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Thanks for Staying With Us!

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The RSAR Association is still growing, and now ranks as one of the largest ex-services organisations in the country. Our goal to "Perpetuate the Regiment" has increased to greater support for the current serving members of the Battalion, and greater provision of welfare for our former-serving members. Our Committee of Management now numbers 12 members, with 8 of those still serving within the Battalion, and our liaison with the senior members of the Battalion has increased 10 fold over the past 10 years, thanks to the support, guidance and friendship of the Commanding Officer and his operations staff, including the erstwhile and hardworking Regimental Sergeant Major WO1 Mark Broadbent. Both the CO and RSM are to be replaced at the end of the year, and if their successors do half the job of their predecessors I will be happy and extremely grateful.

Having said that, an Association such as ours relies on the financial support of members' fees and donations to enable us to carry on the work we do and the support we give to the members and the Battalion. If you have paid your Annual Fees since the AGM I offer a hearty "thank you" for your commitment to us. If by chance you HAVEN'T paid, you can bring your membership up to date by contacting any member of the Executive Committee or by paying EFT to the Account on the next page. Thank you.



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EDITORIAL

I've included a number of short stories this month that you may find interesting, and I've also added a heap of photos from the Battalions recent Live Fire "Exercise Austral Shield" at Cultana, which a few RSARA Committee members were invited to observe. You can see the men and women in action on Pages 11 to 13.

Being on the RSAR Association Committee has its drawbacks, but also its benefits. One of those was our recent participation in the Amiens Commemorative Dinner at the Keswick Barracks Officers Mess in September. I published a couple of pics in the September newsletter, but there's a few more on Pages 14 & 15.

The Army Museum of SA (AMOSA) and the RSAR Historical Collection have identified over 100 military style publications that are no longer required for display, and are offering them up for sale. The going prices are \$5 per book, and a number of them will be on display at our End Of Year Lunch at the Warradale Barracks Sergeants Mess on the 29th November at 1100 hrs. Should you wish to purchase some of these historical publications you're invited to give Des a call or attend the lunch and bring your dollars with you! Page 16 features some of these books.

The Regimental Council have kindly responded to a request from us to assist with the purchase and upgrade of trophies and awards for high achieving soldiers of the 10th/27th Battalion RSAR. At their last meeting in August they voted to donate the sum of \$1,000 to the RSAR Association, for which we are extremely grateful. The nominees for the highest award winners from the Battalion are currently being accessed and we will bring you the full list as soon as they are known. We are in the process of replacing some awards that have reached their use-by-dates, and the new awards will reflect the type of work performed by our soldiers and their commitment to their country.

The RSAR Association End of Year Lunch is fast approaching, and details are on Page 9. As a fundraiser we are offering a range of great prizes in our EOY Raffle, and those details are on Page 17. Tickets for the Raffle are only \$2 each. Please reserve your seats **NOW** by contacting the Secretary or President and bring some \$s on the day.

That's it again for this busy month.

Stay well and stay safe.

David Laing

A Veteran of WW1 and WW2

Frank Lundie was born in Port Adelaide on 21 August 1899, although he didn't think that the authorities needed to know that. At 17, he added 3 years to his age so he could enlist and serve in World War I in the Middle East. At 43 he subtracted 4 years from his age so he could enlist and serve in World War II in Papua New Guinea and Borneo.

During World War II Frank began to write poetry about his experiences. Below is an example of his work.

ANZAC PARADE

To the Stalwarts of World War I

Time has not yet stayed your marching feet,
Tho' years have come and gone;
Swinging steadily down the street
Your thinning ranks move on.
You leave the plough, the axe, the pen,
These things are laid aside,
Down through the years you march again
With phantom feet beside.

Brave memories marching hand in hand,
The years between grow dim,
From Flanders' field and desert sand,
Your memory calls to him;
From frowning Anzac height and bay,
From out the ageless past,
He comes to you in bright array
Before the shrine, at last.

His questioning eyes are asking this;
Have you done as he would do?
Have you carried on as he would wish?
Have you been loyal and true?
Then you can hold your head up high
And meet him without shame.
Or face him squarely eye to eye
And know you've played the game.

1945.

The material for this article was supplied by Albert Lundie of Queensland
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Sourced from: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/stories/australians-wartime/soldier-and-poet>

Australian Troops Return to Gallipoli

A great deal has been written about the fighting at Gallipoli but little is known about the second time Australian troops were sent to the Peninsula.

The 7th Light Horse Regiment was sent to garrison Anzac Cove after the Armistice in 1918. It was a sorry sight after all the fighting four years earlier as his mate Bob Little described in a letter to Roy Robinson, who, having survived Gallipoli, France and Belgium, was recovering from a bout of fever while on his way back to Australia on two months furlough given to men who had enlisted in 1914.

You will probably look a bit when you see the above address," Bob Little wrote. "I never thought I would find my way back to this part of the world again. Well, to start from the beginning when I left you at Moacasar, I lobbed out allright & joined the boys at Jerusalem. We had about a week there and one night out on 'maniac'. We had a pretty miserable ride back to Wadi Hanein but had a pretty quiet time whilst there. We had a race meeting one day, a good turn out, tote & all. Bluey Wild ran the Bullock, Anna the jockey, but did no good. I rode mine, a new remount called Surprise. He surprised us the wrong way though. Armistice night was pretty lively!



Members of the 7th Light Horse AIF

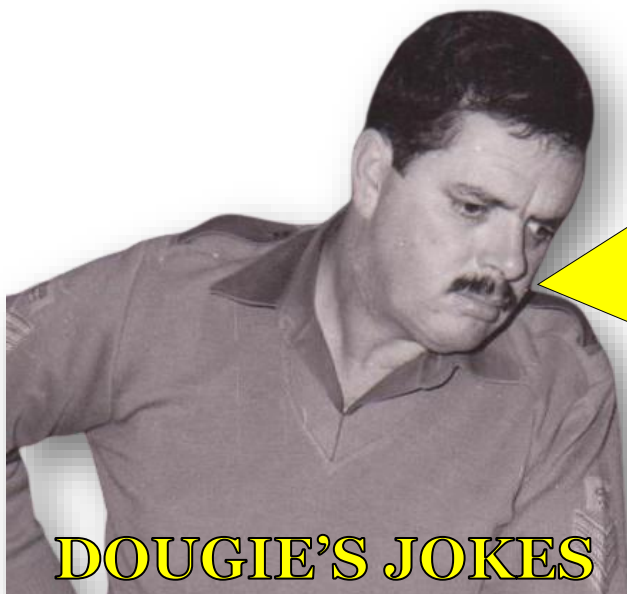
We sighted Cape Helles and came to anchor off Fort Chanak. We stayed on board. About three days while they found out what to do with us. No-one here seemed to know anything about us. Eventually we were landed near Maidos & billeted in an old Turkish hospital. The day after landing we marched over to Anzac, about 7 miles & had a good look round. You would hardly know the place now Roy. Under present conditions all the tunnels and trenches have fallen in & the Turks have wired all the beach & dug fresh trenches. Also the Swine - have removed every cross from the graves. We had a good look over Lone Pine, its in a terrible mess, the skeletons & bones of hundreds of men still lying about. The Turks have erected a big monument right on the site. Holly Spur trenches are in the best condition & I located a few of our old possies, the walk back to camp was the worst part, we were like a mob of sheep with footrot.

We must have covered a good twenty miles that day. We settled down then to morning runs & drill etc. A few days afterwards, they came along & wanted a good sober man etc to go over to camps at Chanak to draw rations for the Regiment. Yours truly is the sober man along with two others & 3 N.Z.s We have a good room - bar a few shell holes through the roof in the ex-French Consul's house. We draw rations every other day & send them over per boat to Maidos. Xmas Day passed pretty serene I don't remember much after 6pm. I knew it next morning though. That's about all I think Roy.



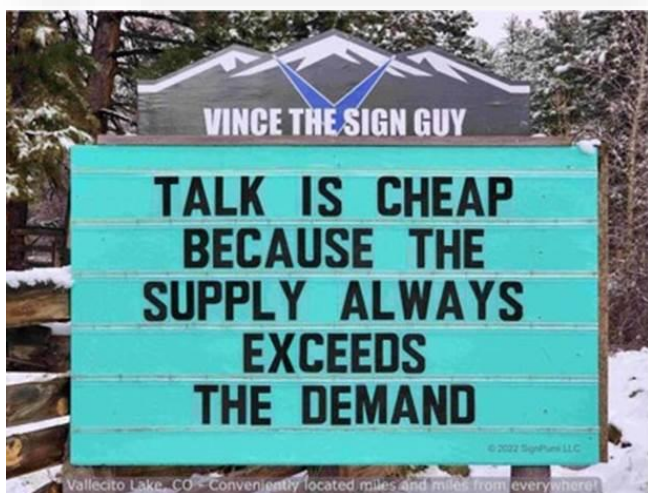
Later in his letter, Bob Little described all the promotions that had taken place as a result of the furloughs granted to 14 men who, like Roy Robinson, had enlisted in 1914. 'Things in the Squadron are much the same & you'll be sorry to hear of the death of Lt Dalton of pneumonia,' he wrote. 'Plenty of new NCOs, Ken Thompson and Willo, Sgts B troop, Jenks and Stan Noble Cpls, Ken Hart & Fred Howley L/Cpls, a few others are A. Cadelle, O. Atkins, Cpls, Waters, Smith, McDowell L/Cpls, & a few others I cant think of. Tom XXX is SM, Marcroft QM.'

Another letter to Roy Robinson from his mate Bruce, also in Gallipoli showed he was upset at the state of the battle grounds. 'Up around the front trenches on Lone Pine there are countless remains of bodies but only about one in ten have been covered,' he wrote. 'What work there is done has been done recently for the earth is fresh where it covers the bones. I could tell you a lot more about the place as it is now but it can wait until I see you again. Let's hope it won't be too long.' Sourced from AWM.com.au



DOUGIE'S JOKES

Just one more thing..... If your electric car runs out of power on the freeway, do you walk to the next service station to get a bucket of electricity??

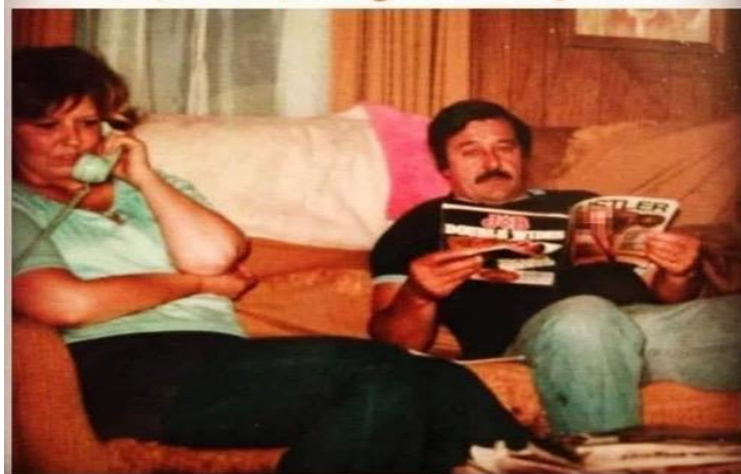


IKEA just dropped off our snowman!



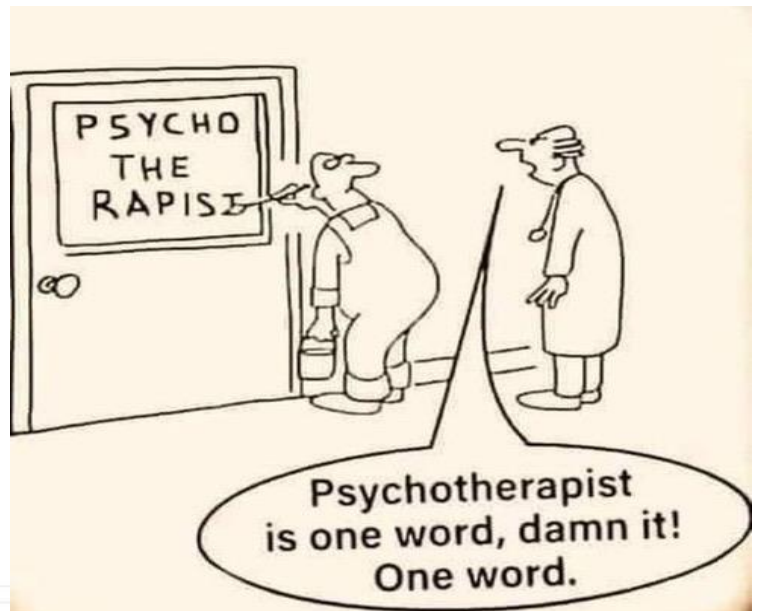
I'm confused how a cemetery can raise its funeral prices and blame it on the cost of living

Back in the day before Social Media we spent quality time together

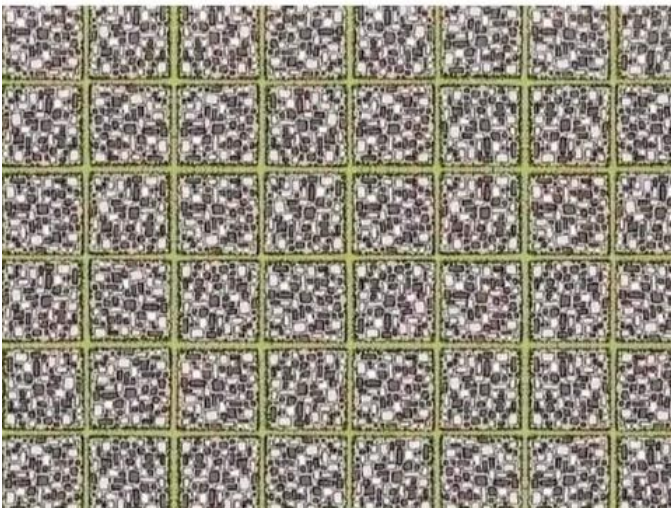




I did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 97 and live comfortably for eleven minutes



Ok smart guy
Find the curved line



**IF YOU GET AN E-MAIL
WITH THE SUBJECT
"KNOCK KNOCK"
DON'T OPEN IT
IT'S A JEHOVAH WITNESS
WORKING FROM HOME**



My generation was expected to climb a 30 foot rope with a life saving 2 inch thick mat below



I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.

By replacing your morning coffee with green tea, you can lose up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

It's never too late to start exercising...

That's why i'm waiting until later. *jus'sayin*

ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC

2026 END OF YEAR LUNCH

WARRADALE BARRACKS

Warradale Barracks Sergeants Mess

SUNDAY 29th November
1100 to 1500 hrs



All members of the RSAR Association AND
members of the Battalion are invited. Wives
and partners welcome.

All food is provided FREE OF CHARGE by the Association. Wine, Beer, and Soft
drinks available at generous bar prices. Lunch @ midday.

Great Raffle Prizes available to be won. Bring some \$'s

RSVP required for catering purposes to the President David Laing on
davidlaing49@bigpond.com or 0407 791 822 NLT Friday 3th November

Just Another Soldier

Major Terence Ward Garling – Sydney, NSW

Terence Ward Garling was born in Sydney, New South Wales on 15 February 1894. He attended Hunters Hill Public School, New South Wales, and was the younger sibling of Raymond (b. 1892). Both brothers underwent military training prior to the First World War and served with the 44th Battery, Australian Field Artillery.

On 20 August 1914, Terence Garling enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) and was appointed second lieutenant in the 1st section of the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, and left Sydney on 18 October, aboard HMAT A8 *Argyllshire*. Garling underwent training in Egypt and went on to serve on Gallipoli. He was transferred to the 5th Artillery Battery. He served with the Australian Field Artillery on Gallipoli and the Western Front, earning multiple commendations and promotions, becoming one of the AIF's youngest officers at just 22. During Garling's time in France, he fractured his fibula and spent some months in England recovering.

Shortly after returning to the Western Front, Garling was appointed major and given the command of the 37th Battery, 10th Field Artillery Brigade. His final letter to his parents hinted at impending action, stating that he was summoned to France due to events at the front lines. Tragically, in April 1918, during a fierce battle at Dernancourt on the Somme, a shell fragment wounded him in the left thigh as he led his men to operate a battery of guns. Garling succumbed to his wounds despite being rushed to a field hospital.

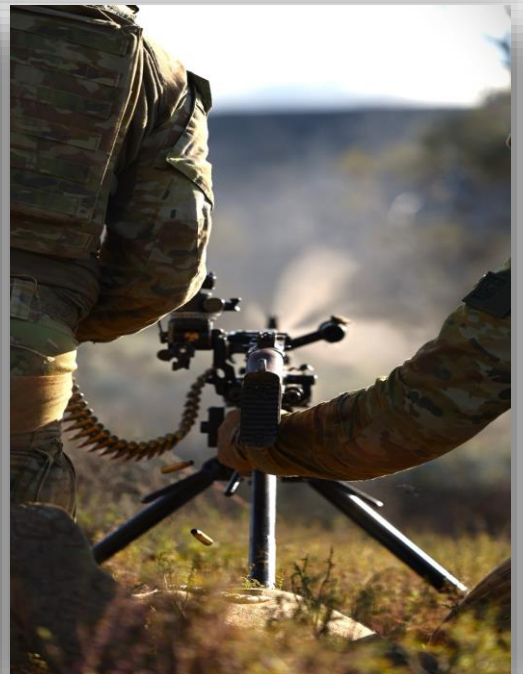
Garling's final letter to his family was written just a week before his passing, was marked by his parents as 'his last letter'. Immediately after this letter, they received the distinct pink telegrams that served as official notifications of a soldier's death. The Reverend Wilcoxson, from the Greenwich Anglican church, was responsible for delivering these distressing telegrams. He was tasked with informing Garling's mother, Mrs Marie Garling, about the heartbreaking loss of her son. During wartime periods, clergy members like priests and ministers frequently bore the solemn duty of delivering the tragic news to families.

The following year, Terence's father, William Garling, proposed naming a street in the Sofala Estate Subdivision as 'Terence Garling Street' to honour his fallen son. By September 1919, streets including Garling, Munro, Gentle, and Hallam were christened, commemorating local servicemen.

Garling is remembered with his name inscribed on the Lane Cove Council's First World War Honour Board. In 1920, the family was gifted poppy seeds from Villers-- , France, via the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Bretonneux, France, via the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Garling's letters, as well as other memorabilia, were kept in a special box by his family.



10th/27th Battalion In Action



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Great when you're trying to take professional-style photos and some Digger is in the background taking a pee in the bushes!!!



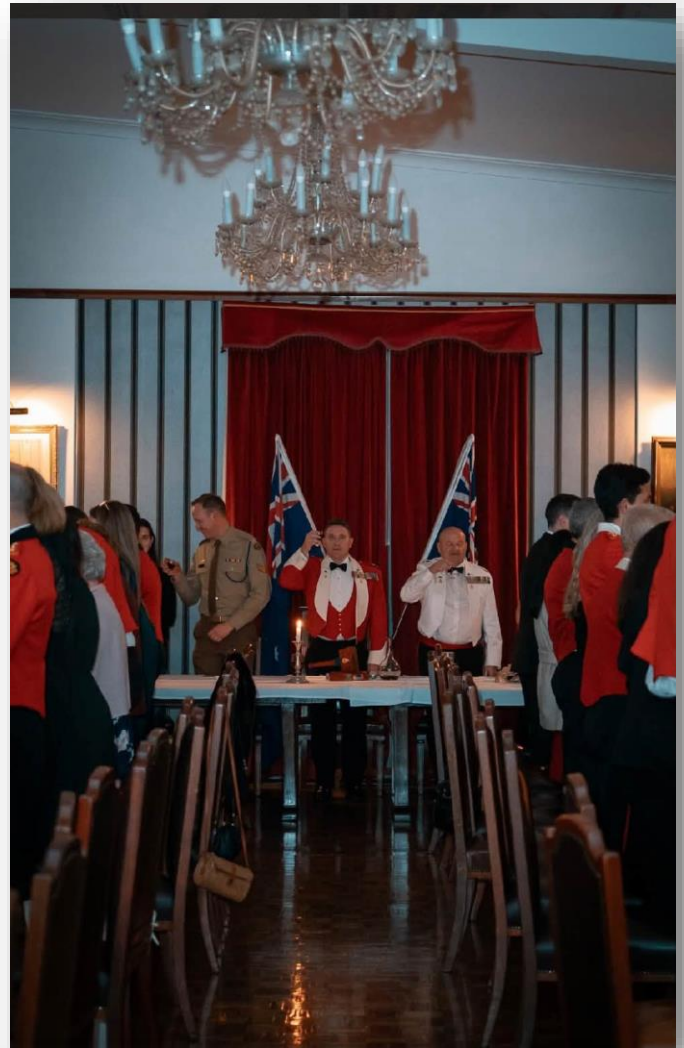
10th/27th Battalion In Action



The old mantra of the Combat Engineers is that “they build stuff then blow it up!” and that hasn’t changed in over a hundred years, but the professionalism and precision observed by us during Exercise Austral Shield was above comparison. The safety drills and expertise with which these soldiers carried out their allotted tasks had to be seen to be believed. The rehearsals and safety preparations were extremely precise, allowing no room for error. The sappers from 3 Fd Sqdn supported the advancing teams from 10/27Bn by identifying minefields and eliminating them in a matter of minutes. Well done to the Sappers! And the food? Over the years? Same, same! Some was debatable but most was bloody good tucker! Kudos to the 9 CSSB caterers. Well done!



AMIENS DINNER 2026

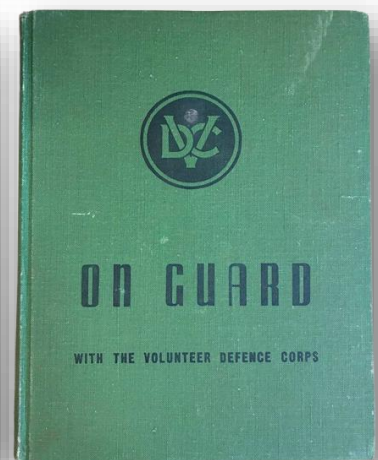
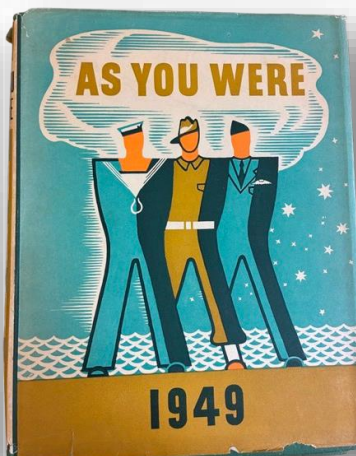
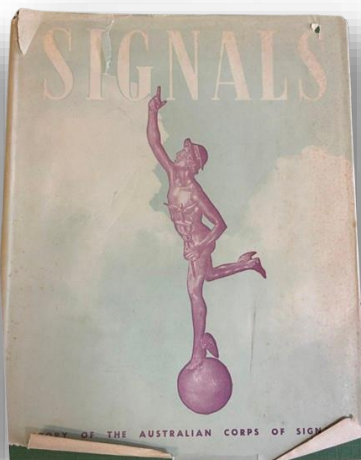
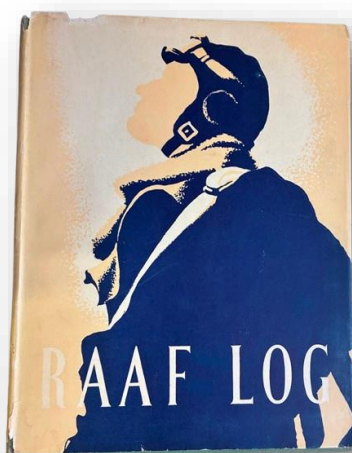
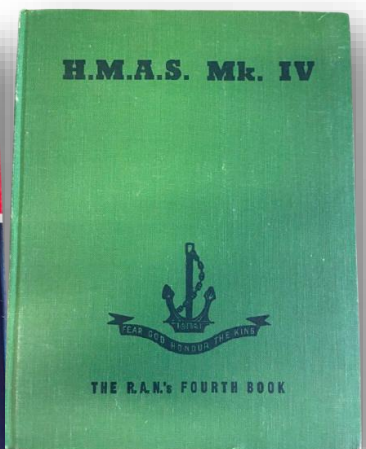
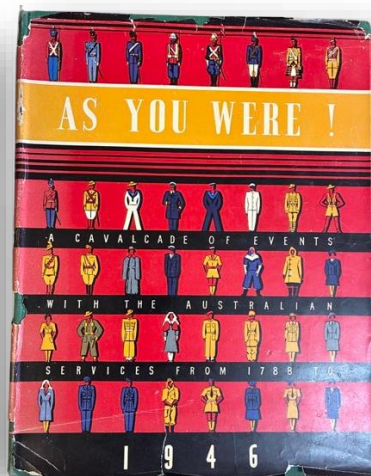
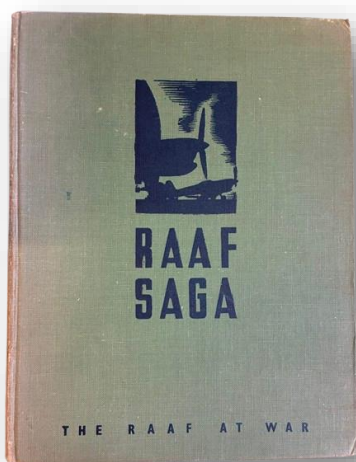
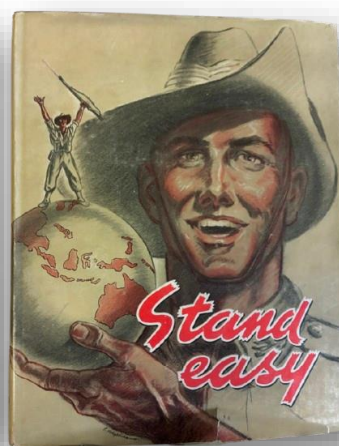
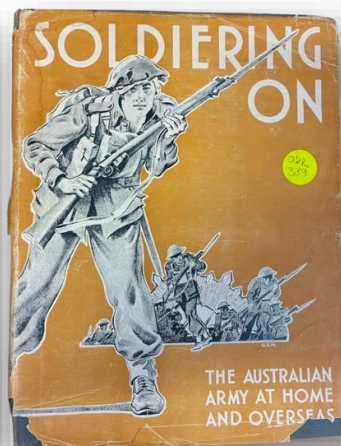
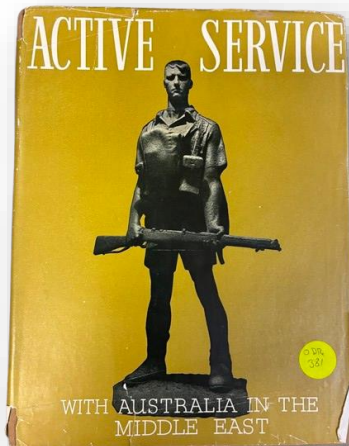


AMIENS DINNER 2026



BOOKS FOR SALE Only \$5 each!

These are some of the books to be destroyed or sold prior to the Army Museum of SA being relocated due to the sale of Keswick Barracks. They are still available online for between \$15 to \$35 each, but the asking price today is **only \$5 per book**. They will also be on display and sale at the End of Year Lunch on 29th November. To make a purchase, please contact Des Hawkins on des.1953@outlook.com or attend the lunch.





Raffle Prizes for End Of Year Lunch 2026

1. \$100 Gift Basket
- 2 1 Boxed Set of K89 Commemorative Ports.
3. 1 x Bottle of 2nd/27th AIF Battalion Anniversary Port
4. 1 x 27th Battalion RSAR Presentation Shield
5. 3 X \$20 Bunnings Gift Cards
6. Bundle of Military History Books from the RSAR Historical Collection



**TICKETS
ONLY
\$2 EACH**





Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2027

PLEASE PRINT AND ENSURE ALL BOXES ARE FILLED



Membership Category

Date of Application / /

☐ Full Membership \$30 (Former member of the RSAR)	☐ Current Serving Military Member Must be serving with the RSAR or a sub unit. FREE 1st year. \$10 thereafter while still serving
☐ Non Voting Associate Member \$15 (Spouses, non former members of RSAR)	☐ Life Membership (By invitation Only) ☐ FULL Member \$300 ☐ ASSOCIATE Member \$150

My Details - Please print clearly and fill out ALL sections

Full Name:	Address:
Date of Birth:	Post Code:
Mobile No:	Email:
Regt No. or PMKeys No.	
Period of Service / / to / /	Can you assist the Committee? YES ☐ NO ☐
UnitBattalionCompany	
Spouse/Partners name.	PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Method of Payment

☐ Cheque or Money Order - Payable to The Treasurer Christian Bennett RSAR Association Inc. PO Box 1133 Kensington Gardens SA 5068	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc. BSB 633 000 Account 1616 585 88 Please include your <u>Surname</u> as an identifier								
☐ CASH (In person to a member of the Committee) Committee Members Name 	☐ I have paid my Fees to the Association Account listed below and posted/emailed my Application to The RSAR Association PO Box 5218 Murray Bridge South SA 5253 <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Account Name:</td> <td>RSAR Association Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank:</td> <td>Bendigo Bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BSB:</td> <td>633 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acct #</td> <td>1616 585 88</td> </tr> </table>	Account Name:	RSAR Association Inc.	Bank:	Bendigo Bank	BSB:	633 000	Acct #	1616 585 88
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NOTE: Please submit this Application WITH Proof of Service. You will be notified of the progress of your application.

☐ I understand that receipt of this application constitutes my acceptance of the Associations Rules as set down in the Constitution found at the website address below. I also authorise the processing of my preferred method of payment and acknowledge that I may be required to provide proof of past or current military service as required.



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Please send this completed application, with proof of service to the Secretary, RSAR Association at pbtucker1@outlook.com

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- A. Regimental Tie \$25
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- C. RSARA Nameplate \$30
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- E. Vinyl RSAR Sticker 70mm x 100mm
Only \$2 each or 6 for \$10 FREE Postage.
- F. Hoodie w/- LOGO \$55
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Allow \$15 postage for each item
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Phillips	Heather	CAPT Jilbert	Charles	Preece	Brian	Pollard	Kay
Sanderson	Lorraine	WO1 Broadbent	Mark			Toy	Jill
						Winger	Kathleen

Note: If you know of any Serving Member who is no longer serving within the 10/27 Bn Battle Group please advise the Secretary Paul Tucker so we can set our records straight. Thank you.