.

**Major Aaron P. Jackson**  
Officer Commanding,  
Bravo Company

### Bravo Company 2018 Awards



Top L to R: Private Matthew Hornhart, Most Outstanding Soldier Award; Corporal Calum Findlay and Sergeant Braedon Baulch, tied for most Outstanding Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Award.

Bottom L to R: Sergeant Mark Blondell, Most Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Award; Lieutenant Roberto Cardone, Officer Commanding's Certificate of Appreciation.



# A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse



## Squadron Summary

It has been a busy three years for A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles). With Major Mike Harris handing over command to Major Christopher Manning in January 2017 and the Squadron Sergeant Major being Warrant Officer Class Two Darren Wasley throughout the period, other command and cadre positions have

seen a number of changes. Most notably, the Second-in-Command's position was converted from full-time to part time when Captain David Adams posted out in December 2017 and Captain Tom Colyer moved from Training Officer into the role of Second-in-Command in January 2018.

A Squadron consolidated our Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicles (PMV) capability and remained focussed on growing the Cavalry Scout capability to enable support to both the reinforcing Battlegroup, Battlegroup Jacka, and the Regular Army's 1st Armoured Regiment (1AR). A Cavalry Scout is an Armoured Vehicle Crew member who operates as a member of a mounted troop and a dismounted patrol conducting reconnaissance, surveillance, offensive, defensive,

security, and peacekeeping and support operations, employing specialist equipment. To this end, A Squadron operates three cavalry troops, with each platform-enabled by dedicated Cavalry Scouts. An increase in the number of available PMVs and the conduct of more PMV driver courses has facilitated the growth of the Squadron, but a solid foundation of dismounted reconnaissance skills continues to underpin each position.

Providing a cavalry capability and conducting PMV lift were A Squadron's tasks in Battlegroup Jacka. Exercise JACKA WALK, which was conducted in October 2018, provided an excellent opportunity for the Squadron to work alongside 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse in a 10-vehicle troop. This troop provided lift capability, and conducted screening tasks and linear replenishments during the field training component of the exercise. This was followed by the conduct of support by fire and cut-off tasks in support of multiple platoon attacks during the live fire component of the exercise. The exercise also provided the opportunity for soldiers to train for the next stage of their career progression, with drivers being able to practice crew commander roles and navigation skills as part of concurrent training.



Firing the MAG 58 mounted to a PMV during a heavy weapons training weekend at Cultana



A support by fire position during the live fire component of Exercise JACKA WALK

A Squadron has also enhanced the capabilities of the Regular Army's 1AR by providing Cavalry Scout sections to support 1AR on Exercises PREDATOR'S CRAWL, PREDATOR'S WALK and PREDATOR'S RUN, which were held in March, June, and October 2018 respectively. These sections were commanded by Corporal Craig Tanti, and Lance Corporal Benjamin Halls, and these exercises provided great opportunities for the Squadron's Cavalry Scouts to improve their skills in areas as diverse as establishing observation



posts; conducting point and close target reconnaissance; completing defile drills; and conducting the all arms call for fire. The continued development of these and other foundation skills will ensure that the Squadron can continue to provide enhanced capabilities to 1AR and 1st Brigade during the remainder of the Ready Year in 2019.

In addition to these exercises, ASquadron's soldiers continued to increase their skills by training on the new EF88 weapon system, completing the new Army Combative Program (unarmed combat training), and training in the use of the new Multi-Rotor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle surveillance platform. The Squadron also increased its number of PMV-qualified drivers during 2018, which will serve to increase its ability to generate directed capabilities in 2019. The Squadron's PMV fleet was also upgraded with four digitised variants allocated, enabling integration with the Battlefield Management System (BMS) that will increase the Squadron's capability to interoperate with other elements of Battlegroup Jacka and the wider Defence Force. One of the Squadron's focuses in 2019 will be the continued development of soldier skills to fully utilise the BMS command and control functionality.



A night hide at sunrise during Exercise JACKA WALK

Members of A Squadron competed in the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting in 2017 and again in April 2018, as well as The Simpson Trophy shooting competition in September 2018 as part of the 10th/27th Battalion combined teams. A Squadron also supported the Australian Defence Force Academy at Holsworthy Barracks in May 2018 by providing a section of PMVs to enable crucial vehicle-based training for Regular Army Officer Cadets. In addition, A Squadron supported the development and training of all ranks through continued support of rank and trade, promotional, and driver courses. This continues to ensure that the skills and knowledge of the Squadron's senior and junior non-commissioned officers are passed to other members of the unit.

Another activity that ASquadron members participated in was Rifle Company Butterworth 120, where they gained valuable knowledge of jungle warfare and brought credit to the Squadron through their good conduct.

A Squadron continues to benefit from the depth and range of skills of its non-commissioned, warrant and commissioned officers, and this has given the Squadron a tremendous strength of leadership at all levels. A Squadron is very much alive and well, as it continues to grow and thrive.

**Sergeant Doug Cocking**  
Troop Sergeant, 1 Troop

## NEC ASPERA TERRENT



A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse members during a training weekend at Cultana





Support by fire position during Exercise JACKA WALK



The Guidons and escorts during the march on Anzac Day 2018



Light Cavalry Scout conducts a short halt

## Warfighters Training for War

### *The use of simulation in training: Comparison to British Army Reserve model*

*In Memory of Staff Sergeant  
George Johnson, MM  
4 December 1921 - 11 July 2017  
Nec Aspera Terrent*

#### Summary

*The Ryan Review (2016) presents a number of findings and recommendations from the study of the military education system, professional military education, training and doctrine. One of these recommendations is the enhanced development and adoption of simulation as an adjunct to live practical training within the Army training continuum. This article reflects on how the British Army utilises simulation to qualify Reserve soldiers to an operational standard on complex armoured platforms and how A Squadron 3rd/9th Light Horse has integrated simulation into their training program.*

***“At any one single time and place there can only be one main effort, which must be prioritised”***

***- Land Warfare Doctrine***

The British Army has three tiers of service: The Army Reserve, The Ready Reserve and Full Time Army. British Army Reserve units, much like our own, have their headquarters augmented by fulltime cadre staff who support daily governance and administrative functions. The British Army Reserve force has a 27-day service obligation per year, which is completed through Wednesday evening parades, training modules and major exercises. There is no battlegrouping in an administrative or training environment, with units training within their respective corps, regiments or battalions; however, battlegrouping does occur when units deploy on operations and exercises.

A comparable British Army Reserve unit to 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles) are the Royal Wessex Yeomanry (RWxY), a regiment based in Bovington, South England, enabled by the Challenger II Main Battle Tank (MBT). The mission, and main effort, of the RWxY is simple yet articulate: ‘To provide fully trained Challenger II Main Battle Tank Crews on operations and exercises across the world.’ There is little ambiguity or doubt that I can discern from this concise, 17-word statement, as to what their required capability outputs are. To support this explicit

objective, they have what I would consider a prejudiced establishment of vehicles: none. Instead they have been resourced with a suite of simulation and emulation systems to effectively train soldiers in the practical application of battle procedure.

A simple definition to distinguish between simulator and emulator: a simulator is an environment which models another system; however, an emulator is a complete near-identical replication of another system. One might ask: why bother with simulation, when emulation is an all-round superior solution? The answer is economic; good emulation is expensive.

Challenger II MBT is a relatively mature platform, coming into full service in 1998, compared to the M1A1 Abrams tank which came into service in 2007 for the Australian Army. This partly explains why the availability of emulation systems is more apparent in the United Kingdom compared to our less mature system.

To counter the vehicle deficiency highlighted earlier, the British Army has responded by providing formation directed arrangements for the full time Army. This directive mandates that the paired Full Time

unit is to maintain and provide from their own establishment fit-for-purpose Challenger II MBTs for local field training exercises. (Noting that for more distant exercises, the RWxY utilise the standing vehicle fleet which is posted to the respective training area.) What this, amongst other factors, results in is the following key differences between the Australian and United Kingdom part time Armoured Corps models:

- The maintenance liability of a complex vehicle platform is removed from Reservist accountability
- The focus of all training and regimental output is centred around the generation of battle-ready Challenger II crews
- The training continuum, which spans up to seven years to trade qualify Royal Armoured Corps Troopers in Challenger II MBT, is mature and builds the technical proficiency of troopers in a logical and progressive manner.

I contrast the above scenarios with the current mission and capability outputs assigned to A Squadron, 3rd/9th, including the generation of Cavalry Scouts in support of 1st Armoured Regiment and the requirement to provide protected

lift to Battlegroup Jacka, both existing under different Brigades, utilising different vehicle platforms with differing training requirements, and some of the complexities in achieving our designated main efforts become apparent. We are certainly not alone in navigating this evolving capability ecosystem, which amongst peer discussions, seems to be the new steady state within Army culture. However, I see this as a unique opportunity for Army Reserve Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) units to become exemplars as to how Army integrates the part time Army with the full time Army, and realises the Total Workforce Model.

I recognise the sincerity of the modern Army Reserve RAAC phrase 'platform enabled, not platform dependant' and fully support the underlining well-meaning intention of this statement. However, I strongly oppose the misinterpretation that seems to inevitably accompany this rhetoric - that the cavalry scout capability does not require mounted training and platform support. Commander Forces Command Directive 57-17 was an attempt to clearly articulate and direct how this capability gap would be addressed, however regrettably it has not been implemented with the weight many

Army Reserve RAAC members had hoped. So, how might the Army Reserve RAAC realise an integrated workforce with the full time RAAC? Moreover, could a refocus and increased availability of emulation facilities close the technical skill gap which exists within Army?

The Ryan Review 2016 acknowledges that some contributors have expressed the view that there has been a decline in the importance of individual training, in lieu of collective training, under the 2009 Adaptive Army initiative. This may be true, but to improve the capability of Army into the future, and as The Review suggests, we require a balanced approach to achieving both. Nevertheless, with the growing need to develop complex skill sets and the limited time which the part time Army has available for training, in order to achieve training-balance this time will either be found at the expense of other activities or, preferably, due to a more efficient directed training strategy.

The Review's recommendations include continuing to develop and enhance the utility of simulation as an Army priority, noting that The Review does not distinguish between emulation and simulation, but discusses the spectrum of simulation and more importantly the investment required to sustain this capability. It may be prudent to further emphasise the potential benefits of simulation in a part time context, to supplement what is traditionally a less well resourced unit establishment if compared to a full time unit. Still, it will be imperative that any new simulation clearly defines the training outcomes it can and cannot achieve so that residual resources are still available to enable practical training not suited to simulation, or else risk further degradation of individual soldier skills. The Review further elaborates under the strategic and tactical innovation discussion, that



Challenger II Main Battle Tank



deliberate and new attempts to use simulation to enable armoured vehicle training should be explored to continue modernising training methodologies.

During 2018, deliberate and escalating training scenarios at the Battle Simulation Site at RAAF Base Edinburgh have enabled Protected Mobility Vehicle (PMV) crews to conduct tactical training, despite having limited access to the PMV Troop vehicles during this readying cycle. The increased utilisation of simulation has proven not only to be well-liked and valued by soldiers, but has helped to extend the training beyond what our physical establishment would allow, deploying two full PMV troops in the most recent activity. The use of simulated environments has also been an effective way to familiarise troopers on the PMV prior to them obtaining their qualification, allowing them to remain relevant and motivated whilst they await their vehicle qualification course.

The British model is far from perfect — a loss of technical maintenance knowledge within the Regiments, a capability procurement branch that is removing the emphasis on the existing capability resulting in capability downsizing, and an assertion by local headquarters that they are no longer peer-matched with comparable enemy forces, are but some of the challenges which are being faced by our allies. Yet the allocation and use of emulation systems, the granular detail of their specified main effort, and the solution to combat the tyranny of vehicle maintenance are all aspects from which the Australian Army could benefit.

The Ryan Review discusses these ideas in far more detail than this short article could hope to achieve; nonetheless, whether the training method is simulated, emulated or practical, the requirement to conduct realistic training continues to increase and impose on the available time of our part time Army

and we need to continue to adapt if we hope to gain the edge.

### Acknowledgement

*In late 2016, I was fortunate and humbled to have been awarded the inaugural George Johnson, MM Prize for the most significant contribution made to A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles) by a junior officer or non-commissioned officer. This prize awarded funds to enable a week-long trip to visit allied Royal Armoured Corps regiments in the United Kingdom, completed in September 2017, to observe and develop a greater contextual understanding of alternative Army Reserve Armoured Corps models. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association for their support and for facilitating my visit.*

### Captain Rob Farrier

Commander, 1 Troop

## A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse 2018 Awards



Top L to R: Trooper Charles Calleja, Most Outstanding Recruit; Corporal Craig Tanti, The Junior Leaders Award; Lance Corporal Mathew Dudson, The 6th Cavalry Brigade Inter Regimental Skill-at-Arms Shield (accepted by his Troop Sergeant).



Bottom L to R: Sergeant Doug Cocking, George Johnson MM Award; Captain Courtney Griffiths, The Reedbeds Cavalry Cup.



# 3rd Field Squadron

## CELEBRATING 70 YEARS



*3rd Field Squadron celebrated its 70th birthday this year with a day of both remembrance of fallen Sappers and reunion of former Sappers.*

### Officer Commanding's Message

On Sunday, 23 April 2018 the Royal Australian Engineers Association (SA Division) led by former 3rd Field Squadron Sergeant Major Mr Ken Daly, in conjunction with the members of 3rd Field Squadron, held a remembrance service around our memorial built by 3rd Field Squadron members. Each year in April, the Unit holds this day of remembrance and reunion, which is proving very popular with former members and Sappers at large. This year a plaque was unveiled for Sapper Darren Smith by his mother Mandi. Sapper Darren John Smith commenced his military career at 3rd Field Squadron and was serving with 2nd Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER) when killed in action in Afghanistan in June 2010.

3rd Field Squadron (Citizen Military Forces) was formed on 1 April 1948, and its first Officer-in-Command

was Major R.W.Charlton. Major Charlton originally enlisted in the pre-World War Two Militia unit 3rd Field Company Australian Engineers. 3rd Field Company was originally formed in September 1914 for World War One, and comprised of four sections, one each from Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. Alpha Section in those days consisted of one officer and 43 men. In a skirmish which predated the Gallipoli landings, 3rd Field Company was the first to come under fire while developing the defences on the Suez Canal, on 13 February 1915. 3rd Field Company also served at Gallipoli and in other campaigns in World War One.

3rd Field Squadron became independent from 7th Field Engineer Regiment in 1991 and came under command of 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment in 2013.

### Exercise PREDATOR'S RUN

During September 2018, 3rd Field Squadron and 22nd Engineer Regiment combined as the Battlegroup Jacka Engineer Squadron to support 1st Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER) at Exercise PREDATOR'S RUN at Cultana. Phase one of the Exercise involved plant operators establishing an anti-tank ditch to test combat team commanders in negotiating a gap crossing. The anti-tank ditch was 1.4km in length and took a team of 'planties' about a week to prepare. Each of the mechanised combat teams had an opportunity to prepare and deliver snap orders under an exercise threat environment to traverse the enormous obstacle. While Sapper Rick Hale was busy assisting with the construction of this obstacle, Sappers Matthew Lohmeyer and Michael Toubia attended a qualification course on operation the of the Mack Dump truck.



Formation of an anti-tank ditch



Anti-tank ditch constructed in Cultana



Phase two of the Exercise was raising, training and sustaining core Combat Engineer skills. 1 CER established some very effective training in the Water Purification and Desalination (WPDS) system. Several sappers came away with a rare qualification in setup and operation of this complicated piece of engineer equipment that is used to make drinkable water from either saline or other non-potable water sources. The WPDS can be employed during High Availability Disaster Recovery response and is often used on Australian Army Capability Assistance Programs (AACAP) for producing water in remote locations.

Our Sappers also participated in some Mentoring Team Training run by 1 CER in the Route Clearance Package (Search). They received some top-notch mentoring on route search from some very experienced and qualified non-commissioned officers.

In addition, our Sappers received capability briefings and demonstrations in Engineer Emergency Response, Engineer Detection Dog Teams, Engineer Reconnaissance, and revision in the Harris radio and communications, all in preparation to support 1 CER at Exercise TALISMAN SABRE in 2019.

**Major Patrick Trainor**  
Officer Commanding,  
3rd Field Squadron (2018-19)

## 2018 Recap

### Exercise WOODCHUCKA RAT

Over the period July to September 2018, 3rd Field Squadron was undertaking training surrounding all things timber and forestry. Exercise WOODCHUCKA RAT culminated on 22 and 23 September with 18 Sappers gaining qualifications as intermediate tree fellers; this is a very high number comparative even to Regular Army units.



Water Purification and Desalination system



Road development works



Operating the Lucas Portable Sawmill



Sorting milled timber





Members from 3rd Field Squadron completing a route check utilising mine labs during Exercise PREDATORS RUN

Warrant Officer Class Two Doug Royle and Corporal Shane Potter led the Sappers, teaching basic tree felling and cross-cutting techniques, building corduroy roads to afford mobility, and intermediate techniques in tree felling. Ultimately, this qualified the Sappers to safely and efficiently fell trees in excess of 500mm diameter.

This exercise leads into future planned training in the use of the Lucas Portable Sawmill with the resources won from tree felling to be used later after construction timbers have been milled. The exercise also allowed the force element troops to integrate with Mobility Support Section and saw the two areas of Engineers working together to achieve the desired outcomes.

The skills honed throughout Exercise WOODCHUCKA RAT allow 3rd Field Squadron to provide a defence assistance to the civil community capability should the need arise, with the upcoming fire season looking bleak. 3rd Field Squadron can answer the call for assistance and provide expert knowledge and skills in tree felling to the Army and to the wider community.

**Sapper Matthew Hill**  
Manoeuvre Support Troop

### Exercise JACKA CRAWL

Exercise JACKA CRAWL was an opportunity for 22nd Engineer Regiment (22 ER) and 3rd Field Squadron to work closely together in preparation for Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2019. The initial phase saw the two units working on engineering tasks including area, route and building search, construction tasks, obstacle construction and obstacle breaching. The engineers honed their skills during this phase, ready to be deployed into the combat team. Sapper Tobias Carpenter said this provided excellent opportunities to train in basic engineer skills as well as begin integrating with 22ER.

The next phase of the exercise saw two sections of engineers embedded into the combat team with a quick reaction force section in support. The engineers used this time to advise the infantry on Vehicle Check Point set up and how to search vehicles. They also undertook tasks including cordon and search and route denial. Working with other units and Corps was an important part of the exercise and according to Corporal Daniel Conelly, rehearsing obstacle breaching based out of Protected Mobility Vehicles and working with the Victorian Infantry and Cavalry was a highlight.

It was a great opportunity to work with 22ER and the relationships will strengthen with follow up activities prior to Exercise TALISMAN SABRE. 3rd Field Squadron left a lasting gift with construction of a permanent mud model structure in recognition of the efforts between the units.

**Lieutenant Melanie Fuller**  
Commander, 1 Troop

### 2017 Recap

2017 saw the transition within 9th Brigade and 3rd Field Squadron from 'Ready' to 'Reset' years in terms of training and preparedness. The end of 2016 saw Major Sam Benveniste, the prior Officer Commanding, being posted to Australian Command and Staff College (Reserve); Captain Julian Field being promoted to Major and moving to 9th Brigade Headquarters and Captain Anthony Beaumont moving into Bravo Company as Second-in-Command. Major Carl Miller assumed command of the Squadron for 2017. The Squadron had a restful 2016/17 Christmas period welcomed by all after what had been a busy 2016 supporting both the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) and the engineer squadron element as part of the Battlegroup Jacka construct. 3rd



Field Squadron's contribution to the Battlegroup (which is formed from both 4th and 9th Brigade) is typically a Combat Engineer Troop, Plant Section and individual positions (across all ranks and some are non-Corps). It is a good opportunity for the Squadron's Sappers to operate in a Battlegroup environment and to be integrated into 1st Brigade. The engineers from the Battlegroup are under command of 1st Combat Engineer Regiment. The commitment for individual sappers is high noting they have civilian careers to manage.

The focus for 2017 was passage of information within the Squadron, increased realism and operational relevance on weekend training exercises and to ensure integration within 10/27 RSAR. 10/27 RSAR is today somewhat unique as it comprises a Battalion Headquarters, two Infantry Companies, a light motorised Cavalry Scout Squadron, and an Engineer Squadron. Being part time with members having varying availabilities, the fact that the unit has limited Regular Army Cadre staff and the tight resourcing faced within Reserve brigades presents a lot of challenges. There are a wide variety of opportunities that are available for combined arms activities but they need to be planned well ahead of time – which is even more challenging given the reserve construct. So, it was important to reinforce to Squadron members the relevance and importance of the Engineer Squadron within 10/27 RSAR and to plan well in advance in order to provide that integration and relevant tasking. Visibility of what activities we were undertaken as part of the Reset year was also important to ensure we were employed to our full potential after changing to the 'Readying' phase.

The start of 2017 saw annual induction briefs, fitness assessments and weapons training occurring at RAAF Base Edinburgh and in barracks along with the usual

accompanying administration. The officers within the Squadron took part in a leadership weekend at Keswick Barracks that comprised a number of unit briefs, quick decision exercises and leadership presentations run by the Commanding Officer. This sought to set the scene for 2017.

A pilot Command Post Exercise (CPX) was held in early March 2017 at RAAF Base Edinburgh utilising the Monash Centre and Battle Simulation Centre. The CPX was aligned to a two level CPX (not dissimilar to those undertaken as part of preparation for operations) together with a future planning task. The precursor activity for the CPX was an Exercise Without Troops undertaken the October prior, which was created by 9th Brigade Training Cell, with outputs from this used to create scenario products and a 'live task' using the Simulation Centre. The CPX was solely resourced with participants and directing staff from 9th Brigade and communications support from 144th Signals

Squadron and is a model that can be further enhanced in years to come.

Our first Squadron training activity was the February Range Weekend at Murray Bridge Training Area, where sappers completed F88, 9mm Self-Loading Pistol and F89 practices. Our concurrent training activity was route search. During the activity, myself and the Training Warrant Officer (Warrant Officer Class Two Craig Anderson), accompanied the training staff from Alpha Company, 3rd/9th Light Horse and 6th/13th Light Battery on a reconnaissance for the next training weekend activity in May 2017, Exercise SHRIKE GALLOP, which included a combat team assault. The outcome of this was integration of the subunits prior to the activity and planning guidance for the Squadron.

In March, Lieutenant Melanie Fuller took 1 Troop and elements of 2 Troop to Cultana Range to undertake heavy weapons practices. A number of members refired the GLA 40mm



Chainsaw training course





Route Clearance Package

Grenade Launcher, M72A1 66mm Rocket Launcher, and General Support Machine Gun (GSMG) MAG 58 and a number of others gained qualifications on the 84mm Medium Direct Fire Support Weapon. Mobility Support (MS) Troop, led by Lieutenant Cailin Millar, completed a shakeout task to Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Range (P&ER). P&ER is where the Squadron has located our heavier plant assets due to the ongoing hard standing, quarry and road maintenance tasks available. Lieutenant Millar used his civil site experience to revamp the Troop's plant administration and safety documentation and had the Sappers undertake a number of toolbox activities on site. Sergeant Neville Pace took the opportunity to have the Troop send reports and returns back to Squadron Headquarters in Adelaide, who were undertaking a series of future planning tasks. 2 Troop, our Initial Employment Training Troop led by Lieutenant Melissa Bracs, revised hand and power tools in preparation for several members going on course. I was impressed by their chainsawing skills.

Sappers' Day was completed in April 2017, which is our annual activity to commemorate those who have passed away, fallen and who have served in the Squadron. Sergeant Sean McGuire, Operations/Admin Sergeant, and Warrant Officer Class Two Robert Turner, Squadron Sergeant Major, organised an excellent occasion complete with a jumping castle for

the children, unit briefing and lunch. We acknowledged three sappers who have passed away, and their families placed plaques onto the Memorial Wall. The families are extremely proud of their loved ones. It was great to meet the families and the 'olds and bolds'. I was quite moved by visible grief still displayed by the the sister of one of our sappers long past (1968) who I am told attends the memorial each year.

ANZAC Day saw a great turn out from the Squadron and we marched through the streets of Adelaide returning to the Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess afterwards for celebrations. We carried out our annual Catafalque Party and wreath presentation at Marion Returned and Services League (RSL) club. 3rd Field Squadron is always the majority contributor of troop numbers within 10/27 RSAR with the best attendances at all exercises and ANZAC Day was no different.

Exercise SHRIKE GALLOP occurred in May 2017. Our prior planning carried out months before proved to be beneficial. We provided a Combat Engineer Troop to Alpha Company in the dismounted role to support a wire obstacle breach during an assault and close support to the infantry. 1 Troop was led by Captain Robert Johnston the Squadron Second-in Command, and he led them extremely well. Lieutenant Millar combined 2 Troop trainees and several plant operators to construct a section-sized position with a 300m Category one wire

obstacle and acted as enemy. After some quick revision in defensive position siting, he completed the task in half a day and conducted several rehearsals of the defensive battle and counter penetration drills. His preparations and construction of the obstacle proved to be most effective and his team decimated the combat team force who were completely channelled into the killing ground after stalling during the attack. The next day saw a quick and complete refurbishment, highlighting the effectiveness of having Engineers handy on Exercise.

In June 2017, we held the Waterloo Dinner for the SA region at the Marion RSL Club. It proved to be a great evening. We had a number of special guests including the Royal Australian Engineers (RAE) Central Region Committee, RAE Engineers Association SA Branch and also included our Corporals at the event. It was a great night and the venue was excellent with large amounts of war memorabilia in place. The dinner was set up brilliantly by Captain Johnston and Warrant Officer Class Two Anderson, with RAE training aids and materials and the music from the 10/27 RSAR Band added a lot to the evening.

In 2017, 3rd Field Squadron has sought to involve the local Joint Logistics Unit (South) Explosive Services team into our training as the they hold explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense (CBRND) equipment, and a range of useful qualifications. The team who supported us was Flight Sergeant Twible (RAAF) and Sergeant Rawlinson. After meeting with them we invited them to conduct some equipment and EOD hand over take over (HOTO) training. In exchange, they received the benefit of working with search teams which is something they do not always do.

Our August exercise was carried out in the Close Training Area at RAAF



Base Edinburgh. We established an extremely dignified Squadron Command Post in the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer (WONCO) Academy cafeteria thanks to the efforts of Sergeant McGuire in honour of 'domestic search operations'. Training concentrated on area, route and unoccupied building search, EOD HOTO and 10-liner reporting, and a Vehicle Check Point on day one. Day two involved the Sappers conducting an area search with a localised chemical threat, casevac and stretcher carry in CBRND equipment. This culminated in the conduct of a Personnel Decontamination Station. Manoeuvre Support Troop carried out further plant activities at Port Wakefield. We focussed a great deal on mentoring the Sappers during search – especially from ex-Regular Army members of the Squadron who have undertaken these tasks on operations. Sergeant Pascoe, a Regular Engineer posted in SA, also volunteered his time to conduct this training.

Warrant Officer Class Two Anderson highlighted at the end of 2016 that there was a deficiency in Demolitions Supervisors in the unit so we sought to rectify this by the

conduct of requalification courses in 2017. We increased the number of qualified personnel from two to eight and utilised the September 2017 demolition weekend at Cultana to complete the assessments. Having not conducted demolitions *per se* for many years, I found the course to be very time intensive to complete but very worthwhile. I highly recommend that Army Reserve junior officers obtain this qualification early as not only is it an RAE skill, it provides excellent hands-on experience to run and control an activity involving Engineers and to understand overarching control measures. Our activity involved conventional demolitions (steel, timber, concrete cutting and concussion charges) and was ably assisted by Corporal Luke Jackson from 1 Troop skilfully welding bailey panels together. We completed the activity by conducting urban breaching charges on doors, some kindly donated by my wife and gave the task of setting the charges to the new Sappers in the Squadron. The plant operators on the activity refurbished the impact zone excellently and graded the access road on departure. Many thanks to Sergeant Barrand (WONCO Academy SA) and Sergeant Pascoe for supporting the activity.

The remainder of 2017 saw a mixture of in-barracks training revolving around combat engineering skills and activities within our close training area including enhancements such as a mine proofing lane and demolition targets to practice fixing charges. We completed Defence Assistance to the Civil Community and end of year preparations and maintenance regime, and close training area refurbishments on the November 2017 training weekend.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all ranks in the Squadron in 2017. The quality of our Squadron members and strong attendance are commented on enviously within the Brigade and 10/27 RSAR. I will close by thanking the families of the Sappers who have provided enormous support to their loved ones this year. The part time commitment of Reserves cannot be underestimated and puts a high demand on our soldiers, their families and employers.

*Follow the Sapper*

**Major Carl Miller**  
Officer Commanding,  
3rd Field Squadron (2017)



Photo of 3rd Field Squadron after the Freedom of Entry March, 3 November 2018



# Band of the 10th/27th Battalion



The Band of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment, had a very interesting and productive year conducting over 50 tasks. The Band supported its traditional tasks, including the ANZAC Day dawn services and march, the Credit Union Christmas Pageant, Junior Leaders Course graduation parades, and several commemorative services and Mess dinners.

*Throughout the year the Band has been heavily involved in events to commemorate the Centenary of various campaigns during the First World War.*

These events have great significance to the 10th/27th Battalion, as many original members of the 10th, 27th, 43rd, 48th and 50th Battalions Australian Imperial Force were heavily involved.

The Band performed its annual major concert, in support of the Returned and Services League, to a packed Town Hall. The concert showcased the Band's various ensembles, including Concert Band, Marching Band, Pipes and Drums, Big Band, Drum Corps, soloists and vocalists.

The Band was also honoured and privileged to perform at investiture ceremonies that were hosted by the Governor of South Australia, The Honourable Hieu Van Le, AO held at Government House. The investiture ceremonies involve the presentations of honours and awards to the citizens of South Australia. The Band featured a number of its smaller ensembles for the week-long series of ceremonies including its Jazz Group, Brass Quintet and Saxophone Quartet.

The Band's Rockband, aka 'Ten 2 Seven', was utilised significantly throughout the year. Several requests for 'Ten 2 Seven' were received from all over the state to support various events including open days, festivals and cabarets. Throughout the year, members



10/27 RSAR Band after marching in the Adelaide Pageant



Call us Band, the 10/27 Band



10/27 RSAR Band marching in the Freedom of Entry to the City of Adelaide Parade



of the Band were recognised for their various services to the Army. Musician Michael Bampton was recognised for his commitment and exemplary service to the Army and Band Corps and for his achievements in Work Health and Safety, receiving the Soldier's Medallion. Piper Nigel

Fortune received his Australian Operational Service Medal - Border Protection for his part in Operation RESOLUTE. The Band was amongst the promotions in rank that took place at the Battalion's Armistice ball at the Convention Centre. These included Musicians

Jonathan Heath and Joshua Koop to the rank of Lance Corporal.

### **Sergeant David Portakiewicz Bandmaster**



Congratulations Sergeant David Portakiewicz who was awarded the Best Senior Non-Commissioned Officer award for 2018 at the Armistice Ball



Ten 2 Seven Rockband giving musical motivation to runners in the City to Bay



Brass Quintet performing at the investiture ceremonies at Government House



Musician Erin Foy singing with the 10/27 RSAR Band





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# RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

## ROTATION 120

***The Company concentrated on 6 November 2017 at Keswick Barracks in Adelaide. A composite rifle company made up of elements from 9th and 4th Brigades and different Corps. The Company deployed to Malaysia on 28 November, arriving at RMAF Butterworth on 29 November. The Company returned to Australia on 28 February 2018.***

### Training

After a long flight into Malaysia and an overnight delay, the Company arrived in Royal Malaysian Air Force Base Butterworth for Rotation 120. Glad to be free of the C-17 seating, the Company was ushered into the arrival room for an Reception Staging Onward Movement and Integration package that would cover our entire stay in South East Asia. Security briefs, cultural briefs and the Commanding Officer's welcome made us feel right at home.

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

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

However, before we could step off, the Company needed to develop standard operating procedures. We were introduced to the Jungle Training Team. This team specialised in jungle tactics and would be preparing us for the field exercise as well as performing the role as Observer Trainers (OT). They instructed on section and platoon formations, ambush and counter ambush drills, contact drills, waterproofing your kit and harbour routine. The lesson package also covered gun staking on fixed lines and limits and the use of hootchie cord for harbour perimeters and ambush exfiltration.



Rotation 120 flying to RMAF Butterworth in a C-17 Globemaster





These 'soldiers five' style lessons would prove invaluable during the field phase. The Company had a day of battle preparation, which included inspections of field kit. These inspections made sure every soldier had sufficient sleeping equipment, rations, water and anti-malaria medication in their packs. The inspections also ensured that the equipment was serviceable. In preparation for the exercise, maps of the training area were distributed, infiltration orders delivered and the soldiers sent off for some rest.

1 Platoon was as prepared as they could be for the jungle. A number of our corporals had deployed to Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) on previous rotations and knew what was in store for the troops. We boarded the buses and headed for the training area. This was the start of one of the most controlled and well planned training scenarios I have ever experienced. Every detail was covered and synchronised with all of the activities across the Company. Each day and night saw us rotating through different mission cycles and training locations, keeping us on our toes and always under the watchful eye of our OTs. The scenarios increased in formation size and complexity as they continued. Every evening we would receive a fragmentary order from the Company Officer Commanding with the platoons' upcoming mission. Relief in place ambushes, platoon



F89 live fire



Survival training



Australia Day one-day international match at Adelaide Oval...sort of



IT IS A JUNGLE OUT THERE . . .



ambushes, platoon contacts and platoon patrols were some of the training exercises conducted. Effort, as the field phase continued, increased along with fatigue. The jungle training phase culminated with a company attack, with a platoon in the assault, a platoon in support by fire and a platoon in cut off. 1 Platoon was fortunate to be the assaulting platoon and acquitted themselves well in thick and difficult jungle terrain.

Post-exercise, we conducted the after activity review (AAR) covering sustains, fixes and improves. This process assisted the soldiers to analyse and improve individual

and team actions. A solid hit out in the jungles of Malaysia, 7–10 kilos lighter and 10 days of leave on the horizon.

### Lessons learned

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

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

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

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

Square away your sleeping kit. Make sure your mosquito net has the bottom sewn in. This will keep you comfortable and will assist in reducing your risk of getting malaria. Don't pay off the Jungle Training Team tips. They work, they have merit and they will help make your time in the environment beneficial and bearable.

### Conclusion

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

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

*Pro Patria.*

**Lieutenant Darrian Williams**  
Commander, 1 Platoon  
(RCB 120)



Platoon defensive position targetry



Living quarters at Camp Burma





# RCB 120 SINGAPORE VISIT

In the twilight weeks of our rotation, Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) 120 travelled to Singapore. Home for the week was the floor of a warehouse in the Murai Urban Training Facility (MUTF). Each platoon rotated through a series of activities – the indoor range complex, a day off, platoon training in the MUTF, and a historical tour.

## Indoor range

Limited land availability in Singapore means their military has developed new ways to train using minimal space. RCB 120 was only the second RCB rotation to train in the new Multi-Mission Range Complex (MMRC). The indoor facility features a 50m range, a 100m multi-storey range, and an urban operations range.

Each platoon took turns completing short counter-terrorism scenarios on the 50m range. The opportunity was then provided to 2 Platoon to train in the urban operations range. It was a good chance to expose the soldiers to a type of facility many are unlikely to access back home.

## Day off

After a busy few months, each platoon was afforded a full day of local leave. Popular destinations for the soldiers included Universal Studios, Orchard Road, and the Terror Club (which is a US Naval club with a pool and 'real' showers).

## Urban training

To consolidate our skills in complex terrain, the Platoon was provided

full access to the MUTF. The facility afforded an opportunity to train in a variety of urban settings, including multi-story hotels, favelas, residential areas, commercial precincts, and the industrial estate where we were residing. Unfortunately there had been a logistical mix-up and the Company's blank ammunition had been left in Malaysia. Fortunately, however, 2 Platoon had run a Secret Santa over the Christmas period and 90 percent of the Platoon gifted each other Nerf guns. In the absence of blank ammunition, the Nerf guns proved a successful improvised substitute for training for close engagements.

## Historical tour

Our final day in Singapore was spent attending a guided historical tour, commencing at the Johore Strait. It was here on 8 February 1942 that the Japanese made their crossing into Singapore. We then visited the Changi Museum, which honours the prisoners who endured the Japanese occupation

of Singapore in World War Two, and the Fort Canning Battlebox – the underground command post which formed part of Headquarters Malaya Command during World War Two (it was here that the British made the decision to surrender Singapore to the Japanese on 15 February 1942).

The historical tour concluded at the Kranji War Cemetery. The Cemetery is the final resting place for thousands of Allied soldiers. It is also the location of the Singapore War Memorial which bears the names of over 24,000 casualties of Commonwealth forces with no known grave. After holding a short service, we returned to our warehouse and prepared for our return to Butterworth the following morning.

**Lieutenant Katherine Robinson**  
Commander, 2 Platoon  
(RCB 120)



Kranji War Cemetery



Members of RCB visiting the landing point into Singapore for the Imperial Japanese Army in World War Two





## EXERCISE JACKA CRAWL

Exercise JACKA CRAWL was held in March 2018 and was the first activity on the 'road to war' for Battlegroup Jacka. It began on Friday, 16 March, when members of 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) arrived at Keswick Barracks at 1900 h with kit on backs, ready to board the transport to Puckapunyal for a nine-day field exercise. Roll was called, soldier combat ensemble (SCE) webbing was issued and platoons were placed onto relevant buses.

At 2000 h the transport pulled out onto Anzac Highway. At 0600 h the next morning, after a tedious 10-hour overnight journey, we arrived at Puckapunyal. The combat team was then herded into the mess for a well-needed cooked breakfast; things were starting to look up. Personnel from 10/27 RSAR then moved to the parade ground to wait in the ever-increasing heat for stores to be issued. This happened by midday, with some discrepancies due to the lack of equipment as priority had gone to local units.

Then came the arrival of our brothers from Tasmania: one private; two non-commissioned officers; and two lieutenants! Lieutenant Gregg, a former Naval Commander (equivalent to an Army Lieutenant Colonel), who had been in the Army for about six weeks, was given the role of Platoon Commander of the South Australian and Tasmanian personnel, under the guidance of Lieutenant Ingram and the Platoon Sergeant (me). The Platoon began conducting rehearsals for tasks they thought they might be given during the Exercise. This was difficult because information had not been passed down the chain at this point as to the sequence of events.



Lance Corporal McGarry leads his section during a rehearsal of a platoon withdrawal

At around 1600 h, the platoon mounted Bushmasters and headed out into the field. After a 20 minute drive the Platoon shook out and started to patrol to a night location. By 1900 h the platoon was 'in loc' ready to start night routine. As a work party was establishing the position a radio call came in that we had a 'NO DUFF' casualty. The quick and accurate identification of the casualty's condition by Private Hardy meant that the platoon were able to do an outstanding job of evacuating the casualty in quick time. The Platoon then settled back into the exercise and at around



0100 h the silence was broken with a panicked shout. This turned out to be Private Hornhardt, who had managed to invert himself in his sleeping bag and panicked when he got stuck!

Personnel from 10/27 RSAR who attended the exercise were all surprised when the first day's patrol included a platoon attack! A progression from section attacks up to platoon attacks would have been ideal, but the Platoon nevertheless worked hard to achieve the aim. The next few days consisted of more patrols within the area of operations, conducting as many rehearsals as possible under the guidance of Warrant Officer Class Two Boag.

The next phase of the Exercise was

defensive, during which the enemy started to probe the position. A section from 10/27 RSAR repelled one such attack in quick time by conducting a clearing patrol. Standing patrols were sent out whilst the position was developed. The enemy probing increased over the following days. On the final day of the defensive phase, Lieutenant Gregg orchestrated the withdrawal of the platoon under fire.

The final phase of the exercise was stability operations. The platoon was tasked with setting up a vehicle check point (VCP). An engineer troop was attached to provide guidance and manpower. After some intense discussions with the engineers, it was decided upon that the Platoon plan would be

the one used when setting up the VCP. The Troop Commander was later heard to say that the Troop had passed on comments about the professionalism of Platoon personnel during the stability operations phase.

Over the nine days, the Platoon carried out tasks in line with offensive, defensive and stability operations, impressing both 10/27 RSAR staff and members of other units. The platoon had to work within many limitations and in the face of a lack of information, but it did a great job of all the tasks it was given.

**Sergeant Mark Blondell**  
Platoon Sergeant, 4 Platoon,  
Bravo Company

## EXERCISE JACKA WALK

Exercise JACKA WALK was conducted at Puckapunyal Range, Victoria, from 20 to 28 October 2018. The live fire (LFX) and field training (FTX) components of the exercise consisted of a combination of live-fire ranges and field training, leading into the main effort of the exercise, which was a live-fire platoon attack as part of a combat team scenario. This exercise was part two of the three-part training continuum for Battlegroup Jacka on the path to Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2019.

The order of battle (ORBAT) confirmed on arrival at the range was three sections of eight members, led by section commanders Corporal Ben Healy, (then) Lance Corporal Calum Findlay and Corporal Ashley Sanders, all from Bravo Company 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR). Platoon Headquarters (PHQ) consisted of Signaller Private Alan Harland from Alpha Company 10/27 RSAR, Sergeant Blondell as Platoon Sergeant and myself as Platoon Commander (both from Bravo Company 10/27 RSAR).



The I31 support by fire group during the platoon attack on D+7





PMVs in their support by fire location



Private Duncan during the exercise

There was depth in experience yet also a young eagerness within the platoon, with several new members from both Alpha and Bravo Companies, 10/27 RSAR attending their first exercise.

Within a few hours of arrival at Puckapunyal, the platoon, now designated call-sign I31, was mounted and pushed out to the Marksmanship Training Range (MTR) in preparation for a Live Fire (LF) 5 shoot for gunners and a LF6 shoot for all other personnel as part of the training progression. Of five platoons participating in the LFX, I31 was one of the only two platoons in which all members passed without reshoot, and was the fastest to be moved onto the Individual Sneaker Range for its next shoot.

After two days, I31 transitioned from live-fire to field training and the platoon inserted to field to conduct a full day of PHQ-planned training followed by a dawn blank-fire platoon attack. The section commanders had the opportunity within the training day to conduct over ten section attacks in which they reaffirmed their knowledge of the capabilities of their section members and developed their standard operating procedures (SOPs). This would later prove to be a decisive event in building I31's reputation for good field

craft and drills. On completion of the blank-fire platoon attack, I31 was transitioned back into live-fire training, moving smoothly through pairs and fire-team assault drills and completing live-fire section attacks in preparation for a live-fire platoon attack that was conducted on D+7.

The platoon attack was the clearance of an enemy standing patrol position that was providing early warning for a platoon position 400m to its rear. The attack was a two up, one back, up the guts assault with no smoke (an exercise constraint for safety reasons). A support by fire (SBF) position was also established using two Bushmasters. After clearing its objective, I31 then established a platoon-level SBF to allow I11 to move swiftly across 400m of open terrain to clear the enemy platoon defensive position while I21 conducted a third attack on another objective that was two kilometres to the south.

The conduct of the platoon attack was of a very high standard and the platoon SBF conducted by six F89 Minimis under the command of Sergeant Blondell was executed exceptionally well. The Regimental Sergeant Major of 8th/7th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment, who was acting as an Observer Trainer, commented specifically on the SBF position's outstanding effort. After



Members of 10/27 RSAR outside a C-130 returning to South Australia after Exercise JACKA WALK



this successful live-fire platoon attack, I31 was tasked to complete the same platoon attack and SBF again the next day to support I22 and I32 and give them the opportunity to complete a live-fire platoon attack.

The Exercise JACKA WALK LFX and FXT were a success not only because I31 achieved the main effort but also because of the reputation it earned for high performance, which was demonstrated through every milestone of the exercise. At each transition debrief, I31 and the conduct of its members was noted as professional, competent and capable. This was achieved through the effective command and leadership of the section commanders, which created team cohesion and provided engaging training for their members from very early in the exercise. As result, I31 was formally recognised as equal top-performing platoon amongst the five within the exercise.

Platoon training conducted throughout the week included platoon attacks, section attacks, patrolling, close-assault drills, reconnaissance, combat-shooting, equipment packing, basic field craft, Bushmaster familiarisation, radio communication procedures, judging distances, target indications, fire-control orders, casualty care, live-fire range safety and several other components. Achieving this wide variety of training activities was only possible due to competent and engaging section commanders and the eager and focused members who applied themselves. If you speak to any member who participated in Exercise JACKA WALK as part of I31 they would say it was a successful exercise and one in which 10/27 RSAR, through the conduct of I31, was recognised for its capability and high calibre of professionalism.

**Lieutenant Rob Cardone**  
Commander, 5 Platoon,  
Bravo Company



Members of I31 at Exercise JACKA Walk



Live Fire range safety lesson being conducted by Sergeant Blondell



I31 during a platoon quick attack



# ARMY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Constructing the new staff house



Rock crusher at the quarry developing materials



Newly constructed community house



Newly constructed football oval

Early this year I had the opportunity to volunteer for AACAP, the annual Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program. At that stage I had no idea what I was in for. After nearly seven months attached to 6th Engineer Support Regiment (6 ESP), 17th Construction Squadron, based out of RAAF Base Amberley, I have returned to 3rd Field Squadron (3 FD SQN) with great appreciation for what the members in the Australian Regular Army do. It was long and hard work but we got the job done in record time and completed to a great standard as expected from the Royal Australian Engineers.

I arrived in Amberley in March to complete seven weeks of driving courses including all Mack codes. As a Reservist, this was a great opportunity to gain a lot of experience at once. Then in May I was part of a large road move to Yalata in remote South Australia that took four days to complete. Once there, we joined the advance party that had built Camp Birt where we would live for the next three months. Other 3 FD SQN members had assisted in camp construction. We were then tasked to construct: 1.5 km of road for the local airport used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service; a staff house for visitors to the community; a new football oval for the local school; and a small caravan park with seven powered sites, 30 camp sites, and a new amenities block.

It was something I would have never thought that I would have done in civilian life. It was a great experience and I would encourage all members to give it a go if the chance arises. The members of 6 ESR were very welcoming and great to work with throughout the whole deployment. There were lots of long days, and



some pretty bad weather where we had some tents blown away, but it was all well worth it. It was a great opportunity to do some training on and work with equipment that we don't have at 3 FD SQN including a rock crusher, HX77 dump truck, 40M truck, WPDS water purification system, excavators and more. Now returning to the unit I look forward to continuing training and hope to support this program again in the future.

**Sapper Malcolm Patterson**  
Manoeuvre Support Troop,  
3rd Field Squadron



Sapper Ryan Myer constructing and installing the kitchen he designed

## CONTESTED URBAN ENVIRONMENT 2017

In November 2017, the unit supported scientists from Defence Science and Technology (DST) Group and four other nations through the conduct of The Contested Urban Environment Strategic Challenge (CUE Adelaide 2017) trial conducted at the old Adelaide Royal Dental Hospital and nearby accommodation building, and at the Army Simulation Centre at RAAF Base Edinburgh. It involved more than 100 soldiers and airmen and women including 22 from 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) and more than 80 researchers from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

The activity saw Defence scientists from five nations work alongside the military as a way to investigate new and emerging technologies that can improve the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities of soldiers when operating in cities during conflict, reducing the risks to them and the civilian population. One wing of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital was turned into an operations centre where international researchers monitored soldiers as they explored



Members from 10/27 RSAR acting as 'Militant' OPFOR for CUE17



A small selection of some of the psychological operations material that was posted on ForceNet to simulate social media during CUE 17



the concepts and employment of the new technologies in a series of mobile and static military operations around the old Adelaide Dental Hospital and the central business district.

Military involvement included Charlie Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Australia Regiment (7 RAR) acting as blue force (BLUEFOR) conducting simulated operations in and around Adelaide University and the old Royal Adelaide Hospital.

7 RAR's opposing forces (OPFOR)

were entirely 10/27 RSAR officers and soldiers. OPFOR were the Indigenous People's Militia of the Sihrani people, trained by Kamarian Coalition Instructors (KCI). They operated as a group under the leadership of "The Professor" (Major Chris Manning), his Second-in-Command (2IC) (Captain Mitch Wyatt) and Company Sergeant Major (Sergeant Rod Charman), with five 'cells' of four people tasked to carry out different activities. Each cell had their individual safe house location within the University of Adelaide, the locations of which

they were at pains not to reveal by conducting dispersed movement, not setting patterns and changing clothing regularly.

Tools in the BLUEFOR arsenal included closed-circuit television access, constant drone footage, access to social media (simulated through ForceNet) and a plethora of other technologies under testing. OPFOR's task was to evade these new technologies whilst BLUEFOR sought to defeat the Militia.

Scenarios saw OPFOR conducting clandestine meetings, exchanging items such as improvised explosive devices (IEDs), emplacing IEDs, infiltrating buildings through subterranean tunnels, evading being tracked by drones in vehicles, extracting high value targets (The Professor and 2IC) from a building whilst under attack, and clandestine surveillance of BLUEFOR activities. Many activities were also conducted utilising simulation at the Simulation Centre at Edinburgh.

Overall the activity was fantastic with OPFOR regularly evading capture by BLUEFOR, using social media to their advantage with false information and being crafty and innovative in defeating technology – much like any real militia would no doubt try to do.

Overall the activity was a success for researchers and brought out many training points for both BLUEFOR and OPFOR.

Members of 10/27 RSAR regularly support DST through training support requests and assist on a wide range of land-based research related activities.

**Captain Mitch Wyatt**  
Opposing Force Second-in-Command  
(CUE 17)



Members of 7 RAR clear the accommodation block of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital of enemy (played by members of 10/27 RSAR), watched on by Defence scientists from DST and allied nations



Members of CUE17 utilising the Simulation Centre at Edinburgh to conduct urban tasks



# EXERCISE SUMAN WARRIOR 2016

In September 2016, the Commanding Officer as the Commander of the Australian Contingent (COMASC) successfully led a team of 17 officers and non-commissioned officers to Malaysia as part of the Five Power Defence Agreement (FPDA) on the 26th annual Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR. Conducted at the Malaysian Army Wargaming Centre in Gemas the Exercise involved over 200 officers and other ranking personnel from Singapore, the United Kingdom (UK), Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand, and involved the conduct of a Command Post Exercise (CPX).

The CPX was designed to practice commanders and staff in control of operations and the effectiveness of communications between the five nations' headquarters. The Malaysian Army's 3rd Division commander Major General Datuk Hasagaya Abdullah praised the 10-day joint-training, stating that it would hopefully improve cooperation and coordination between the armies of the FPDA.

Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR 2016 was organised by the Malaysian Army 1st Brigade's Headquarters and headed by Brigadier General Mohd Sofi Md Lepi. It focused on offensive and defensive formation operations in a Brigade coalition construct. The exercise was a valuable opportunity for all of the participating members to understand

the operating methodology of the other nations, to appreciate the differences in Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, and doctrine, and to participate in the wider regional international engagement opportunities including social, sporting and cultural experiences.

The FPDA is a series of Defence relationships between five Commonwealth countries signed in 1971 following the termination

of the UK's Defence guarantees of Malaysia and Singapore under the Anglo-Malayan Defence Agreement. This was a result of the UK's decision to withdraw its armed forces east of the Suez in 1967. The word 'Suman' was derived from the names of the five nations.

**Lieutenant Colonel Trent Burnard**  
Commanding Officer



Photo from the opening ceremony of Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR. All five Battalion Commanders with Brigadier General Sofi (center)



The Australian contingent consisting of SNCOs, warrants and officers from across the 1st and 2nd Divisions; including LTCOL Trent Burnard, MAJ Simon Sullivan and WO2 Paul Dabinet from 10/27 RSAR



All members of the five national contingents and Malaysian Armed Forces support personnel during the closing ceremony of Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR 2016





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## The Simpson Trophy 2018

On Sunday, 16 September 2018, The Simpson Trophy, one of Australia's longest running annual shooting competitions, was once again contested at Murray Bridge Range, hosted by 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR). Dating back to over a century ago (almost 25 years prior to the ANZAC landings), the Trophy's first rifle competition was held in 1893. Alfred Muller Simpson, the founder of the competition, was also a successful entrepreneur, politician and philanthropist, who had spent his early years in the First Volunteer Regiment (later the Adelaide Rifles). Upon entering the State Legislative Council, Alfred was adamant that politicians should not draw a wage, as it would encourage the wrong type of people for the position. He maintained this outlook during his time, and even donated his parliamentary wage as prize money for the creation of The Simpson Trophy in order to promote the excellence of military marksmanship in South Australia.

Every year the competition is open to all units and ranks, Army, Navy and Air Force, Reserve or full time, to contest the Trophy. This year, a total of 11 teams from units across SA attended the competition. Each team comprised of five shooters, which included a team captain and a reserve. The practice used to determine the winning team is the

Applied Marksmanship Practice (AMP). The AMP is a culmination of marksmanship skills, impelling shooters to apply a combination of experience and each one of the marksmanship principles.

The AMP comprises of deliberate, snap and rapid serials at both static and moving targets ranging from 100 to 300 metres. Shooters are required to be proficient at all ranges, and in various positions including prone, sitting, kneeling/squatting and standing positions whilst also conducting ammunition reloads under time pressure.

The Sunday of the competition was a terrific day to be on the range – sun shining, slight tail wind and the temperature sitting at a fresh 19 degrees. Shooters would be offered near optimal conditions to pit themselves against one another for a chance at both The Simpson Trophy and the Individual Best Shot Trophy. As the day progressed, the suspense started to grow as the leader board was continually updated after every serial.

After the fourth serial it narrowed down to only a few teams that would be in contention for The Simpson Trophy, and all was to be determined by the fifth and final shooters. However, as if almost to leave things hanging at a season finale, a barbeque lunch provided by 9th Combat Service Support

Battalion was prepared, and a short intermission was called, leaving most trembling in suspense. As the final shooters prepared themselves for the pressure now on their shoulders, Nick and Adam Simpson, descendants of Alfred Muller Simpson himself, took to the firing point to test out their own skills. And skills they had - both achieving groupings of under 100mm at 100m with minimal coaching!

The bar had now been set. It was time for the final and deciding serial of the day. As the shooters progressed through the AMP, their teams rallied behind them in an attempt to gauge who might come out on top. The last shot rang out and it was all decided from there. The teams rallied around their shooters in support, before the final scores were delivered – only this time the scores were kept secret until the presentation.

Private Ben Robins, of Bravo Company 10/27 RSAR, was awarded the Individual Best Shot Trophy for the second year running. Visually impressive, this Trophy is an original three band Enfield rifle, owned by Alfred Simpson himself. Private Robins also re-qualified for his Army Skill at Arms Badge (more often called the 'Crossed Rifles' badge), which may now be permanently worn on his service dress. In second place was Team Captain (then) Lance Corporal



Calum Findlay (Bravo Company 10/27 RSAR), who also qualified for his Skill at Arms Badge, followed by Sapper Thomas Jak (3rd Field Squadron) and Private Joshua Taylor (Alpha Company 10/27 RSAR) as equal third.

The Simpson Trophy itself was awarded to shooters of the Bravo Company, 10/27 RSAR team, comprising of Lieutenant Katherine Robinson, Lance Corporal Calum Findlay, Corporal Ben Healy, Private Ben Robins and Private Lachlan Harris. This victory will keep the Simpson Trophy within 10/27 RSAR for the 6th year in a row. In close second was the Adelaide Universities Regiment staff team, followed by the 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles) composite team in third.

All in all, The Simpson Trophy competition is a terrific opportunity for South Australian units from Army, Navy and Air Force to come together and compete in Australia's longest running shooting competition, in order to enhance individual marksmanship skills and to pay homage to the founding principles upon which the competition was created.

### **Corporal Calum Findlay** 5 Platoon, Bravo Company



Sergeant Prosser, the ammunition non-commissioned officer for The Simpson Trophy



Highest individual scorer for the 2018 competition was Private Ben Robins. Private Robins was also top scorer for the 2017 competition, earning his Army Skill at Arms ('Crossed Rifles') Badge in the process



The highest scoring team of the 2018 Simpson Trophy competition is from Bravo Company, 10/27 RSAR. The team is shown with presenting dignitaries from the Simpson family



Corporal Calum Findlay coaches Mr. Adam Simpson in the use of the F88. Mr. Simpson is a direct descendant of the original benefactor and instigator of the competition



The perfect shooting weather saw the competition well attended by local 2nd Division units. Teams came from 10/27 RSAR; 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles); 3rd Field Squadron; 9th Combat Service and Support Battalion; 144th Signals Squadron; and Adelaide Universities Regiment



## Australian Army Skill at Arms Meetings

### ASSAM 2017

The 9th Brigade team for 2017 consisted entirely of 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) personnel: (then) Lieutenant Mitch Wyatt, Warrant Officer Class Two (WO2) Stuart Bailey, Corporal Peter George, Corporal Travis Thomas, Corporal Aidan Mol, (then) Private Calum Findlay, Private Nat Bastian and Trooper Sam Vaatstra. Team Captain was Sergeant Joey Le'Bretton. WO2 Bailey was later joined by Corporal Scott Tampalini for the sniper competition.

There was considerable lead up training to the event in the Weapons Training Simulation System. There was even a live fire shoot at Murray Bridge Training Area to hone our skills and familiarise ourselves with the F88SA2 and Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight.

We bused it over to Puckapunyal and settled in for the shooting. Gone were the old days of wearing webbing with two water bottles, with competitions being won by a bunch of dinosaurs who were great on the Class A permanent ranges but not much else. Instead there

was now a requirement to use full Tier 3 Tiered Body Armour System including helmet and eye protection with weigh-ins before events, which required a minimum of 28kg including weapon to be worn.

Most of the shooting was now conducted on field firing ranges and included movement, weapons transitions, firing from cover and complex shoots from 450 metres down to six metres. Weapons utilised included F89, F88, pistol and bayonet. This was a steep learning curve for all but we met the challenge head on.

The Section Match was where we showed our true colours. The infamous match consists of a 2.4km run with full 28kg compliment of gear plus ammo, to be completed in a time limit before penalties apply. Immediately following the run the section must then conduct a section attack across the classification range starting at the 450 metre mound, assaulting all the way to the 50 metre line whilst the targets reduce in size from Figure 11 to Figure 12 to Figure 14.

The section is allocated 1500

rounds at the start with each hit on target being one point. Points are deducted if anyone completes a bound without covering fire. 10/27 RSAR comfortably won the Section Match, easily beating the Australian Regular Army (ARA) Combat Brigades and Support Brigades with a score of 745/1500. This means close to 50 percent of all rounds fired hit their target. No small feat considering the distances involved and the use of two F89s. A 400 metre assault after running 2.4km in full gear certainly got the heart rate up.

Other awards received included the Team Pistol Trophy by WO2 Bailey and Corporal Mol. This was after some less than sportsmanlike teams tried to get us disqualified for using apparently non-issued equipment (it was issued). Thanks goes out to team Captain, Sergeant Le'Bretton, for smoothing the waters out in his usual charming style.

The Chief of Army was more than impressed by a section of Reservists that was made up of an officer, a Warrant Officer, three Corporals and three Privates winning the Section Match. This prompted a couple



Chief of Army (left) and Regimental Sergeant Major–Army (second from right) with the team from 10/27 RSAR that won the Section Match at AASAM 2017. The team members L-R: (Standing) LT Wyatt, LCPL George, PTE Bastian, CPL Thomas, WO2 Bailey, CPL Mol, (Sitting) PTE Findlay, and TPR Vaatstra



of cheeky comments to (then) Lieutenant General Campbell that 'if chocos can outrun and outshoot the ARA Combat Brigades, maybe it's time to send more of us on operations?' Let's hope he took it on board.

**Captain Mitch Wyatt**  
Commander, 3 Platoon  
Alpha Company

### ASSAM 2018

After such good results in 2017 it was inevitable that the Commanding Officer wanted representatives from the unit for the 2018 Competition.

With the posting of Warrent Officer Class Two (WO2) Stuart Bailey and Corporal Aiden Mol a great deal of experience had left the team for the 2018 AASAM. And with a large amount of the unit away from November 17 to March 18 due to its commitment to Rifle Company Butterworth 120 it might have looked like a bit of doom and gloom to raise a team in such a short time. However, the light was just around the corner with the team picking up the Best Female Combat Shooter from the 2017 Simpson Trophy (Lieutenant Katherine Robinson) and The Simpson Trophy Winner (Private Ben Robins).

After the team went through the trial shoot at Murray Bridge on 7-8 April 2018, the teams were picked. Alpha team – Lieutenant Robinson, Lance Corporal Calum Findlay, Private Robins & Trooper Samuel Vaatstra. Bravo team – Private James Lewis, Private Winston Li, Sapper Thomas Jak and Private Nathaniel Bastian. The team departed for Puckapunyal on 13 April 2018 for the Competition on 14 to 23 April 2018.

With the competition being greater than the previous years and the emphasis more on combat shooting the team again held its own with some great results:

- Match R-12 Bayonet Assault (Service Rifle) – Private Robins



Private Winston Li from Alpha Company



Sapper Thomas Jak from 3rd Field Squadron



Winners of the Reserve Infantry Battalion Weapons Championship 2018 (L-R) PTE Ben Robins, LCPL Calum Findlay, TPR Samuel Vaatstra, LT Katherine Robinson, with the Returned and Services League Trophy

received a Silver Medal for 2nd place.

- Match R-23 Close Combat Shoot 4 (Service Rifle) – Private Robins received a Bronze Medal for 3rd place.
- Match 84: Reserve Infantry Battalion Championship – 9th Brigade received a Gold Medal for 1st place.

While none of the team members went onto join the Australian Defence

Force team, Lance Corporal Findlay was the best of our shooters finishing just out at 21st and Private Robins had a great effort, coming in at 26th place overall.

**Sergeant Joey Le'Bretton**  
Operations Sergeant



# 10th/27th Battalion Member Articles

## Centenary of ANZAC

### *The Bastille Day March and the Western Front Commemorations 2016*

There's only one sane answer you can give when your Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) walks into your office and says, 'Ma'am, would you like to go to France?'

It was March 2016, and what he was offering me was the experience of a lifetime.

Myself and nine other members of the Battalion were given the privilege to join the Australian Defence Force contingent that would be taking up the Position of Honour on France's Bastille Day march down the Champs-Élysées in Paris. We would be marching the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) colours alongside those of other infantry regiments that were involved in the Western Front campaign in World War One. The last time Australia was honoured to join the French military on the Bastille Day march was back in 1918. In extension to this honour, the Australian Army contingent would stay in France past Bastille Day to be involved in the Centenary of ANZAC Western Front commemorations.

We arrived in Paris on 6 July 2016 via service air. Our bus was then given a police escort through Paris to the *School Military De Saint Cyr L'ecole*

just near the Palace of Versailles. It was a beautiful, 400-year-old building. Although it was like many other military lines I've stayed in before, it was steeped in history. The school was under 24-hour guard by the French military, and this kind of security would be a theme noticed throughout the commemorations.

Our first 24 hours in France were our own to enjoy, so the next morning (although it being our only chance to sleep in for the next week), some Sergeants, Lieutenants and myself got up well before dawn to race back into Paris to photograph the sun rising behind the Eiffel Tower. Although construction work got in the way of us achieving that perfect picture, the lack of sleep was worth it. The 10/27 RSAR representatives had already established a strong cohesion, which would keep morale high even in the week to come where every morning was at least a 4am start. The week that followed consisted of long days in drill rehearsal and marching. My right arm holding the 27th Battalion's Regimental Colour has never ached so much. The French were perfectionists, and so if it took eight hours a day to see the results they wanted, then we were marching those eight hours. During rest breaks the French soldiers would mingle

with the Australians and the Kiwis, often trying to swap military badges, patches and even berets to have an ANZAC memento. I lost count of how many French soldiers I had to explain to that the plume in my slouch hat was not for trade; being the only Calvary officer present my 'jolie' emu feathers were considered hot property.

On 14 July we were lined up on the Champs-Élysées before sunrise, however the march was not starting until around 1000h. With cameras on scene running live footage, we had to be formed up and spend the next five hours forgetting how cold we were or how much our faces itched before we actually marched. This was particularly necessary when cameras could come to within a few inches of my face, again locking in on the iconic Australian slouch hat with the emu plume. The long wait gave us time to discreetly take in our surroundings. On a few roof tops I could see snipers set up in windows, and on the bus ride in



Firing party at Pozieres Military Cemetery (10/27 RSAR personnel present include WO2 Meredith, SGT Meek, and SGT Barnacle-Watts)



Captain Griffiths with the 27th Battalion's Regimental Colours



we saw ground based air defence weapons in place. France was still on high alert after the November 2015 Paris attacks. Their police and military were fatigued, but were holding their breath for this Bastille Day march. They were expecting to be hit, and they were ready.

The march itself was the briefest yet most thoroughly intense experience I have ever had. From saluting the French President who was escorted by a huge horse-mounted marching band, to jets flying overhead streaming the French colours, to marching only a mere eight hundred metres down the end of the Champs-Élysées to then down a side street to fall out, with cheering crowds, cameras and music. It was surreal. As our RSM said, he's never done so much work or waited on parade so long for the briefest of marches; but we all wouldn't have changed anything for it. As another treat, that evening we were allowed to go out and enjoy the Bastille Day celebrations. I met up with some equestrian friends who were backpacking around Europe at the time, and we watched the fireworks over the city, sitting on a bridge over the Seine. It wasn't until we were on the train heading back to the school that we started

getting reports about the attack in Nice. France's state of emergency would still continue, and its fatigued police, military and security services no longer had a reprieve in sight.

The next day the Navy and Air Force components of our contingent departed France, whilst the Army component got on buses bound for Lillie. A hotel on the outskirts of Lillie in Normandy would be our home for the next two weeks as we undertook the second component of our ceremonial duties. On 19 July we marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles. The ceremony included the headstone dedications for six soldiers whose remains were identified by the Australian Army's Unrecovered War Casualties Fromelles Project Team. Unfortunately, this occasion I missed out on, being confined to my hotel room for three days with a high fever and cough. However, with the care of the contingent medic and my fellow subalterns fetching me medication and bringing me food, I was well enough to re-join the contingent for the Polygon Wood ceremony, and then the Battle of Pozières ceremony on 23 July.

The morning of 23 July consisted of a service held at the site of the

1st Australian Division Memorial at Pozières, where the remains of three unknown soldiers were reinterred. A few hours later was the ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Pozières, and the last time I had the honour of carrying the 27th Battalion's Regimental Colour. The day was bittersweet. I had the wonderful surprise of being reunited with my sister Rhiannon who had been living in London for the last few years; when she heard I'd be at Pozières she ensured she got the chance to see me there. However, we all knew that this once-in-a-generation experience was coming to an end. Over the next 48 hours, arrangements had been made to get all of the Army contingent safely back to our homes all over Australia.

It is hard to think that this was two years ago now. I could not thank the Battalion or the Australian Army enough for this experience. I am honoured to have been part of it, and look forward to seeing the beautiful rolling countryside of the Somme again one day.

**Captain Courtney Griffiths**  
Commander, 2 Troop,  
3rd/9th Light Horse



Contingent waiting to step off as the Nation D'Honneur on the Champs-Élysées as part of the Bastille Day parade



## Canadian Army Command and Staff College Primary Reserve Army Operations Course

In July 2018, I was one of two Australian Army Reserve officers invited to attend the Canadian Army's Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario. International students from Australia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Jamaica, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (Arkansas, Hawaii, New York and Puerto Rico) attended the course and joined a large number of Canadian Regular and Reserve officers.

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) students commenced study on this continuum nearly one year prior to the conduct of the Tutorial 3 module held in July 2018. Whilst the course was directed to officers of the CAF Primary Reserve, there were a large number of Permanent Force officers panelled on the course as the Canadian Army has mapped competencies between both Reserve and Regular forces.

The Advanced Operations Course (AOC) is conducted in three phases for CAF Reserve students. International students were invited to attend the final Tutorial and assessment phase known as Tutorial 3 (or Tut 3). During Tut 3, the International students concentrated in historic Fort Frontenac on 10 July 2018 and commenced a three day orientation to Kingston, to the Operational Planning Process

(OPP) (which is similar to the military appreciation process utilised by the Australian Defence Force) and CAF opposing force doctrine. Lessons were received from the G3 Reserve Advisor and former AOC Directing Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Brett Takeuchi, and a visiting Danish Artillery Lieutenant Colonel Klaus Kjoller, who was also graduate of the AOC program.

In Kingston, we were accommodated at Fort Frontenac and spent time in the Command and Staff College mess, which is regarded as the home of the Canadian Army's Officer Corps.

When the Canadian students marched in to Fort Frontenac on 13 July 2018, the international students' syndicates were broken and joined with the Canadians. As syndicates, students conducted two complete operation cycles planning offensive and defensive operations as Brigade Staff Officers utilising a Multinational Brigade constituted of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partner forces.

In the last week, the syndicates were again broken and two Divisional Headquarters and two Brigade Headquarters were formed. All syndicates deployed off site to the CAF Simulation Centre (CASC) at Canadian Forces Base Kingston and a computerised simulation

of a conventional land battle was conducted over five days.

At all stages, the AOC was very well resourced by the CAF. There were 48 Lieutenant Colonels on staff at the College. Further, the CAF directing staff were supplemented with a German Air Force fast jet pilot (who was a visiting academic at the Queen's University at Kingston), two British Army Lieutenant Colonels and two United States Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonels, all of whom were previous students at the AOC.

The Canadians turned on full civil-military co-operation, public affairs officer, all-source intelligence cells and geospatial cells out of Permanent Force resources to enable the Division and Brigade Headquarters to function as actors in the planning cycles. At CASC, retired unit commanders and formation commanders from the CAF provided subject matter expert advice to students and acted as role players from the United Nations and other stakeholders for the conduct of the simulation.

The geospatial cell were able to produce topographical maps, overlays and any other product as required on demand for any Headquarters. The Brigade Headquarters operated a complete Headquarters with constant situation reports, contact reports and a 'live' feed from drones, intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance assets and close air support while the land battle was conducted.

The headquarters staff at all levels were consistently confronted with conventional warfighting dilemmas, a near peer adversary, various humanitarian crises, UN stakeholder engagement, Operation HONOUR (sexual assault and misconduct within the CAF) incidents and other



CAPT Walsh (right) and members of his syndicate from Canada, Sweden and the United Kingdom



'real world' leadership dilemmas throughout the conduct of Tut 3. All of these inputs arose because of real experiences gained during NATO/operational deployments and were factored into the dynamic situation faced by the course participants.

The AOC was exceptionally well resourced and well run and the Canadians were excellent hosts.

I was able to leverage off the institutional knowledge of allied officers who had deployed in or worked with combat organisations on operations. The exposure available to develop individuals therefore went much further than the curricula tabled by the CAF.

The AOC was an excellent



CAPT Walsh (right) receives his certificate from COL Joe Parkinson CAF

opportunity to develop individual knowledge and skills but also to develop links and connections to members of foreign armies. The AOC was a challenging course on a personal level, however there was much to be gained through the personal connections that were made and the institutional

knowledge that was shared amongst all participants, particularly those members from foreign armies who had deployed, often multiple times, on UN and combat missions around the world.

**Captain Matthew Walsh**  
Adjutant

## Unveiling Two Captured World War One Krupp Guns

This year I had the honour of being part of the catafalque parties that unveiled two captured World War One (WW1) German Krupp Guns in Murray Bridge and Burra. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Trent Burnard, and David Laing, President of the Murray Bridge Returned and Services League (RSL) Club, unveiled the first Gun on 16 September. The Gun was captured by the men of the 10th Battalion nearly 100 years ago to the day, and was restored by the Murraylands Men's Shed. It was a special occasion with a crowd of 70 people in attendance, including my grandmother Alma Crouch who has lived in the area for over 50 years.

On Remembrance Day the second Krupp Gun was unveiled at Burra. The 27th Battalion captured this Gun near Warfusee, France in WW1. The gun was uncovered in Burra in 1921, remaining in the town until 2003 when the SA Army Museum took ownership of it. In 2017, the Burra RSL Club embarked on a mission to reclaim the gun. Through a combined community effort the gun was restored and will again



The Commanding Officer (centre) and members of 10/27 RSAR with the unveiled Krupp Gun at the Murray Bridge RSL Club



Krupp Gun that was unveiled as part of the Remembrance Day service at Burra

stand as a silent sentinel to all those who served in all wars and conflicts.

freedoms we enjoy today.

*Lest we forget.*

These events with links to the unit's past are important in continuing to remember those from the unit who paid the ultimate price for the

**Private Ashleigh Burnard**  
4 Platoon, Bravo Company



### Prince of Wales Award Scheme: Sergeant Wayne Spencer

The Prince of Wales Award Scheme provides a development opportunity for Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reservists to enhance their individual experience and knowledge in their chosen civilian occupation or profession.

Sergeant Wayne Spencer (Alpha Company) transferred from the Australian Regular Army to the Army Reserve when he joined South Australia Police (SAPOL) in 2006.

Sergeant Spencer has been acknowledged for his work in proposing an updated and improved defensive tactics curriculum to be initially taught to all police cadets and in annual refresher training for operational police.

He has identified a law enforcement defensive tactics program called Gracie Survival Tactics (GST). The course is held 5-10 times per year at various military bases, police departments and federal agencies throughout the United States (US) and abroad. The GST program has been adopted by 225 US Police departments along with other agencies including US Army Special Forces, US Navy SEALs, US Navy and the CIA.

As winner of the Prince of Wales Award, Sergeant Spencer attended the five-day GST course in Los Angeles in September, enabling him to become certified in teaching the course. Upon his return the Special Tasks and Rescue Operations member took on a secondment at the Police Academy as a Defensive Tactics and Operational Safety Instructor. In this role he showed a keen interest in upskilling Defensive Tactics Instructors on numerous

techniques and methods and played an integral role in the 'DEFTAC' review.

The experience and knowledge gained from Sergeant Spencer's successful Prince of Wales Award activity will provide ongoing benefits to both the unit, the army and SAPOL while promoting cooperation and support.

## Changes to Employer Support Payment Scheme from January 2019

### Do you or your employer receive Employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS) payments?

The process for submitting applications for payment under the ESPS is changing.

**From 1 January 2019, applications for payment under the ESPS must be lodged online.**

Webforms AD138-1 to AD138-4 will not be accepted from that date.

To find out more about the changes:  
**[www.defencereservessupport.gov.au](http://www.defencereservessupport.gov.au)**



L to R: Sergeant Wayne Spencer, Dr Andrew Cannon (Chair, Defence Reserves Support Council – SA), Superintendent John Bruhn (SAPOL), Sergeant Matt Weaver (SAPOL) and Rear Admiral Bruce Kafer (Head, Reserve and Youth Division)



## Remembering Sergeant Ashley Meek

Ashley Meek enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in August 2003. He was posted to 5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australia Regiment, during which time he deployed to Iraq and East Timor. In 2009, Ash left the Regular Army and joined 10th/27th Battalion, where he was promoted to Corporal. He later also joined the South Australian Police (SAPOL), working in many rural areas including Lock and finally Cowell, where he became a well-liked and respected local police officer.

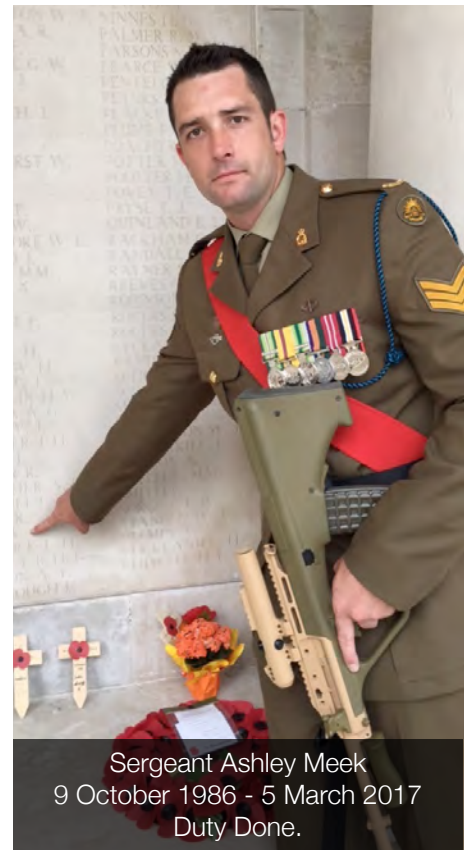
Within SAPOL he rose to the rank of Brevet Sergeant. Despite being rurally-based he still maintained a strong commitment to the Battalion, attending all major exercises held and all training weekends when he was not rostered to work with SAPOL.

In 2014, Ash was promoted to Sergeant and again deployed, this time on Operation RESOLUTE on a Continuous Full Time Service contract. In 2016, he was part of a contingent that took part in the French National Parade day in Paris, France. Sadly, in 2017 Ashley's life was tragically cut short.

During his time in the Army, Ash Meek was a professional soldier who excelled at everything he did. He was a man that would leave a mark on everyone he met and once you had met him you could only like him. Those who knew him were devastated by his loss.

Ash you are gone but you will never be forgotten.

**Sergeant Mark Blondell**  
Platoon Sergeant, 4 Platoon



Sergeant Ashley Meek  
9 October 1986 - 5 March 2017  
Duty Done.

## Remembering Captain Paul McKay at the Australian War Memorial

On the eve of the Centenary of Armistice on 11 November 2018, I travelled to the Australian War Memorial (AWM) to witness an extraordinary event. The name of Captain Paul John McKay was added to the Roll of Honour in a private ceremony attended by his parents, John and Angela McKay; Director of the AWM, The Honourable Dr. Brendon Nelson, AO; Chairman of the AWM, Mr Kerry Stokes, AC; Deputy Chief of Army, Major General Justin Ellwood, DSC; and some of Paul's family and friends.

Captain McKay graduated from the Royal Military College of Australia in 2006 and was posted to 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment. He was appointed as a Platoon Commander in Bravo Company where he served for two years, before posting to Headquarters 9th Brigade as the Liaison Officer to Commander 9th Brigade. In 2009, Captain McKay transferred to the Regular Army and was posted to 1st Battalion, The Royal Australia Regiment.

In 2011, Captain McKay deployed to Afghanistan, where he was appointed as Battle Captain in Headquarters Combined Team Uruzgan, located at Tarin Kowt. In January 2012, he was evacuated to Australia for mental health reasons. After a long period of recovery, he appeared to be doing well but, in January 2014, he travelled to Saranac Lake, New York and, during a blizzard, died alone on Scarface Mountain.

At the service held at the AWM, Dr. Nelson quoted Charles E.W. Bean's eloquent tribute to the soldiers whose sacrifice the Memorial honours: 'here is their spirit in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made'. Since 2014, Paul's sword has been carried in memorium during the Anzac Day march by an officer from 10th/27th Battalion.

**Major Steve Miller**  
Officer Commanding,  
Alpha Company



Captain Paul McKay's name on the  
Roll of Honour at the Australian War  
Memorial



A ceremony was held on the eve of Armistice Day 2018 to mark the occasion of the adding of Captain Paul McKay's name to the Roll of Honour



# Royal South Australia Regiment Association

## 'Why We Do It'

We have just finished celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the 'guns falling silent' in 1918.

I watched with interest the film footage of what was going on at home in Britain and Australia during the war and how the civilian population tried to get involved with the war effort. For example, I saw some of the parcels that the Country Women's Association (CWA) sent to Gallipoli and I saw the boy scouts collecting scrap metal to reuse to make armaments.

So what do people do now?

Well, after 20 or so years in the Regiment, many ex-servicemen realise that at their best, their ability to fight is but nuisance value.

However, our roots and *esprit de corps* remain with Regiment and its current members, in particular the 10th/27th Battalion. So it stands to reason that over 100, mainly aging men, should unite under the umbrella of an association and offer help to now-serving members, where they can.

We can still do things like cook a barbeque, feed a company or so, recycle the empties for Legacy, arrange museum displays, make memorials, present trophies, provide Christmas packs to serving members away from home and keep Soldier of Merit boards up-to-date, to name but a few of the things the association does. We can marvel at the arms and equipment supplied to our soldiers of today. We love nothing better than to

talk to the soldiers and share their experiences of spending a Saturday night in some god-forsaken dugout on a wind swept hill, with no rations, waiting for an enemy that never seems to come. And we respond in unison 'nothing has changed.'

We do take pride in seeing the Battalion perform, attending Weapons Training Simulation System shoots, Freedom of the City Parades, etc., and one day we hope the baton will be handed down to the serving members as they join the 'Old and the Bold' category and answer 'that's why we do it.'

**Rod Beames**  
President, RSARA



Members from the RSARA attending the urban training weekend at O'Halloran Hill



President Rob Beames leading the RSARA during the 2018 ANZAC Day march



# South Australia Mounted Rifles Association

## 2016

The sale of the Gallipoli Series wines raised almost \$2,000 towards funding the George Johnson MM prize – an all expenses paid visit for a selected non-commissioned officer/officer to A Squadron's affiliated Regiments in England. Lieutenant (now Captain) Rob Farrier was the winner of the inaugural George Johnson MM prize.

South Australian Mounted Rifles Association (SAMRA) a made successful submission to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for financial assistance to mount a plaque on the Light Horse Memorial, highlighting the South Australian Light Horse Regiments that were

raised in World War One. Two squadrons of each of 3rd Australian Light Horse (3 ALH), 9 ALH and one squadron of 11 ALH were composed of South Australians. The plaque depicts the insignia and battle honours of those regiments. Sixty people attended a dinner at the Walkerville Returned and Services League Club to acknowledge the deeds and the sacrifices of the South Australian Light Horsemen who fought in the battle of Rumanì 100 years ago.

## 2017

In May, over 80 people attended the launch of the Light Horse Exhibition at the Army Museum of SA with Mark Bouchier, President of the

Adelaide Legacy Club, grandson of Lieutenant Colonel Murray Bouchier who led the charge at Beersheba. Chris Burns (Honorary Colonel 3rd/9th South Australian Mounted Rifles) presented an insight into the Reynell family whilst Major Chris Manning spoke about Major Phillip Priestly and his sword.

## 2018

In July, SAMRA was 30 years old and 40 members and partners attended a lunch at the Singapore House restaurant.

**David Mercer**  
Secretary, SAMRA



Members of the SAMRA after the 2018 ANZAC Day march



SAMRA during the 2018 ANZAC Day march



SAMRA members laying a wreath and hay on ANZAC Day 2018





# PRO PATRIA



## March to toast 100 years of history

PAUL ASHENDEN

A RARE parade in Adelaide tomorrow will commemorate more than 100 years of South Australian military history.

The Freedom of Entry parade, timed to coincide with the centenary of the end of World War I, will feature soldiers from the 30th/2nd, Royal South Australian Regiment.

It will be the battalion's first Freedom of Entry parade, a tradition which dates back to the Middle Ages, since the centenary of Gallipoli in 2015.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel David Ross said it was a "great honour" to lead up to 200 members of the 30th/2nd, Royal South Australian Regiment, to the Adelaide Town Hall, to be part of the centenary.





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# 2018 Nominal Roll

LTCOL	Burnard, Trent R	BHQ	CPL	Abraham, Michael F	A COY
MAJ	Mitchell, Robert W	BHQ	CPL	Ashford, Matthew C	A COY
MAJ	Pexton, Timothy J	BHQ	CPL	George, Peter G	A COY
CHAP	Croser, Derek P	BHQ	CPL	Higgins, Benjamin C	A COY
CAPT	Walsh, Matthew CP	BHQ	CPL	Leighton, Ronald D	A COY
WO1	Clegg, Jason E	BHQ	CPL	Lusty, Liam R	A COY
WO1	Lipman, Benjamin J	BHQ	CPL	Nightingale, Samuel D	A COY
WO2	Dabinet, Paul R	BHQ	CPL	Peters, Todd G	A COY
WO2	Dettmer, Simon AG	BHQ	CPL	Smaling, Christopher M	A COY
WO2	McGlashan, Rodney N	BHQ	CPL	Tampalini, Scott P	A COY
WO2	Nicholas, David M	BHQ	CPL	Thomas, Travis N	A COY
SGT	Le'Bretton, Joseph R	BHQ	CPL	Wadley, Benjamin G	A COY
SGT	Murphy, Sean D	BHQ	LCPL	Adams, Matthew J	A COY
SGT	Robinson, Matthew A	BHQ	LCPL	Baldock, Kym M	A COY
CPL	Arthur, Trevor P	BHQ	LCPL	Clark, Joshua R	A COY
CPL	Centofanti, Paolo M	BHQ	LCPL	Graham, Alan W	A COY
CPL	Markwell, Shane A	BHQ	LCPL	Hamilton, Drew A	A COY
CPL	Weightman, Aidan R	BHQ	LCPL	Hardy, Robert A	A COY
CPL	Wrobel, Kevin W	BHQ	LCPL	Kerr, Benjamin S	A COY
PTE(P)	Anchor, Nicholas R	BHQ	LCPL	Licari, Paul K	A COY
PTE(P)	Jaloshin, Andrew P	BHQ	LCPL	O'Dea, Scott P	A COY
PTE(P)	Scherwitzel, Alexander P	BHQ	LCPL	Taylor, Ryan JT	A COY
PTE(P)	Taheny, Damien P	BHQ	LCPL	Turvey, Neville	A COY
PTE	Brazier, Georgia F	BHQ	LCPL	Young, Reginald A	A COY
PTE	Lister, James A	BHQ	PTE(P)	Ahmic, Muhamed	A COY
SSGT	James, Grant	BAND	PTE(P)	Bastian, Nathaniel J	A COY
SGT	Portakiewicz, David P	BAND	PTE(P)	Brickley, Mitchell M	A COY
CPL	Ferguson, Shane RJ	BAND	PTE(P)	Campbell, Jed O	A COY
CPL	Portakiewicz, Anthony M	BAND	PTE(P)	Carman, Andrew R	A COY
CPL	Sniedze, Julie A	BAND	PTE(P)	Chamberlain, David B	A COY
LCPL	Koop, Joshua D	BAND	PTE(P)	Coleman, Max M	A COY
MSN	Bampton, Michael K	BAND	PTE(P)	Cowling, Thomas J	A COY
MSN	Fortune, Nigel	BAND	PTE(P)	Elliss, Scott AR	A COY
MSN	Gallagher, Erin T	BAND	PTE(P)	Evans, Mark S	A COY
MSN	Hewitt, Emily J	BAND	PTE(P)	Gallasch, Simon MJ	A COY
MSN	Martin, Fiona G	BAND	PTE(P)	Green, Daniel A	A COY
MSN	Pearce, Philip G	BAND	PTE(P)	Harris, Benjamin J	A COY
MSN	Skapin, Corey R	BAND	PTE(P)	Harrland, Alan	A COY
MSN	Slater, Ian C	BAND	PTE(P)	Hartman, Terrence P	A COY
MSN	Slattery, Kimberly J	BAND	PTE(P)	Iqbal, Mohammad I	A COY
MSN	Tucker, Belinda M	BAND	PTE(P)	Justin, Trent H	A COY
MSN	Weepers, Nicole B	BAND	PTE(P)	Knight, Joshua	A COY
MAJ	Miller, Stephen R	A COY	PTE(P)	Lambert, Patrick A	A COY
CAPT	Moriarty, Hayden J	A COY	PTE(P)	Lewis, James W	A COY
CAPT	Stawski, Martin M	A COY	PTE(P)	Malic, Joshua C	A COY
CAPT	Wyatt, Mitchell J	A COY	PTE(P)	McCormick, Daniel A	A COY
LT	Williams, Bryce M	A COY	PTE(P)	McEntee, Barton J	A COY
WO2	Cawsey, Scott G	A COY	PTE(P)	Milde, Peter M	A COY
SGT	Charman, Rodney N	A COY	PTE(P)	Norman, Stuart A	A COY
SGT	Macdonald, David J	A COY	PTE(P)	Park, Jason C	A COY
SGT	Prosser, Marguerite K	A COY	PTE(P)	Pavan, Jake A	A COY
SGT	Spencer, Wayne M	A COY	PTE(P)	Peake, Damian W	A COY
			PTE(P)	Purdy, Leon G	A COY
			PTE(P)	Rochford, Robert J	A COY



# 10th/27th Battalion

PTE(P) Scudds, James A	A COY	CPL Healy, Benjamin T	B COY
PTE(P) Sheehan, Kym F	A COY	CPL Jacobs, Sonny	B COY
PTE(P) Smith, Kirk M	A COY	CPL Li, Adrian	B COY
PTE(P) Todd, Kye SD	A COY	CPL Lowrie, Michael P	B COY
PTE(P) Turner, Garry C	A COY	CPL Napier, Tyson MG	B COY
PTE(P) Welch, Gianni A	A COY	CPL Sanders, Ashley E	B COY
PTE(P) Wilson, Clinton F	A COY	CPL Sengstock, Carl J	B COY
PTE(P) Zuromski, Paul J	A COY	CPL Singleton, Timothy M	B COY
PTE Barnden, Craig AS	A COY	CPL Walker-Pitman, Kenneth GT	B COY
PTE Beare, Samuel H	A COY	LCPL Abareh, Wadi A	B COY
PTE Chou, Jonathan Y-S	A COY	LCPL Antonellie, Dylan J	B COY
PTE Cook, Jeremy S	A COY	LCPL Bras, Riley P	B COY
PTE Donald, Thomas H	A COY	LCPL Browne, Vincent J	B COY
PTE Floreani, Jason A	A COY	LCPL Campbell, Daniel P	B COY
PTE Francis, Cory J	A COY	LCPL Chye, Nicholas M	B COY
PTE Green, Alexander W	A COY	LCPL Clarke, David J	B COY
PTE Hall, Arthur J	A COY	LCPL Faunt, Joshua J	B COY
PTE Heinze, Steven C	A COY	LCPL Findlay, Calum H	B COY
PTE Houston, Matthew J	A COY	LCPL Heath, Jonathan T	B COY
PTE Kralik, Dylan J	A COY	LCPL Jones, Christopher J	B COY
PTE Laidlaw, Shane W	A COY	LCPL McGarry, Eamonn A	B COY
PTE Lambden, Clint J	A COY	LCPL Peters, Christopher D	B COY
PTE Li, Winston	A COY	LCPL Scown, Neville T	B COY
PTE Magor, Liam PG	A COY	LCPL Shepherd, Nathan R	B COY
PTE McDougale, Callum	A COY	LCPL Suridge, Matthew B	B COY
PTE McMichael, Christopher G	A COY	PTE(P) Askari, Mohammad A	B COY
PTE Miell, Harry G	A COY	PTE(P) Austin, Dean J	B COY
PTE Mitchell, Dylan P	A COY	PTE(P) Battifuoco, Joshua L	B COY
PTE Nakone, Matthew W	A COY	PTE(P) Bennett, Liam S	B COY
PTE Nguyen, Quang M	A COY	PTE(P) Blake, Samuel M	B COY
PTE Pearse, Scott B	A COY	PTE(P) Bova, Peter A	B COY
PTE Reding, Alex D	A COY	PTE(P) Breton, Matt J	B COY
PTE Slade, Cody J	A COY	PTE(P) Brooks, Anthony J	B COY
PTE Stansbie, Samuel J	A COY	PTE(P) Brophy, Ryan	B COY
PTE Sydorenko, Dmytro	A COY	PTE(P) Burke, Thomas D	B COY
PTE Taylor, Joshua WH	A COY	PTE(P) Butler, Matthew J	B COY
PTE Tessenyi, Armin	A COY	PTE(P) Butler, Shane S	B COY
PTE Trace, Joel AJ	A COY	PTE(P) Carbone, Anthony N	B COY
PTE Walker-Magee, Sebastian J	A COY	PTE(P) Contibas, Nikolaos J	B COY
PTE Wilsdon, Blayze J	A COY	PTE(P) Faquiri, Reshad S	B COY
		PTE(P) Harris, Lachlan M	B COY
MAJ Jackson, Aaron P	B COY	PTE(P) Harrison, Cameron J	B COY
CAPT Alcock, James A	B COY	PTE(P) Hermann, Robert B	B COY
LT Cardone, Roberto M	B COY	PTE(P) Hornhardt, Matthew A	B COY
LT Green, Joshua B	B COY	PTE(P) Humphrys, Jesse A	B COY
LT Hume, Matthew A	B COY	PTE(P) Jones, Lachlan JMP	B COY
LT Robinson, Katharine ES	B COY	PTE(P) Knowles, Brett J	B COY
WO2 Boag, Charles LJ	B COY	PTE(P) Lawton, Leeham R	B COY
WO2 Gosling, James S	B COY	PTE(P) Lee, Matthew J	B COY
SGT Blondell, Mark A	B COY	PTE(P) Linford, David P	B COY
SGT Majewski, Simon L	B COY	PTE(P) Lloyd, Aaron K	B COY
CPL Baulch, Braedon A	B COY	PTE(P) McIvor, Blake	B COY
CPL Cass, Jacob C	B COY	PTE(P) McMahon, Tyler C	B COY
CPL Dingsdale, John A	B COY	PTE(P) Moschis, James	B COY



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PTE(P) Mucha, Cameron J	B COY	MAJ Trainor, Patrick A	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) O'Brien, Jed W	B COY	CAPT Johnston, Robert W	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) O'Daly, Ryan T	B COY	LT Bracs, Melissa A	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Osborne, Morgan J	B COY	LT Fuller, Melanie A	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Pryzibilla, Nicholas W	B COY	LT Williams, Darrian S	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Raith, Conor J	B COY	WO2 Royle, Douglas A	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Reynolds, Ronald L	B COY	SGT Irvine, James H	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Riach, Ross B	B COY	SGT McGuire, Sean G	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Rushton, Benjamin I	B COY	SGT Pace, Neville D	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Russell, John P	B COY	SGT Sweeney, Michael J	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Salvemini, Glen M	B COY	SGT Woods, Matthew D	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Scott, Rhys M	B COY	CPL Conelly, Daniel S	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Simons, Samuel C	B COY	CPL Easton, Marc D	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Slink, Karl G	B COY	CPL Hasancevic, Fahrudin	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Smith, Thomas GA	B COY	CPL Healey, Thomas J	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Spry, Blake L	B COY	CPL Jackson, Luke M	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Tomlinson, Benjamin L	B COY	CPL Malic, Brett J	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Turner, Christopher J	B COY	CPL McInnes, Aaron K	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Van Zyl, Michael D	B COY	CPL Mickan, Jarrod G	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Ventura, Danny M	B COY	CPL Potter, Shane G	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Williams, Brent S	B COY	CPL Taylor, Scott J	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Williams, David E	B COY	CPL Williams, Steven P	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Wyatt, Scott W	B COY	LCPL Carpenter, Tobias K	3 FD SQN
PTE(P) Zanker, Luke M	B COY	LCPL Carr, Rodger D	3 FD SQN
PTE Anderson, Harry L	B COY	LCPL Collom, Jeremy W	3 FD SQN
PTE Baltais, Jonathan J	B COY	LCPL Elliott, Richard J	3 FD SQN
PTE Burford, Matthew R	B COY	LCPL Flottman, Ian J	3 FD SQN
PTE Burnard, Ashleigh G	B COY	LCPL Harral, Timothy J	3 FD SQN
PTE Castle, Benjamin J	B COY	LCPL Lohmeyer, Cassandra	3 FD SQN
PTE Chaplin, James L	B COY	LCPL McGrath, Graham L	3 FD SQN
PTE Daw, Andrew C	B COY	LCPL Trezise, James L	3 FD SQN
PTE Dorian, Cassidy A	B COY	LCPL Whitehorn, Bradley J	3 FD SQN
PTE Duncan, Coen P	B COY	SPR Ali, Reza	3 FD SQN
PTE Eckard, Andries F	B COY	SPR Arman, Benjamin J	3 FD SQN
PTE Flowers, Robert J	B COY	SPR Brennan, Gabriel R	3 FD SQN
PTE French, Jason W	B COY	SPR Brooks, Isaac D	3 FD SQN
PTE Gaskin, Ross	B COY	SPR Brough, Matthew L	3 FD SQN
PTE Hastings, Marcus W	B COY	SPR Burrell, Gary	3 FD SQN
PTE Henderson, Morgan B	B COY	SPR Cave, Jonathon VL	3 FD SQN
PTE Humphries, Calan J	B COY	SPR Cotton, Ethan G	3 FD SQN
PTE John, Gavin P	B COY	SPR Flett, Simon N	3 FD SQN
PTE Morgan, Brodie D	B COY	SPR Foster, Jarrod P	3 FD SQN
PTE Prinos, Haralambos	B COY	SPR Franks, Daniel L	3 FD SQN
PTE Robins, Benjamin A	B COY	SPR Gaskin, Amos T	3 FD SQN
PTE Rogers, Timothy J	B COY	SPR Hale, Richard P	3 FD SQN
PTE Sailes, Adrian M	B COY	SPR Hampton, David I	3 FD SQN
PTE Sanderson, Blair A	B COY	SPR Harrison, Matthew G	3 FD SQN
PTE Schwartzkopff, Cody J	B COY	SPR Herr, Paul J	3 FD SQN
PTE Smith, Ryan	B COY	SPR Hill, Matthew T	3 FD SQN
PTE Stocker, Solomon D	B COY	SPR Huf, Joel P	3 FD SQN
PTE Tilley, Joshua M	B COY	SPR Huolohan, Samuel P	3 FD SQN
		SPR Irvine, Andrew C	3 FD SQN
		SPR Jak, Thomas J	3 FD SQN
		SPR Kumela, Szymon C	3 FD SQN



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SPR	Linggood, Hayden W	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Dudson, Mathew P	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Linggood, Samuel J	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Eigenwillig, Stefan C	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Lohmeyer, Matthew D	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Gladigau, Matthew J	3/9 SAMR
SPR	MacDonald, Aaron L	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Graham, Alexander S	3/9 SAMR
SPR	MacFarlane, Jarrod T	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Halls, Benjamin R	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Meline, Myles WR	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Harrip-Young, Cain	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Meyer, Ryan C	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Majewski, Matthew J	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Mills, William G	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Pickering, Shane D	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Nicholls, Adam L	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Webb, Darryl B	3/9 SAMR
SPR	O'Neill, Scott D	3 FD SQN	LCPL	Wilsdon, James P	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Ovenden, John D	3 FD SQN	TPR	Ball, Jake A	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Panfilo, Joseph	3 FD SQN	TPR	Ball, Nathan C	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Patterson, Malcolm D	3 FD SQN	TPR	Beelitz, Matthew C	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Pearce, Ryan J	3 FD SQN	TPR	Begg, Thomas P	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Peters, Kieran D	3 FD SQN	TPR	Bell, Benjamin J	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Sa Pereira, Christopher F	3 FD SQN	TPR	Booth, Thomas J	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Scales, Winmati RO	3 FD SQN	TPR	Bosankoe, Mark A	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Schneider, Kiah M	3 FD SQN	TPR	Bruce, Ryan L	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Stewart, Richard	3 FD SQN	TPR	Bruton, Jhi A	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Stuart, Callan L	3 FD SQN	TPR	Calleja, Charles D	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Tattersall, Ben D	3 FD SQN	TPR	Cole, Matthew J	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Thomas, Damian T	3 FD SQN	TPR	Crisp, James L	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Thomas, Matthew P	3 FD SQN	TPR	Frydrych, Nathan R	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Thompson, Susan K	3 FD SQN	TPR	Hawkes, Kevin PJ	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Sa Pereira, Christopher F	3 FD SQN	TPR	Humphries, Ashley B	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Wex, Nathien JM	3 FD SQN	TPR	Keen, Dale W	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Whittenbury, Brendan J	3 FD SQN	TPR	Kightley, Lee S	3/9 SAMR
SPR	Wilson, Bradley S	3 FD SQN	TPR	Kritzki, Alex	3/9 SAMR
			TPR	Loizou, Roland J	3/9 SAMR
MAJ	Manning, Christopher J	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Mallinson, Alexander J	3/9 SAMR
CAPT	Colyer, Thomas J	3/9 SAMR	TPR	McCann, David J	3/9 SAMR
CAPT	Farrier, Robert M	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Nguyen, Brandon HT	3/9 SAMR
CAPT	Griffiths, Courtney LC	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Oke, Ryan CD	3/9 SAMR
LT	Calvert, Reece H	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Poredil, Noor A	3/9 SAMR
LT	Haring, Leigh A	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Priestley, Matthew L	3/9 SAMR
LT	Johnson, Simon M	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Sawley, Darryl C	3/9 SAMR
WO2	Langdon, Steven P	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Sharma, Manpreet	3/9 SAMR
WO2	Wasley, Darren R	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Skewes, Anthony DJ	3/9 SAMR
WO2	Webb, Danny J	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Small, Patrick D	3/9 SAMR
SGT	Cocking, Douglas JA	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Swift, Joshua J	3/9 SAMR
SGT	Flynn, Matthew J	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Symons, Timothy D	3/9 SAMR
SGT	Kernot, Scott A	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Thon, Kon D	3/9 SAMR
SGT	Lilley, Brett D	3/9 SAMR	TPR	Vaatstra, Samuel L	3/9 SAMR
CPL	Berg, Sandra M	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Campbell, Benjamin C	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Corrie, Aydan J	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Crocos, Anthony J	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Donnelly, Matthew	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Findlay, James R	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Hutchinson, Robert A	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Johnson, Aaron L	3/9 SAMR			
CPL	Tanti, Craig R	3/9 SAMR			
LCPL	Brittin, Ian A	3/9 SAMR			
LCPL	Dowsett, Paul	3/9 SAMR			



# Battalion Awards 2018



- Sergeant Rodney Charman – Alpha Company
- Sergeant Sean Murphy – Battalion Headquarters
- Corporal Benjamin Higgins – Alpha Company
- Corporal Samuel Nightingale – Alpha Company

The following personnel received Battalion awards for 2018, however these were not presented until after the finalisation of Pro Patria:

- Best Personal Training – Private Arthur Hall – Alpha Company
- Soldiers Medallion – Corporal Robert Hutchinson – 3rd/9th Light Horse
- Soldiers Medallion – Lance Corporal Matthew Majewski – 3rd/9th Light Horse

Top L-R: Top Soldier – Sapper Thomas Jak – 3rd Field Squadron; Best Shot – Private Ben Robins – Bravo Company; Top Junior Non-Commissioned Officer – Corporal Craig Tanti – 3rd/9th Light Horse.

Middle L-R: Top Senior Non-Commissioned Officer – Sergeant Portakiewicz – 10/27 RSAR Band; Top Officer – Lieutenant Melissa Bracs – 3rd Field Squadron; Soldiers Medallion – Lance Corporal Michael Abraham – Alpha Company.

Bottom L-R: Soldiers Medallion – Private Joshua Faut – Bravo Company; 20 year bar to the Defence Long Service Medal – Private Gary Turner – Alpha Company.

The following personnel were awarded the 20 year Royal Australian Infantry Corps Certificate of Recognition at the Armistice Ball:

- Warrant Officer Class One Ben Lipman – Regimental Sergeant Major
- Warrant Officer Class Two James Gosling – Bravo Company



# Regimental Affiliations

## Regimental Council:

MAJGEN Neil Wilson(Rtd)	Chairman
BRIG Peter Moore	Deputy Chair
MAJ Marc Ockenden (Rtd)	Treasurer
MAJ Geoff Tattersall (Rtd)	Secretary
LTCOL Trent Burnard	CO 10/27 RSAR
MAJ Tim Pexton	XO 10/27 RSAR
CAPT Matthew Walsh	ADJT 10/27 RSAR
WO1 Ben Lipman	RSM 10/27 RSAR
BRIG Brian Edwards (Rtd)	Member
LTCOL Don Stewart (Rtd)	Member
MAJ Don Hawking (Rtd)	Member
MAJ Jeff Ayles (Rtd)	Curator, RSAR Historical Collection
Mr Rod Beames	President, RSAR Association
Mr Warren Randell	President 2/43 Bn (AIF) Welfare Club
LTCOL Reg Williams (Rtd)	SAMR Association
Mr Ken Daly	President RAE Association
Councillor Priscilla Corbell	Representing the Adelaide City Council

## Regimental Alliances:

The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment  
The Highlanders, The Royal Regiment of Scotland  
The 4th Battalion (Otago and Southland) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment  
Regiment 509 (AW) (*Malaysia*)

## Regimental Day:

Amiens Day, 8 August

## Regimental Marches:

Royal South Australia Regiment	Quick time: 'Song of Australia', Slow time: 'Men of Harlech'
10th Battalion	'The Song of Australia'
27th Battalion	'Scotland the Brave'
43rd Battalion	'Waltzing Matilda'
43rd/48th Battalion	'Nachtlager in Canada'
10th/27th Battalion	'Pro Patria,' 'Song of Australia' and 'Scotland the Brave'

## Freedom of the City:

Adelaide, Mt Gambier, Broken Hill, Kadina, Unley, Gawler (3/9 SAMR)



# Battle Honours

**Battle Honours of the Royal South Australia Regiment:** The Royal South Australia Regiment is the heir to and custodians of the following Battle Honours awarded to those Battalions of the 1st and 2nd Australian Imperial Force raised in South Australia.

South Africa: 1899 - 1902\*

## The Great War

Somme 1916, 1918  
Albert 1918  
Pozières\*  
Mont St Quentin  
Bullecourt \*  
Hindenburg Line\*  
Messines 1917  
Épehy  
Ypres 1917\*  
St Quentin Canal  
Menin Road\*

Beaurevoir  
Polygon Wood  
France and Flanders 1916-1918  
Broodseinde  
Anzac  
Poelcapelle  
Landing at Anzac\*  
Passchendaele\*  
Defence of Anzac  
Ancre 1918  
Suvla

Lys  
Sari Bair  
Hazebrouck  
Gallipoli 1915  
Kemmel  
Egypt 1915-1916  
Hamel  
Villers-Bretonneux  
Amiens\*

## The Second World War

North Africa 1941-1942  
Cape Endaiadere-Sinemi Creek  
Defence of Tobruk\*  
Sanananda-Cape Killerton  
El Adem Road  
Milne Bay\*  
The Salient 1941  
Lae-Nadzab  
Defence of Alamein Line  
Busu River  
Tel el Eisa  
Finschhafen\*

Tel el Makh Khad  
Defence of Scarlet Beach  
El Alamein\*  
Sattleberg\*  
Syria 1941  
Pabu  
The Litani  
Liberation of Australian New Guinea  
Adlun  
Ramu Valley  
Sidon

Shaggy Ridge\*  
Damour  
Borneo\*  
South West Pacific 1942-1945  
Tarakan  
Kokoda Trail \*  
Labuan  
Efogi-Menari  
Beaufort  
Buna-Gona  
Balikpapan  
Gona

*Honours marked with \* are emblazoned on the Colours*

## Battle Honours of A Squadron, 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles):

### 3rd Light Horse:

South Africa, 1899-1902  
Defence of Anzac  
Sari Bair  
Gallipoli 1915  
Romani  
Magdhab-Rafah  
Gaza-Beersheba  
Jerusalem  
Jaffa  
Jericho  
Jordan (Amman)  
Meggid

### 9th Light Horse:

South Africa, 1899-1902  
Defence of Anzac  
Sari Bair  
Gallipoli 1915  
Romani  
Magdhab-Rafah  
Gaza-Beersheba  
Jerusalem  
Jordan (Es Salt)  
Meggido  
Sharon







