



"Sitrep, Over!"



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End Of Year BBQ at Keswick Barracks Sergeants Mess

About 50 members, their wives, partners and families gathered at the Keswick Barracks Sergeants Mess on December 14th to celebrate a successful year in support of the Regiment. Invitations were sent to all the Guest Speakers who had contributed throughout the past two years, and tokens of the Associations appreciation were presented to CPL Selina Laing (June 2013) and LTCOL Graham Goodwin (June 2014). A parting gift was also presented to WO1 Adrian Hodges, RSM of the Battalion, who was leaving us on posting to an interstate unit. Adrian has worked tirelessly alongside his CO over the past 2 years to strengthen ties between the Regiment and the Association, and we thank him for his support.

President Rodney Beames used the occasion to thank members of the committee and the Association members for their work and support throughout the year, especially in organizing the Luncheons, the Centenary Church Service, the Gala Ball, and the Memorial Garden at Keswick.

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ABOVE: David Laing, Alan Hook, Max Sanderson and Denis Ranger discuss whose shout it is!

BELOW: Graham Elliott, Brian Main, David Laing, Brian Kilford and Ross Fridday. ABOVE RIGHT: Rodney Beames and Ross Fridday.



ABOVE: Don and Shirley Field, and Pat and Anne Lee in the Keswick Barracks Sergeant Mess.



An Experience of War by Major Geoff Jones

Part 11

No sooner had I done this than 22 year old Sergeant Phil Crossingham leapt over the tree trunk and scooped Vic up throwing him over his shoulder. In the midst of incoming fire he called for me to cover him as we took off by a different route for the top of the hill and the safety of its reverse slope. His actions were the bravest thing I ever saw.



Sgt Phil Crossingham (front) and Lt Eric Andrews on leave at the Australian Rest and Convalescence Centre - Vung Tau, South Vietnam, August 1966

Reaching safety, I checked Vic's wounded arm to find the whole of his triceps muscle shot away. He asked for water, which I gave him – and then to my horror – I heard a whistling sucking sound. Ripping his shirt open I found a massive wound in his chest – so large I could put my fist into it.

The shell dressing I applied was of little help initially but when I packed the hole with my sweat rag and applied the dressing over it I achieved a better result. Vic's colour was ashen and he had clearly lost a lot of blood. With the help of others I propped him forward to search for the entrance wound which I found as a neat hole below his shoulder blade and steadily seeping blood. Closing this wound was a challenge but I managed to do so with a dressing and length of Elastoplast that extended around his body from his chest to his back. Despite his extensive wounds Vic was cheerful but he complained of pain and thirst. He was in bad shape and needed immediate evacuation. I thought, one of those 30 minute helicopters would do the job!!!

It's all in the book – *We Band of Brothers – A True Australian Adventure Story* written by Brian McFarlane, Officer Commanding C Company who describes the scene this way:

'it was obvious that we would never clear a landing zone where we were but Major Harry Smith of D Coy came on the air and told me that he had a spot and would go with it with everything he had. Corporal Jones then told me that Morrow's condition was now very grave so I got on the radio and told Harry of my fears for Private Morrow's life and asked him to do his best with the LZ. Quite properly, Colonel Townsend (the CO) came up on the net and essentially told me to shut up, though in more polite terms. 'Three, this is Niner, from Sunray for Sunray, please address the matter through this call sign, out''

So, not only did we not have a Dust Off helicopter we did not have an LZ, at least for the next couple of hours.

I continued to nurse my wounded soldier taking regular observations and checking dressings and because he was in considerable pain I administered a standard dose of morphine, which seemed to help. He was greatly comforted by my close attention and the encouragement of his mates. I was very scared that he would die and the longer we waited for his evacuation the more certain that appeared to be. Whenever he closed his eyes I would awaken him so anxious was I that he would give up the fight.

With the LZ now ready Major McFarlane gave me the command to move and he allotted two sections of 8 Platoon, one to carry Vic on an improvised stretcher and the other to protect our evacuation party from any lurking enemy.

Continued next month

Welcome to 2015, and what promises to be an exciting year for the Centenary of Gallipoli. The RSAR Association has asked the RSL SA ANZAC Day Committee for permission to lay wreaths at the State War Memorial on ANZAC Day 2015 through to ANZAC Day 2018, which will commemorate the commitment of our South Australian Battalions to the War to End All Wars, WW1. We are still in negotiations with the ADC, however we are confident of a positive result. We propose to honour the six Battalions raised in South Australia, the 10th, 27th, 43rd, 48th, 50th and 27th Scottish AIF.

Watch future newsletters for results.

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 Hawking, Lorraine
 Hook, Phillipa
 Hudson, Margaret
 Jolly, Sandra
 Klopff, Josie
 Laing, June
 Lampard, Kay

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 Lee, Anne
 Mitchell, Roma
 Phillips, Heather
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 (TBA) ADJT 10/27 RSAR
 (TBA) RSM 10/27 RSAR

LM denotes **LIFE MEMBER**
SM denotes **SERVING ADF MEMBER**

Denotes **NEW MEMBER**

192 members as at 31/12/14

Fees are:-

Full Member \$20 per year

Associate member \$10

Serving ADF Member

1st year FREE - \$10 per year
 after whilst still serving

Associate of Serving Member

1st year FREE - \$5 per year
 whilst member still serving.

Life Membership.

Check Website at :-

www.rsara.asn.au

Fees are normally due at or
 before the AGM in August each
 year, however if you join within
 4 months of an AGM you will
 not need to renew your fees for
 the next 18 months.

If you have any doubts as to
 whether you are financial, just
 drop the Secretary a line and
 we'll check your status.



Hi David

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM AFRICA

I see you are involved in the RSAR.

My name is Paul Ware, my great grand father was Capt John Hamilton, an original member of the 10th Bn.. 1st AIF and a Gallipoli veteran ...

I'm sure there are celebrations planned for next year, but I am planning something possibly different and I'd like to share in case others may be interested.

25 Apr was the DAY but in my opinion the greater achievement was the withdrawal in November 1915

I plan to be at Gallipoli in November 2015 to commemorate the success of the withdrawal as compared to the glorious assault on ANZAC Day.

I work in Africa, therefore my access to some things are difficult. If you have some historical records of the 10th or if someone else is the guru, I'd really like to determine the exact date that the 10th was withdrawn from Gallipoli in 1915

Was wondering if this idea has already been floated and if not I'm happy to start it ..What are your thoughts ??

Kind regards

Paul Ware

Editors Note:- If any readers can assist Mr Ware, his email address is:- paulhware@gmail.com

Dear Sir

FROM QUEENSLAND

Please find enclosed a Membership Application, Merchandise Order Form and a cheque for the amount requested. As it is close the Christmas, I will be pleased to hear from you in the New Year when suitable. My intention is to have Membership and be "rigged up" for ANZAC Day April 2015. I have booked flights and accommodation as I hope to attend both the Dawn Service and the March in my hometown Adelaide on this very special year of Commemoration. (letter edited)

In the meantime I have taken the liberty of enclosing a letter from January 1972 received from LTCOL Jeffrey Chittleborough after our 43rd Battalion Colours Presentation Parade on Adelaide Oval. I have asked all over the place if there may still be a copy of the movie of the parade, but to no avail. Down the track, someone from the Association might know something of this and assist me in my search.

For now I look forward to hearing from you, thank you and wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Stephen G. Rado

Former SGT 43 RSAR

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Editors note:- I'm sure someone out there has film footage of that historical Battalion Parade. If so, please contact Stephen on the numbers shown.

Hello,

I'm hoping you might be able to assist. I'm a Sydney school teacher at Hunters Hill High and am currently conducting a search of ex students who served in Vietnam (or any other subsequent conflicts). What I am planning to do is to put up at the school an honour roll for these veterans.

So far I have fifteen names and I'm still searching. What I am after is contact details for any Battalion Associations based in Queensland, as I have been told that quite a number of Vietnam Veterans settled in south-west Queensland.

If there is any way you could be of assistance I would be most grateful.

Kind regards

Daniel

Tel: Mob 0407 228 742

FROM SYDNEY NSW



Private Gomad reckons.....



This is my mate Wozza from Wynarka. Me and Wozza served together for a long time, and I caught up with him the other day, talking about some new words he'd learned. It went like this!

"Some of me new words have two meanings too!

LOGON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter
 LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.
 MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.
 DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.
 HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
 KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.
 WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.
 SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season..
 BYTE: What mozzies do
 MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.
 CHIP: A pub snack.
 MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
 MODEM: What you did to the lawns.
 LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.
 SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.
 HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
 MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.
 WEB: What spiders make.
 WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
 SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.
 CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.
 YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.
 UPGRADE: A steep hill.
 SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
 MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
 USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.
 NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
 INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.
 NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.
 ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.
 OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.



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

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OUR FLAG

Flying the Australian Flag is a way of exhibiting pride in our nation and respect for our heritage. The Australian Flag was born with the creation of Federation at the dawn of the 20th Century. An international contest resulted in 32,822 entries - seven judges representing Army, Navy, Mercantile Marine, Pilot Services and Parliament unanimously choosing five identical winning designs. Thus was produced 'the flag of stars'.

The Exhibition Building, Melbourne, was used to display the numerous flag entries, the exhibition being opened on 3 September 1901, by Lady Hopetoun, the wife of Australia's first Governor-General, together with Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister. On the building's dome, a huge flag of the winning design flew gloriously in a strong south-westerly breeze.

The Union Jack reflected the new Federation's historical background, the Southern Cross its place in space, and the large star the six States making up the Federation. Here was a flag containing history, heraldry, distinctiveness and beauty. (In 1908 the Government decided that a seven-pointed star, symbolic of the six States and the Territories, should replace the large six-pointed star shown in the original design of the Flag - to represent the Territories and to conform with the Star in the Crest of the Coat of Arms granted that year.) For many years the Commonwealth Blue Ensign was regarded as an official flag, and its use on land was restricted to government establishments.

In February 1947, the Prime Minister, Mr J.B.Chifley, issued a press statement encouraging the application of a directive given in 1941 by the then Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, that there should be no restriction on the flying of the Commonwealth Blue Ensign. Its greater use on public buildings, by schools and private citizens was encouraged provided it was flown in a manner appropriate to the use of a national emblem.

In 1951 King George VI approved a recommendation by the Government that the Commonwealth Blue Ensign be adopted as the Australian Flag.

The Australian National Flag should be displayed only in a manner befitting the national emblem: it should not be subjected to indignity, nor displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. It should always be flown aloft and free.

To fly a flag upside down is a signal of distress. The Australian National Flag should not, therefore, be displayed with the Union Jack down on any occasion except as a signal of distress. When the flag becomes dilapidated and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way by burning privately.



Vale WO1 Ray Baldwin OAM

The end of an era came on 15th December 2014 with the passing of Ray Baldwin, one of the stalwarts of Australian military history. His funeral service was held at the Centennial Park Cemetery and had to be relocated from the Florey Chapel to a larger venue due to the immense number of people present. The RSAR Association was represented by President Rodney Beames and other members, as well as many from the 10th Bn AIF Association.

Raymond Baldwin served in the militia/CMF, 2nd AIF and the Australian



Regular Army. During the Second World War Ray saw active service with the 2/27th Australian Infantry Battalion in Syria, Papua New Guinea - Kokoda, Gona, Markham Valley, Ramu Valley and Borneo - Balikpapan. After the war he escorted enemy prisoners and was seconded to the Nuremberg Trials. He served in Malaya with

the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. He remained in the Regular Army until December 1970, his final rank was Warrant Officer First Class as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Adelaide University Regiment. He was also a cadre staff member at A Company Mount Gambier for a number of years. In 2012 Ray travelled to Papua New Guinea as a member of a DVA Commemorative Mission to mark the 70th anniversary of the Kokoda and Beachhead battles.

VALE Ray. Rest In Peace