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## Welcome to a New Year

If you're reading this it means you're looking forward to surviving the Christmas and New Year holidays and are looking forward to getting back to normal.

And exactly what is normal in your world?

For me it means a life of retirement, carrying on as I have since my late 60's when I packed in my tradies job to reap the benefits of my 52 years of hard work and tax-paying.

For our younger members it means going back to work (if they ever stopped in the first place) and juggling work or studies with Army training as it comes. For some it also means the rigours of raising a young family and providing for them the best life you can afford. You may have to work for extended periods without a designated break, and just when you should be swapping your briefcase for a pint of bitter on a Friday arvo, instead you're donning your cams and chucking your pack and webbing in the back of the ute to head off for another weekend in the scrub.

And why would anyone do that? Well, we've done it for years and probably will for years to come. Back in the old days we could only earn about \$300 to \$400 a year tax free, but now the government has realised your true worth and you are paid akin to the Regular Army, albeit tax free still.

Whatever your reason, to save for a new home, to bolster your travel plans of the future, or just to serve your country, they are all reasons to be proud of.

Like the oldies of yesteryear used to say to us.....

"Thank you for your service!"

This newsletter, and the Association it represents was borne from the needs of our country for a part time Defence Force. We were there then, and we're still here now!

### Quick Picks

**WISHING YOU A  
HAPPY WHATEVER  
DOESN'T OFFEND  
YOU!**

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# Australian Military Traditions and their Origins

Been in the Services and know everything, right? Possibly, but in case you don't, over the next few issues we'll be bringing you all the information you need to make you an expert in the eyes of your grand children.

## History of Anzac Day

The first day to be called Anzac Day was 13 October 1915 and occurred in Adelaide as a replacement for the Eight-Hour Day holiday (a forerunner of Labour Day and already a public holiday). This event was more of a patriotic carnival designed to raise awareness of, and funds for, the war effort than the solemn commemoration it was to become.



Anzac Day as we know it was first observed on 25 April 1916, as people came together to honour those lost at Gallipoli. In Australia, some state governments organised events to commemorate the occasion—but the Commonwealth, other than naming the day as Anzac Day, did not.

By the late 1920s, Anzac Day was a public holiday in every state and territory. In the 1930s, there was rhetoric about the need to pass the 'Anzac spirit' down to the next generation. This was partly politically motivated, as there was a feeling that people needed steeling for another war. In the Second World War, the 'sons of the Anzacs' were welcomed, and the day now honoured veterans of all wars. But despite greater numbers of veterans, by the 1960s its popularity had waned, and many wondered if Anzac Day would survive.

The resurgence started in the 1980s and 1990s. The RSL had been slow to welcome 'others'—notably those who did not serve overseas, including most ex-servicewomen, and veterans of the 'small' wars. With a younger leadership, it has relaxed the rules to be more inclusive. Governments have reinforced the day's significance with commemorative programs that reach out to the community.

The Australian War Memorial's (AWM) Anzac Day electronic encyclopaedia entry contains links to material on the history and tradition of Anzac Day, details and photographs of ceremonies, sound recordings of the Last Post and the Rouse, and educational resources.



# Military Traditions

## The Dawn Service

The first commemorative event of Anzac Day is the Dawn Service at 4.30 am. This is about the time men of the ANZAC approached the Gallipoli beach. However, the origin is the traditional 'stand-to', in which troops would be woken so that by the first rays of dawn they were in position and alert, in case of an enemy attack in the eerie half-light. It is a ritual and a moment remembered by many veterans.

Some debate exists about the first Dawn Service. Nevertheless, early dawn services such as that held in 1923 at Albany, Western Australia, conducted by the Reverend Arthur White—Rector of St John's Church, and formerly a padre with the 44th Battalion on the Western Front—were the forerunners of the modern tradition.

The first official Dawn Service was held at Sydney's Cenotaph during 1928. The simple ceremony was for veterans to assemble before dawn for 'stand-to' and two minutes of silence.



A section of the crowd at the Murray Bridge 2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The story of the Dawn Service and its origins is found in the article 'In honour of Anzac Day: grave history of Dawn Service' (*Air Force News*, 44(7), 25 April 2002).

Kerry Neale, 'In the cold light of dawn', discusses the significance of the Dawn Service continuing to grow while questions remain over its origin in Australia (*Wartime*, 38, 2007, pp. 38–39).

In *Origins of the Anzac Dawn Ceremony: Spontaneity and Nationhood*, Robyn Mayes looks at three possible origins of the Dawn Service and discusses the sociological context of these.

Source: Parliament of Australia website

# EDITORIAL

**A** new year and a new start for our Association. I always try to start a new year with a new vigour for life, although last year I faced some challenges on a personal level, but I wasn't alone, and I lost a couple of really good friends in the process. We start this year with a new RSM and the same old Padre, having bade farewell to WO1 Ben Read at the end of last year. Padre Paul Ghanem was slated for a transfer, but doubts existed on his replacement so he's back with us for another year. Thank God! I trust you will join me by welcoming our new RSM WO1 Scott Hannan to our Regiment.

**M**y wife June and I were on our way to the Murray Bridge Army Range to help cater for the soldiers competing for the Simpson Trophy, when we received the terrible news that Association stalwart Norm Tregenza had passed away in hospital just one day after Remembrance Day. In this issue I have devoted 2 pages (7 & 8) to his memory. He deserves far more.

**T**he 2022 End Of Year Lunch at Keswick Barracks was a great success with around 40 members and their partners joining for some good food and a few drinks among mates. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Col Abel, our "Chief Baitlayer" for his outstanding catering support throughout the past 7 years. All the pics are on Pages 16,17, 18 & 19 and on our Facebook page.

**W**hen I started this newsletter in 2009 we had about 60 members, with 22 of those not having access to the internet, therefore I was sending out 264 hard copy "Sitreps" every year. Since then, thanks to us embracing technology and natural attrition, our hard copy list is down to just 5 members, who previously received this mailed journal in full printed colour thanks to the office of Tony Pasin MP, Federal Member for Barker, my electorate. I have now handed the duties of "Hard Copy Editor" to my assistant secretary Corey Skapin who will have the copies printed out by the office of Steve Georganas MP Federal Member for Adelaide, Corey's electorate. Thanks Tony, Steve and Corey.

**O**ur Christmas Care Packages went out at the end of this year to our soldiers deployed over the Christmas season defending our shores. We received many thanks from the recipients, including this one:

*Hi David,*

*Massive thanks for the care package I received from the RSAR association. Also give a personal thanks for the heartfelt note signed by JESSE HUMPHRYS.*

*Thanks again, Kind regards*

*TPR Benjamin Bell.*

*Wishing you and everyone at the RSAR association a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

.....And THAT is why we do it.

Cheers

*David Laing*

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# 2022 Awards and Presentations

The End of Year Awards and Presentations were held on Sunday 27th November at Keswick Barracks, and the following personnel received commendations.

1. Best Soldier 2022 – PTE Dadd, A Coy 10/27 RSAR
2. Best JNCO 2022 – CPL Zuromski, A Coy 10/27 RSAR
3. Best SNCO 2022 – SGT Jackson, 3FD SQN, 10/27 RSAR
4. Best Officer 2022 – LT Moore, B Coy 10/27 RSAR
5. Best Shot 2022 – LCPL Bent, A Coy 10/27 RSAR
6. Best PT 2022 – LCPL Millward, 3FD SQN 10/27 RSAR
7. Best Musician – PTE Nicole Weepers, Band 10/27 RSAR

The presentations were followed by a Luncheon prepared and served by members of the RSAR Association in the Sergeants Mess.



**Below Left:** Jill Toy and Colin Phillips serving the salads

**Below Right:** Col Abel and Reg Williams serving the hot stuff.





# MID YEAR LUNCHEON

Following on from the success of the 2022 AGM, we have secured a room at the Avoca Hotel for a Mid Year Luncheon. Those who attended the AGM will verify the comfort of the venue and the high quality of the meals, so there is no excuse not to come along and have a chat and a meal with colleagues and mates.



**WHERE:** Avoca Hotel, South Rd, Clarence Gardens

**WHEN:** SUNDAY 19th March 2023 1100 hrs—1400 hrs

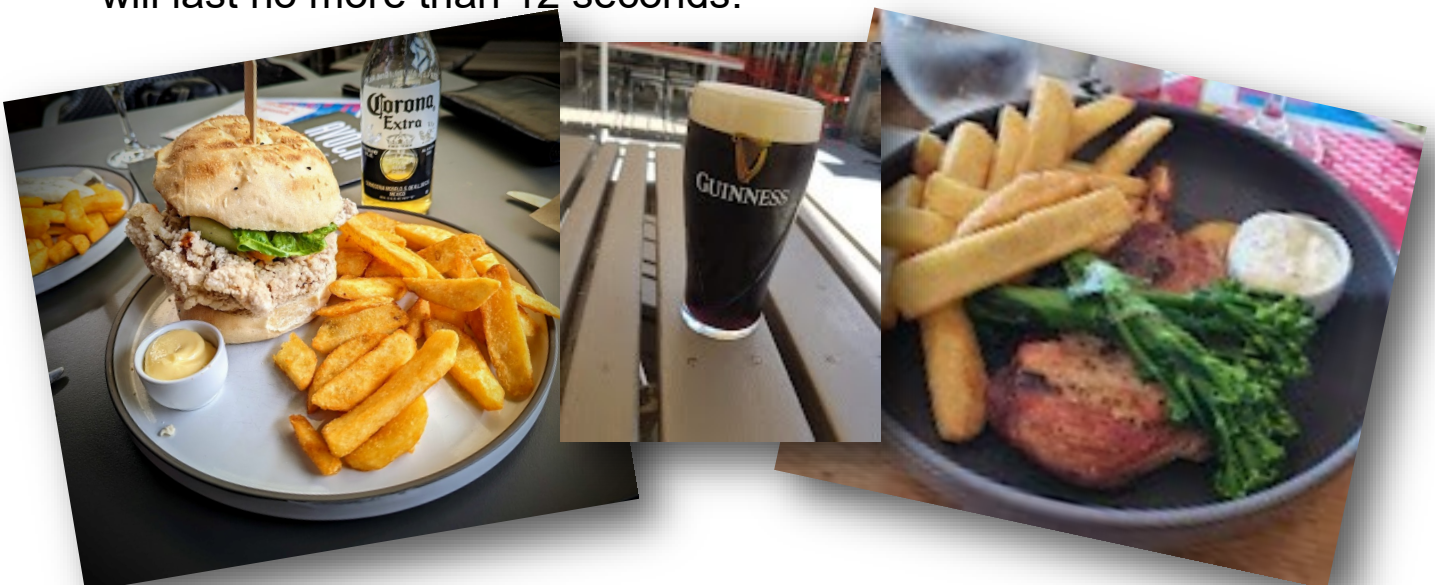
**WHY:** Because you asked for it.

**DRESS:** Need you ask?

Reservations required for Catering and Seating purposes to the Secretary at [davidlaing49@bigpond.com](mailto:davidlaing49@bigpond.com) or 0407 791 822

Come for a meal and a drink and stay the afternoon.

Rod Beames will be giving a talk on his fishing prowess, which will last no more than 12 seconds.





# Some Gave All

Continued from December 2022.

## Lance Corporal Francis Curran, DCM

### The Bomber

He decided to take matters into his own hands, stowing away on a ship bound for France. Once there, he was sure that he would be able to secure a posting to the infantry. His mates tried to conceal his absence, but when the ship docked in Marseilles Curran was discovered. His dreams of staying in France were shattered when he was branded a deserter and returned to Egypt under close arrest. The news on his return to Egypt was that the

Turks had attacked the British garrisons at Katia and Oghratina, and that his regiment had gone into action to defend the vital Romani tableland. In doing so, the Mounted Division successfully halted the advance of the Turkish juggernaut as it swept towards the Suez Canal. Curran was spoiling for a fight. Seizing an opportunity, he escaped from his guard and made his way, unarmed, to the front line.



AWM G01291. Gallipoli Peninsula, 17 December 1915. A delayed action device for firing a rifle by means of weights operated through water escaping from one tin into another. A rifle could be left to operate twenty minutes after the device was set. Six rifles were left by 3rd Brigade to fire following the departure of the last party to evacuate the Peninsula.

# Some Gave All

## Lance Corporal Francis Curran, DCM

### The bomber

On reaching the battlefield, despite having no weapon, he set about helping the stretcher-bearers with the casualties. Learning that some wounded troopers were still lying in no man's land in the blistering heat, Curran set forth on a one-man rescue mission.

Under heavy fire and with no protection, he carried the stranded Diggers back to the safety of his own lines. Time and time again, he braved enemy fire to collect yet another wounded comrade and drag him to safety.

On Curran's fifteenth rescue sortie, a Turk fixed his rifle sight on the unarmed Digger and squeezed the trigger. In the blink of an eye, Frank Curran was dead—a bullet had pierced his heart.

Today, in the immaculately kept Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, just a stone's throw from the Suez Canal, one can visit the final resting places of light horsemen who died in the desert campaigns of the Great War. Among them you will find a weather-beaten grave. Etched in the headstone are the words, In Memory of Corporal Francis Patrick Curran DCM.



Francis Patrick Curran as a young man prior to enlistment





# VALE Norm Tregenza from Dave Laing

At 1100hrs on 11th November 2022 we stood for a Minutes Silence and remembered those who had paid the supreme sacrifice during military conflicts, especially those in WW1. Just one hour after that day finished we lost our good mate and fervent supporter Norm Tregenza, who passed away due to complications from double pneumonia.

Norms funeral service was conducted on 21st November in Gawler, and the celebration of Norm's life was attended by his family, many friends and work colleagues and a loyal contingent from the RSAR Association. I had the honour of reading the eulogy of Norm's service life, and the details of our friendship over the years, and Musician Michael Bampton from the Battalion sounded the Last Post and Rouse to perfection.

Both Norm and loving wife Lyn were prominent at most of our BBQs, working bees and catering support exercises since joining the Association in 2010, and Norm spent 9 years on the Committee of Management giving that little bit extra for his mates. I have decided not to print my Eulogy about Norm, but instead leave you with some pics of our time with him over the years.

Rest in peace dear friend. Our lives are not the same without you.





# VALE Norm Tregenza from Dave Laing





# Later in Life

from Chris Acton

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes . . . so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pat two dogs at once.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

Oops.... did I roll my eyes out loud?

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

Some people call me crazy. I prefer happy with a twist.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Project Manager...because Miracle Worker isn't an official job title.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Measure once, swear twice..

THINK! (It's not illegal.... YET)

I don't care who dies in a movie, as long as the dog lives.

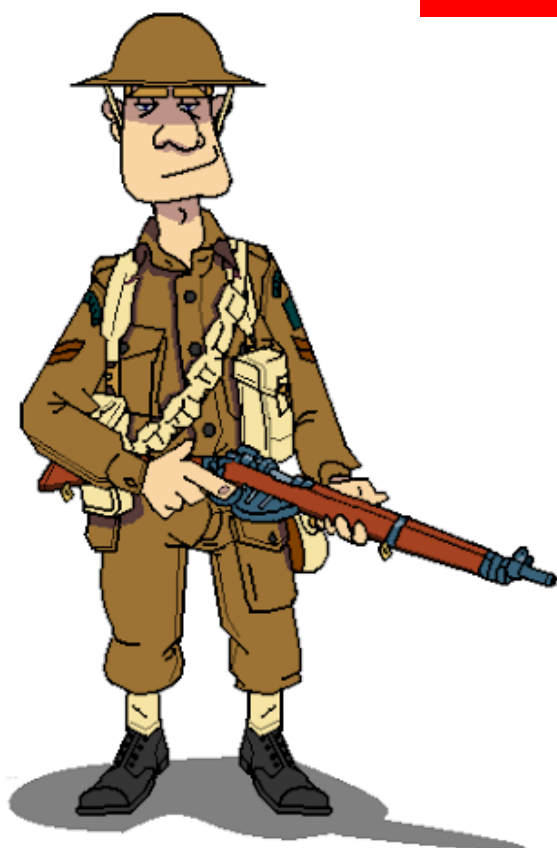
The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.

Love is how excited your dog gets when you come home.

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.

# Corporal Numbnutz Funnies



Kevin was starting to think that maybe his mom wasn't coming back.



My boss calls me "the computer".

Nothing to do with intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

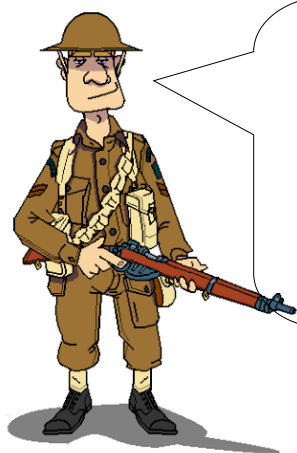


"The capital of Holland is 'H.'"



"Want me to get you a shopping cart?"





I just deleted all the  
German names from  
my mobile phone.  
Now I'm Hans free!

**STRUGGLING TO GET  
YOUR WIFE'S ATTENTION?  
JUST SIT DOWN AND LOOK  
COMFORTABLE!**

**#analbumcover**

If you read this the same way I did,  
then the internet has ruined you too.

**I Finally Did It!**

I bought a new pair of  
shoes with memory  
foam insoles.  
No more forgetting  
why I walked into  
the kitchen.

**Marry a short gal and keep  
your guns on the top shelf**

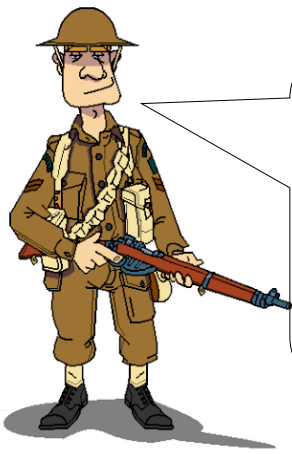


She still might get ya, but  
you'll hear her dragging the  
chair across the floor

**GRANDMA, WHAT HAPPENED TO  
THE MONEY YOU GOT FROM  
SELLING GRANDPA'S CLASSIC  
CAR??**



**I NAMED MY TOILET JIM.  
ALL MY FRIENDS ARE SO  
IMPRESSED WHEN I TELL  
THEM I GO TO JIM EVERY  
MORNING!**



I saw a guy today with soot all over his face carrying a large pick axe and wearing a dark blue hardhat that matched his overalls. But those are just miner details!

Watch your front.  
Mark your target  
when it comes!



## A QUEEN's TALE

*We'll always remember her sense of humour and that beautiful smile*

I was on Guard of Honour, waiting for the King of Saudi Arabia, on Horseguards. On the right flank; Scots Guard (100 guardsmen) a gap, HM The Queen, mounted in uniform; alongside her the CO Colonel Gerald, another gap, then on the left flank, the Queen's Company Grenadier Guards (100 guardsmen).

We're stood at ease waiting.

Suddenly the silence was broken by Colonel Gerald's charger erupting with horse farts at full volume for two minutes.

Embarrassed and staring straight ahead Colonel Gerald says, "Sorry about that your Majesty!"

She replies, in a wonderful voice, "That's alright Gerald, . . . I thought it was your horse!"

200 guardsmen silently cried with laughter, and tapped their rifle butts on the gravel.

From that moment, every man there adored her!

From member Phil Brookes

**I think my dog  
always follows me  
to the bathroom  
because I always  
follow him outside  
and he thinks  
that's the way it  
works.**

**I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND  
ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND.  
THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.**



**MY PARENTS CAN BE SO  
RUDE.**



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**\*ONLY \$45**

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# 2022 End Of Year Lunch





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# PADRES PONDERINGS

By Chaplain Paul Ghanem OFM

On December 12 I attended a Celebration of the Life of LTCOL Carl James Miller who, as a Major, served as the OC at 3 FD SQN.

The word most often repeated at his funeral service was *compassion*. As the eulogies were given and the prayers were said it became evident what this word meant; Carl *came with a passion* to all that he did. To his wife and children, *he came with a passion*. To his parents and sister, *he came with a passion*. To his Military Career, *he came with a passion*. To the challenges of each day, *he came with a passion*. In his many deployments, *he came with a passion*. It was even said that he fostered resilience in his mates, because *he came to them with a noticeable passion*.



Carl's greatest strength was not his considerable intellect, his exceptional character or his natural leadership ability but that he came at life with a great deal of passion; *compassion*.

As the new year begins I invite you to rekindle whatever passions may have waned towards the end of 2022. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery then I invite you to honour and remember this great man in the compassion with which you start 2023.

Every blessing for the year ahead and know that I can be contacted *any day, any time*.

Your Padre

*Paul Ghanem OFM*

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# Rorke's Drift 22-23 January 1879

On 22nd January 1879 a force of 20,000 Zulus overwhelmed and destroyed the British invading force at Isandlwana, killing and ritually disembowelling over 1200 troops. That afternoon, the same Zulu force turned their attention on a small outpost at Rorke's Drift.

The battle that ensued, one of the British Army's great epics, has since entered into legend. Throughout the night 85 men held off six full-scale Zulu attacks at the cost of only 27 casualties, forcing the Zulu army



A painting of the Battle at Isandlwana

to withdraw. Eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded for bravery shown on that night, the largest number for any one engagement in history.

I went with my late Father to see the movie "ZULU" at the Naracoorte Cinema when I was just 15, and it was considered quite risqué for the day, considering scenes where topless Zulu maidens performed a taunting virginity dance for their warriors. Since then I watched the same movie during Army Recruit Courses, NCO Courses and then Army Cadet NCO Courses years later. I just about know the dialogue

off by heart, especially the words of Colour Sergeant Bourne, played by the majestic Nigel Green. "Watch your front. Mark your target when it comes. Watch your front. Mark your target when it comes." And the scene where he tells a very nervous young Welsh soldier "Do your tunic up lad. Where do you think you are?"

I've also read countless details of the battle, and the loss of 1200 British troops at the earlier battle at Isandlwana, and a lot of books differ from the movie in certain aspects. I guess you should never let the truth get in the way of a good story, eh?

Some facts about Rorke's Drift.

## 1. It followed the disastrous British defeat at Isandlwana

It was the worst defeat ever suffered by a modern army against a technologically inferior indigenous force. Following their victory, a reserve of the Zulu 'impi' marched towards Rorke's Drift, keen to destroy the small British garrison stationed there, on the border of the Kingdom of Zululand.

## 2. The Rorke's Drift garrison consisted of 150 men



Lt John Rouse Merriot Chard, Officer  
Commanding Rorke's Drift

Almost all of these men were British regulars of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regi-



ment of Foot (2nd/24th) under Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead.



The Defence of Rorke's Drift by Lady Elizabeth Butler. Chard and Bromhead are pictured in the centre, directing the defence.

### 3. They were facing over 3,000 Zulu warriors

These men were fierce warriors, well-versed in the art of war and under orders to show no mercy. One of their primary weapon was a light spear called an *iklwa* (or assegai), that could either be thrown or used in hand-to-hand combat. Many also used a club called an *iwisa* (or knockberrie). All warriors carried an oval shield made of oxhide.

A few Zulus equipped themselves with firearms (muskets), but most preferred their traditional equipment. Others were equipped with powerful Martini-Henry rifles – taken from the dead British soldiers at Isandlwana.

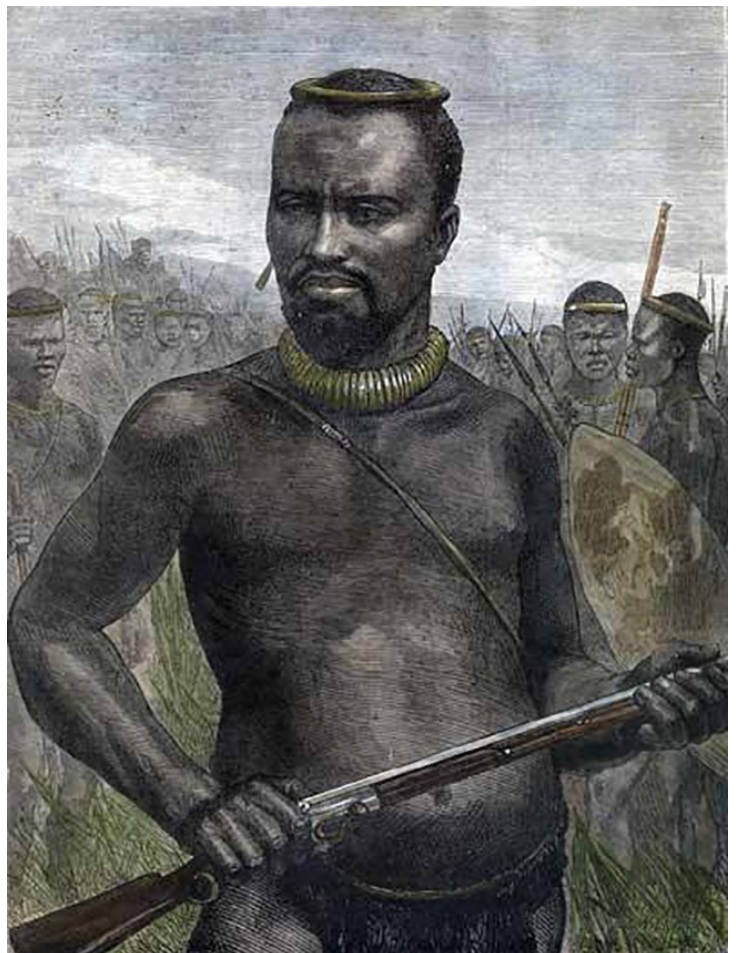
### 4. John Chard commanded the defence

Chard was a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers. He had been dispatched from the Isandlwana column to build a bridge over the Buffalo River. Upon hearing that a large Zulu army was approaching, he took command of the Rorke's Drift garrison, supported by Bromhead and Assistant Commissary James Dalton.

Initially, Chard and Bromhead considered abandoning the Drift and retreating to Natal. Dalton however, convinced them to remain and fight.

### 5. Chard and his men transformed Rorke's Drift into a bastion

Aided by Commissary Dalton and Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead, the former garrison commander, Chard soon transformed Rorke's Drift into a defend-able position. He ordered the men to erect a



A depiction of Prince Dabulamanzi, the Zulu Commander at the Battle of Rorke's Drift, from the Illustrated London



wall of mealie bags around the Mission Station and to fortify the buildings with loopholes and barricades.



An actual photo of the survivors of Rorke's Drift, taken 23rd January 1879

#### **6. The battle soon descended into fierce hand-to-hand fighting**

It was a fight of assegai vs bayonet as the Zulus tried to break through the defences.

#### **7. There was a fierce fight for the hospital**

As the fight raged on, Chard realised that he needed to shorten the perimeter of the defence and thus had to give up control of the hospital. The men defending the hospital began a fighting retreat through the building – some of whom carried patients too injured to move.

Although most of the men successfully escaped the building, some were killed during the evacuation.

#### **8. Zulu attacks continued deep into the night**

Zulu attacks on the Drift continued until around 4am in the morning of 23 January 1879. By daybreak however, a sleep-depraved British force discovered that the Zulu force had disappeared.

The arrival of a British relief column commanded by Lord Chelmsford later that day put the end of the battle beyond doubt, much to the relief of the paranoid Drift defenders.

#### **9. The British force lost 17 men**

These were mostly inflicted by assegai-wielding Zulu warriors. Only five British casualties came from Zulu

firearms. 15 British soldiers were wounded during the fight.

51 Zulus, meanwhile, were killed during the battle while another 500-odd were wounded. It is possible that the British put to death all the injured Zulus.

#### **10. The battle was turned into one of the most famous war movies in history**

In 1964 'Zulu' came to world cinemas and became, arguably, one of the greatest British war films of all time. The film stars Stanley Baker as Lieutenant John Chard and a young Michael Caine in his first movie as Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead.

#### **11. Eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded after the Defence**

It remains the most Victoria Crosses that have ever been awarded in one action. The recipients were:

- Lieutenant John Rouse Merriott Chard, 5th Field Coy, Royal Engineers
- Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Corporal William Wilson Allen; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Private Frederick Hitch; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Private Alfred Henry Hook; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Private Robert Jones; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Private William Jones; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Private John Williams; B Coy, 2nd/24th Foot
- Surgeon-Major James Henry Reynolds; Army Medical Department
- Acting Assistant Commissary James Langley Dalton; Commissariat and Transport Department
- Corporal Christian Ferdinand Schiess: 2nd/3rd Natal Native Contingent

#### **12. Many of the defenders suffered what we now know as PTSD following the battle**

It was predominantly caused by the fierce close-combat fighting they had with the Zulus. Private Robert Jones, for instance, was said to have been plagued by recurring nightmares of his desperate hand-to-hand fights with the Zulus.



ABOVE: Nigel Greene as Colour Sergeant Frank Bourne. He was the SNCO not to awarded a Victoria Cross at the Battle for Rorkes Drift. At the time of the Battle for Rorke's Drift Borne was 24 years old. He served for a further 20 years after the Zulu Wars and took part in WW1 where he was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) and a DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal) for his Rorke's Drift exploits. He also served in Burma in 1884. He was later commissioned and retired from the Army in 1907. He was recalled in 1914 and retired again in 1919 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He died in 1945.



# 2023 FINANCIAL MEMBERS

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Life Members		Members	A - P	Members	P - Z
Acton	Chris	Abel	Colin	Portakiewicz	Anthony
Beckett	David	Abraham	Michael	Portakiewicz	David
Benveniste	Sam	Attenborough	Geoff	Powell	Gary
Blackmore	Bill	Bampton	Michael	Preece	Brian
Boscence	Bob	Bennett	Christian	Rado	Steven
Brookes	Phil	Blondell	Mark	Ramm	Hank
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Burns	Wayne	Burnard	Saxon	Robertson	James
Carnachan	Ian	Burton	Ray	Rossetti	Lee
Carpenter	Ian	Buttars	Erik	Sanders	Ashley
Cotton	Bob	Carlisle	Lesley-Anne	Schuh	Simon
Dart	John	Cooke	Nat	Scott	Rhys
Davey	Trevor	Cram	Kevin	Skapin	Corey
Elliott	Graham	Demosani	Tony	Smith	Ryan
Gaborit	Lyndon	Dew	Trevor	Sniedze	Julie
Goodwin	Graham	Domanski	Glenn	Tasker	David
Harris	Lachlan	Dunn	Bob	Tattersall	Geoff
Hawking	Don	Dunn	Peter	Thomas	David
Haynes	Malcolm	Eva	Keith	Thomson	Jim
Higgins	Jonathan	Ewens	Mimi	Trezise	George
Hogan	Mark	Faquiri	Reshad	Tsoulakis	Christos
Hook	Alan	Faunt	Joshua	Tucker	Belinda
Hope	David	Foy	Erin	Vozelj	Blaz
Horseman	Ian	Gatley	Graham	Weepers	Nicole
Hudson	Mike	Ghanem	Paul	Wheeler	Chris
Jackson	Aaron	Gibson	Lindsay	Williams	Reg
James	Grant	Gill	Graham		
Jeffrey	Scott	Gordon	Frank	<b>Honorary Members</b>	
Johnson	Paul	Groffen	Renee	Benveniste LTCOL	Sam
Johnson	Barry	Harrington	Malcolm	Wilson MAJGEN	Neil
Klopf	Alex	Harrison	John	Read WO1	Ben
Laing	David	Harrison	Keith		
Lakin	Bruce	Harrison	Nigel	<b>Hon Member for Life</b>	
Marlin	Robin	Hartshorne	Anthony	Beames	Rodney
Meredith	Mike	Hawkins	Des		
Miller	Nick	Higgins	Kevin		
Moore	Terry	Hill	Max	<b>Associate Life Members</b>	
Moore	Thomas	Hudson	Rick	Elliott	Julie
Paul	John	Hume	Matthew	Field	Shirley
Pollard	Barry	Humphrys	Jesse	Johnson	Sally
Richter	Sean	Jones	Brett	Laing	June
Salamon	Piotr	Koop	Joshua	Phillips	Heather
Sanderson	Max	Loveder	Peter	Sanderson	Lorraine
Stewart	Robin	Matchett	William	Trogenza	Lyn
Stewien	Peter	McCulloch	Don		
Vella	Joe	Mclver	Bill		
Waters	Ian	Mitchell	Barry	<b>Associate Members</b>	
Watters	Matthew	Moore	Peter	Abel	Karen
Westover	Rhys	Morony	Frank	Brown	Jenni
Wilson	Graham	Mulroney	Dennis	Carnachan	Dom
Yorke-Simpkin	Reg	Normandale	Zachary	Dunn	Trish
		Oakley	Andrew	Hudson	Margaret
		O'Daly	Ryan	Johnson	Margaret
		Orrock	Alan	Parsonage	Yvonne
		Parslow	Howard	Pollard	Kay
		Parsonage	James	Toy	Jill
		Pascoe	Michael	Winger	Kathleen
		Payne	Bob		
		Pexton	Timothy		
		Phillips	Colin Rex		



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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Membership</b> \$30 (Former member of the RSAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Current Serving Military Member</b> Must have served with the RSAR or a sub unit. FREE 1st year. \$10 thereafter while still serving
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non Voting Associate Member</b> \$15 (Spouses, non former members of RSAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Life Membership (By invitation Only)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FULL Member \$300 <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE Member \$150

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Full Name:	Postal Address:
Date of Birth:	Email:
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Period of Service / / to / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Serving Member of the RSAR or Sub Unit
Spouse/Partners name.	

Method of Payment

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or Money Order - Payable to The Treasurer Christian Bennett RSAR Association Inc 5 Ashwin Parade Torrensville SA 5031	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Funds Transfer Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc BSB 633 000 Account 1616 585 88 Include your <b>name</b> as an identifier								
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