

"Sitrep, Over!"

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The Presidents' Annual Report 2016



I am pleased to report that the Association has continued to grow in modest numbers and satisfactorily met the ideals of our constitution.

At the core, we have provided a monthly newsletter, "Sitrep Over", edited by our secretary, David Laing. This keeps all our members informed and provides more laughs than the Sunday Mail comics.

While our Sunday luncheons have not been as well patronised as I would have liked, they have provided some very interesting guest speakers and a venue for some light banter and camaraderie amongst our members. Our new location at the Hackney Hotel seems to be meeting our requirements.

At the end 2015, I was privileged to be asked to present the top soldier and top NCO awards for the 10th/27th battalion, on behalf of the Association. They each received a Silva compass and while you might think that these things are now obsolete, the RSM assures me this is not the case. This was a very significant honour for me indeed.

In January, 2016 we saw the changeover of Commanding Officers for the 10th/27th Battalion and I wish to record my thanks to LtCol Graham Goodwin for his support for the Association (he arranged 2 range shoots for us, etc), his professional approach and in particular, his personal friendship.

We welcomed the new CO, LtCol Trent Bernard and fortunately, he has continued that splendid working relationship.

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The CO, RSM and Adjutant are very aware of our capabilities and willingness to support the Battalion and have expressed this to me on numerous occasions.

We continue to support the Battalion Band and they support us.

Our numbers were down from last year for the Anzac Day March but we still managed to muster 40 plus able men to march the distance behind our banner.

The highlight of the past year was without doubt, the visit of 36 members of the 4th Battalion, the Yorkshire Regiment, UK. We began by hosting a visit to the ANZAC Exhibition at the Wayville Showgrounds and finished 2 weeks later with a "send off" Aussie BBQ at Keswick Barracks. This feast was put together by our Association WO Caterer, Colin Abel and his team of volunteers. To quote our Vice President, Mick Standing, it was one of the most rewarding experiences in which we have been recently involved. Not only did we feed over 100 people with everything from a lambs fry casserole, BBQ and lamingtons for dessert, but with the help of the Murray Bridge Men's shed under direction from David Laing, each visiting British soldier was presented a take home plaque in recognition of their participation in Exercise Predators Gallop. This was truly a momentous event.

We still have plans for some interesting activities in 2016-17 and I look forward to these coming to fruition.

In closing, I again acknowledge and wish to thank our secretary, David Laing, and all the committee of Management for their hard work, participation and support throughout 2015/16.

Rod Beames President, RSAR Association Inc



VALE WO2 Ross Fridday

It is with much sadness we advise of the passing of Ross Fridday on the last day of July 2016.

Ross had been ill and confined to care for some time, but lost his battle at around 1730 hrs on Sunday. It was the only battle Ross ever lost!

He was originally a "Nasho" and did his compulsory training with 16 National Service Battalion at Woodside, and afterwards continued on with the CMF for a further 15 years. He was, after qualification, promoted to Warrant Officer Class 2, and was a Sgt of E Coy and later CSM A Coy of 10 and 27 RSAR.

Ross was an original founding member of the original RSAR Association, and served for some time on the Committee of Management.

Our condolences go to Ross' wife and family.

The Celebration of Ross' life was held on Monday 8th August at the Harrison Funeral Chapel at Queenstown, and was attended by a large number of Association members, serving members of the ADF, and members of Ross's extended family and friends. Major Don Field read the military tribute to Ross and his family and it was spoken with warmth and feeling and brought forth laughter as he recalled memories of his C.S.M and the many years of friendship they and their family's had shared.

WO2 Jim Thomson recited the Ode of Remembrance with sincerity.

Vale, old mate.



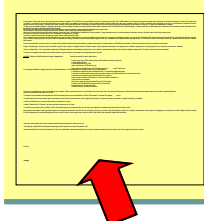
2016 AGM

The RSAR Association 2016 AGM was again conducted at the Barcoo Function Centre (SA Sea Rescue Squadron) and was attended by 32 members and partners. Amongst the first time attendees were association members LTCOL Trent Burnard and Major Malcolm Haynes. General business included the election of officers, setting of annual fees, and Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers reports.

After the usual formalities we were once again treated to a sumptuous feast by the SA Sea Rescue Squadron Ladies Auxiliary, who provided a very palatable lunch of Roast Pork and hot vegetables, and soup.

Thank you to Barry Pollard and his volunteer staff from the SA Sea Rescue Squadron HQ who continued to make our AGM very comfortable in world class surroundings.

2016 Secretaries Report



2016 Report

It is with much pleasure I submit my 2016 Secretaries Report.

I was asked by the president to "keep my report small", so that is exactly what I have done, and although I have tried to keep you informed as much as possible, unfortunately space does not permit me to include all the details that I would have liked to. Suffice to say, there is enough to keep you reading for at least 3 seconds, and I hope you all enjoy it. For a full sized copy of this report, please contact the Secretary and one will be emailed to you.

Thanks. David

2016 AGM



The SA Sea Rescue Squadron HQ Barcoo Function Centre. The venue for the RSARA AGM's since 2008.



David Laing presents Rod Beames with a cheque for \$1370 from the Murray Bridge RSL, being part profits of the 10/27 Bn Band Concert in April.



Left. David Laing with new grand daughter Adaline Jessica.

Below: Jim Thomson, Barry Mitchell, 10/27 Bn 2IC Major Malcolm Haynes and Kathleen Winger catch up over lunch.



2016 AGM



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Norm Rathmann, Norm Tregenza, Lyn Tregenza, Ian Carnachan, Dom Carnachan and Keith Eva enjoy lunch



CO 10/27 Bn LTCOL Trent Burnard shares a beer and a joke with RSARA members at the 2016 AGM



Brian and Raelene Main chat to Rick and Margaret Hudson

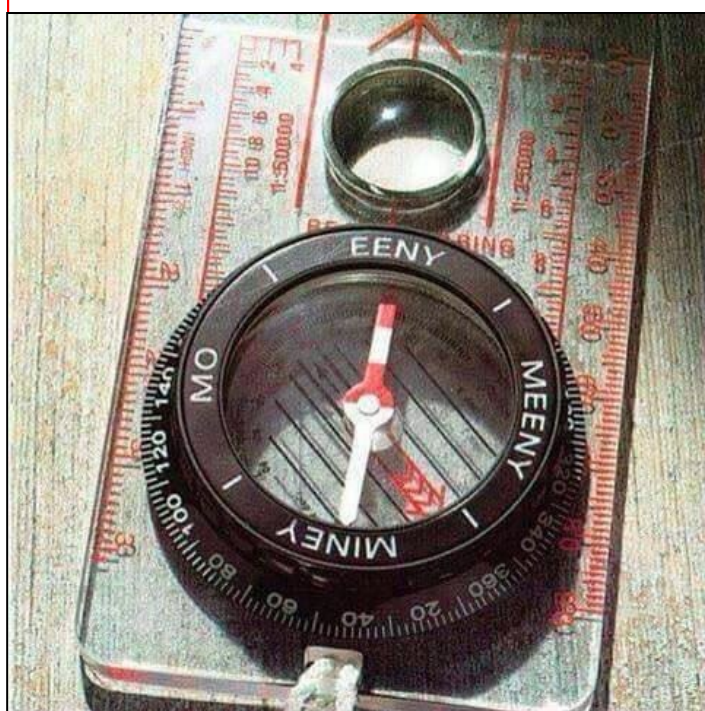
This kind of sums it up.

Lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really give a hoot anymore. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And they tell us to exercise?

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.

Member Lyndon Gaborit sent this pic in from the UK. I can't, for the life of me, see what's wrong with it!



Officer's Compass Mk1



Private Gomad reckons.....



10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses . . . They're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

Royal Marine Rules:

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet even your friends.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose calibre does not start with a "4."
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral & diagonal preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of calibre, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.
14. Get Naked!

Special Boat Service Rules:

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

Special Air Service Rules:

1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from "Higher" to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.

Army Rules:

1. Curse bitterly when receiving operational order.
2. Make sure there is extra ammo and extra coffee.
3. Curse bitterly.
4. Curse bitterly.
5. Do not listen to 2nd Lt's, it can get you killed.
6. Curse bitterly.

RAF Rules:

1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on Sky.
4. Ask "what is a gunfight?"
5. Request more funding from Government with a "killer" PowerPoint presentation.
6. Wine & dine 'key' MPs, invite MOD & defence industry executives.
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
8. Declare the assets "strategic" and never deploy them operationally.
9. Hurry to make 13:45 tee-time.
10. Make sure the base is as far as possible from the conflict but close enough to get medals, separation allowances and have tax exemption.

RN Rules:

1. Go to sea.
2. Stand easy and drink coffee.
3. Deploy Royal Marines and relax.

THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



"I hate backpacks."

Colours tell their story

The custom of dedicating and laying up Colours in churches and in memorials has its origins in antiquity.

Colours themselves originated from the days of early man who fixed his family badge to a pole and held it aloft in battle to both indicate his position and to provide a rallying point for his troops.

Regardless of origin, design and form, Colours and the insignia are symbolic of a fighting unit's spirit and a visual record of gallant deeds performed by the members of the unit. These are recorded by reference to the location of the deed and on Colours are called Battle Honours.

The custom of laying up the Colours has dictated that a regiment's Colours should be preserved in the appropriate church of the town with which the regiment was identified, providing as it were a link with eternity. The visual presence of the Colours in a church make it possible to rally future generations and to remind those who have not had the experience, of the heights to which the human spirit can soar as a group of resolute men channel their convictions into sweat and sacrifice for goals deemed worthy.

Guidons, swallow-tailed pennants borne on a lance or a pike, are the Armoured Corps' counterpart of Infantry Colours.

The guns of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery are the Regiment's Colours. The rallying point for the gunners has always been the guns and the gunners are instilled with the tradition of serving their guns under fire - to abandon them is still the ultimate disgrace. The Artillery's guns are accorded the same compliments and respect as the Infantry's Colours and the Armoured Corps Guidons.

Associations of returned servicemen have also designed banners which are used as rallying points for ceremonies of significance such as ANZAC Day and other memorial services. These too are symbolic of the unit's spirit, and its service.

There's Colour in this Tradition

Colours have always had significance for soldiers.

An 18th century military writer recorded the following colours and their military meanings:

YELLOW	Honour, which should never be in question
WHITE	Innocence and truth
BLACK	Wisdom and sobriety
BLUE	Faith and constancy
RED	Justice
GREEN	Good hope
PURPLE	Fortitude with discretion
TAWNY	Merit

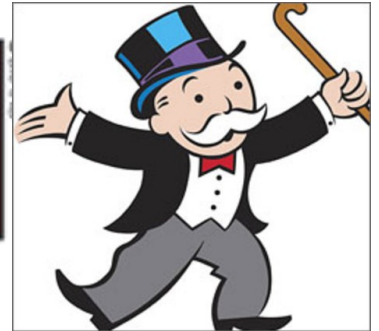


Colours of the 10th and 27th Battalions

In the old tradition, if a mortally wounded ensign wrapped the Colours around his body and died with them, the Colours were not considered lost. The honour of the Colours was carried with the ensign's soul to heaven "to the possession of the eternal forever" and the enemy was denied the honour of having captured them.

It was a soldier's duty to pick up the Colours and, at all costs, save them.

"Indeed a greater act of cowardice cannot be found than to suffer the Colours to be lost", records Francis Grose in his Military Antiquities (1786 - 88).



MONOPLOY during WW2

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape...

Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square. Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third was aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony. It's always nice when you can play that 'Get out of Jail' Free' card! I realize some of you are (probably) too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Sept. '39 to Aug. '45), but this is still interesting.

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Bampton, Michael	BAND
Barnaart, Philip	
Bates, Allan	
Beames, Rod	CoM
Beckett, David	LM SM
Bennet, Graham	
Benveniste, Sam	SM
Bilsborow, Jason	SM
Blackmore, William	
Blake, Sam	SM
Blondell, Mark	SM CoM
Bloomfield, Max	
Bourne, Ian	SM
Boath, Ian	
Boothroyd, Lincoln	SM
Boscence, Bob	
Bras, Riley	SM
Broadbent, Robert	SM
Brookes, Phil	
Brown, Bruce	
Brown, Harry	
Burnard, Trent	SM CO
Burton, Ray	
Buttars, Erik	
Campbell, Wenona	BAND
Carnachan, Ian	
Chittleborough, Jeff	
Clyne, Lachlan	SM
Cooke, Nat	CoM
Contibas, Nikolaus	SM
Cotton, Bob	
Cram, Kevin	
Dart, John	
Davey, John (Jack)	

Davey, Trevor	
Dawson, Trevor	BAND
Del Vecchio, Victor	
Demasi, Nathan	SM
Demosani, Tony	
Dew, Trevor	
Domanski, Glenn	
Dubsky, Eddie	
Dunn, Peter	
Dunn, Bob	
Dunn, Jeff	
Durdin, Russell	
Durrant, Chris	
Edson, Roger	
Elliott, Graham	
Elliss, Scott	SM
Eva, Keith	
Ewens, Mimi	SM
Ferguson, Shane	BAND
Field, Don	
Flanagan, Ted	
Fortune, Nigel	BAND
Gaborit, Lyndon	LM
Gallagher, Erin	BAND
Genovese, John	
Gibson, Lindsay	
Giles, John	
Gill, Graham	
Gilmore, Graham	
Goodwin, Graham	SM
Gordon, Frank	
Hardy, Robert	SM
Harley, Peter	
Harrington, Malcolm	
Harrison, John	
Hawking, Don	
Hawkins, Des	
Heath, Jonathon	BAND
Haynes, Malcolm	SM
2IC	
Haynes, Scott	
Hewitt, Emily	BAND

MEMBERS LIST

Hogan, Mark	LM
Hook, Alan	LM CoM
Hope, David	CoM
Horseman, Ian	LM
Hudson, Mick	
Hudson, Rick	
Humphrys, Jesse	SM CoM
James, Grant	SM
Jeffrey, Scott	SM
Johnson, Barry	LM
Jolly, David	
Jones, Brett	
Keenan, Alan	
Kilford, Brian	
Klopf, Alex	LM
Klopf, Paul	
Koop, Joshua	BAND
Laing, David	LM CoM
Lakin, Bruce	
Lampard, Ross	
Lee, Bob	
Lee, Pat	
Lloyd, Elmer	
Lockett, John	
Longstaff, Paul	
Loveder, Peter	
Main, Brian	
Marcus, Ray	
#Marlin, Robin	LM
Martin, Bob	
Matchett, Bill	
Mau, Mark	
McCulloch, Don	
McGree, Barry	
McLachlan, Joshua	SM
McMahon, Tyler	SM
McMullin, Jim	
Meissner, Terry	SM
Milde, Peter	SM
Mitchell, Barry	
Mitchell, David	
Morony, Frank	
Moore, Jeffrey	
Moore, Terry	LM
Moschis, James	SM
Munro, Ron	
Oliver, Peter	
Orrock, Alan	
Ockenden, Marc	
Oswald, John	
Pach, Chol	SM
Paul, John	
Perkins, Bob	
Pollard, Barry	
Portakiewicz, Anthony	
BAND	
Portakiewicz, David	BAND
CoM	
Phillips, Colin	

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Abel, Karen
Ayles, Denise
Beames, Cheryl

Carnachan, Dom
Dart, Caroline
Demosani, Gail
Elliott, Julie
Eva, Gail
Field, Shirley
Gatley, Graeme
Gill, Maureen
Gilmour, Helen
Hawking, Lorraine
Hook, Phillipa
Hudson, Margaret
Jolly, Sandra
Klopf, Josie
Laing, June
Lampard, Kay
Main, Raelene
Marcus, Yvonne
Lee, Anne
Mitchell, Roma
Parkin, Audrey
Phillips, Heather
Sanderson, Lorraine
Tregenza, Lyn
Winger, Kathleen

HONORARY MEMBERS

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RSAR
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RSAR
M. Reyne RSM 10/27
RSAR

LM denotes LIFE MEM-
BER

SM denotes SERVING
ADF MEMBER

BAND denotes serving
10/27 Band member

Denotes NEW MEM-
BER

223 members

as at 9/8/16

NEW MEMBERS

Our newest members
are **Paul Rijken**, a
former CO of 10/27 Bn,
Robin Marlin, a former
2IC of the Battalion, and
Peter Stewien, a for-
mer Platoon Commander
with 43 RSAR.

Welcome to the RSAR
Association Inc
Paul, Robin & Peter