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## VALE GOOD FRIENDS

### **NX2898 SERGEANT Allan Hilary NUGENT, 2/70 AUSTRALIAN LIGHT AID DETACHMENT, 2/11 AUSTRALIAN FIELD REGIMENT**

A long time associate/family member of 2/19 Battalion AIF Association and late of Pagewood NSW, Allan's passing on 12 March 2010 was recently advised by his wife Beryl. Allan was the brother of NX54952 Lance Corporal George Ernest NUGENT 2/19 Battalion AIF Killed in Action Parit Sulong, Malaya on 22 January 1942. Allan was born at Sydney on 2 June 1922 and enlisted in 2/70 LAD on 26 April 1941 and was discharged on 26 April 1946. Post war Allan was a Master Tanner and ran successful tanning businesses at Botany and West Wyalong NSW. He is survived by his beloved wife Beryl and daughters Kerrie, Susan & Deborah and their families and his 11 grandchildren and 10 great grand children

### **NX48848 CORPORAL Ray Martin BAIN, 7 Platoon A Company, 2/19 BATTALION AIF,**



Late of Wauchope NSW, Ray's son Peter advised of Ray's sad passing at Wauchope on 17 July 2010. Ray was born at Wauchope on 20 September 1918 and enlisted in 2/19 Battalion AIF on 7 October 1941 sailing to Malaya on the HMT 'Aquitania'. Allotted to A Company his Platoon Commander was Lieutenant Maurie Brennan and Joe Coombs served with him in 7 Platoon. Ray fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaign and following the capitulation passed into captivity as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. He later slaved on the Burma -Thai Railway and following its completion sailed to Japan with D Force to slave in Japan in the coal mines and steel works. Repatriated to Australia at wars end he was discharged on 5 February 1946. Post war he led an active life in the dairy industry and later as a cab driver in Wauchope.

His dear wife Joan pre-deceased him on 15 July 1996 and he is survived by his sons and daughters, Sandra, Robyn David, Peter & Stephen and their families.

### **MRS Sylvia Florence SCHLYDER**

Joe Coombs advised with deep regret of Sylvia's passing on 1 October 2010 aged 86 years. Late of Ruse and formerly of Mortdale, Sylvia was the widow of NX53045 Private Ron Schlyder 2/19 Battalion AIF who predeceased her on 9 August 1979

### **MRS Thelma Elizabeth NEEDHAM**

Thelma was born on 25 April 1918 and sadly passed away on 19 October 2010 aged 92 years. Loving mother of Sid, Lola and Arthur, Mother-in-law to Wes, Marion & Joan. Grandmother to Greg & Joanne, Brett, Karen, John & Susie, Tracey & Tony, Samantha (deceased) & Kimberlee. Great grandmother to Kate, Rebecca, Paul, Alex, Bonnie, Maddison, Brittany & Steen. Following her wishes, Thelma was farewelled in a private ceremony on 22 October 2010.

### **MR Leonard Stafford ("Lennie") GILLIES**



Late of Chester Hill NSW, and cherished nephew of Joe Coombs, Lennie sadly passed away on 6 November 2010. Joe delivered the following tribute at Lennie's farewell at Rookwood Cemetery on 11 November 2010:

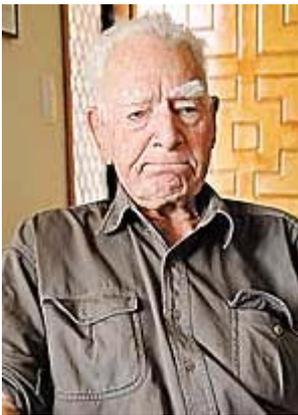
Leonard Stafford Gillies was born in the lounge room of 50 Ballast Point Road Balmain on 29th May 1943 to Millie and Neil Gillies, a baby brother to Irene and Jan. His father passed away a few weeks after his birth leaving Millie with 3 young children to raise on her own. He attended Birchgrove Primary School and then went on to Rozelle Technical School. After leaving school he worked in a butcher's shop and then moved on to the PMG as a telegram boy and a painter and then moved on again to make a career as a truck driver. He met Anne at Prince Alfred Skating Rink and they married 3 years later on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1965 and had 2 sons, Mark and Neil and are now blessed with 7

7 grandchildren. My main memories of Lennie centre around the family picnics on Boxing Day and ANZAC Days. When I first invited Lennie to join me on ANZAC Day his reply was "I thought you were never going to ask me." Over the years Anne would drive us to the Lidcombe RSL for the Dawn Service, with rum and coffee for starters. Lennie always got himself involved helping people and doing odd jobs – he was very popular. After the service at the Cenotaph we would go into the club for breakfast, bangers and mash and onion and tomato gravy. The bar would open and after a few beers a crowd of us would head for the main march in the city with our various units – my unit was the 2<sup>nd</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF which assembled outside the NSW Leagues Club in Elizabeth Street. After the march we would attend the reunion on the harbour – with Lennie always helping as usual. At about 4 o'clock after the reunion we would gradually make our way back to Lidcombe feeling no pain. The train trip was always noisy and happy. One of my favourite memories of Lennie was when Tony and Greg bet Lennie he could not go from Central to Strathfield without saying a word. Miming and antics had half the carriage involved – barracking and he won the bet to Strathfield He then bet a doubler to Lidcombe. Lennie won – but doubted he would get paid but deserved an Oscar !

Lennie was a caring person, very sentimental and known to become emotional at times. He will always be remembered and we are the losers with his passing. I have been fortunate to have lived with some fine, honest and solid men who you could trust with your life. Lennie would be comfortable in their company. He would have made a bloody good mate as a P.O.W.

Lennie is survived by his loving wife, Anne and his family. He was the much loved father and father-in-law of Mark and Kylie, Neil and Katie. Loved Poppy to Bradley, Christopher, Ben, Sarah, Kyle, Georgia and Maddison. Joe and Muriel Coombs and family and Bob Pink represented the Association at Lennie's farewell at Rookwood Crematorium on 11 November 2010.

## **NX67374 PRIVATE Alan POPE, 2/19 BATTALION AIF**



The passing of Association member Alan Pope on 6 November 2010 is advised with deep regret. Alan enjoyed a long and close association with his mates of 2/19 Battalion AIF forged in adversity as fellow prisoners of war of the Japanese. Alan was born at Cobar on 17 January 1919, enlisted on 16 January 1941 and after repatriation to Australia at war's end was discharged on 12 December 1946.

His loving wife Kath pre-deceased him in 2002. Alan was the Loving Father & Father in law of Lesley, James and Joanne and Maria. Adored Grandfather of Mark, John, Anne and Benjamin. Great-Grandfather of Coby and Alex. Fond brother of Les (deceased) Rob (deceased) Phil (deceased, Noel, Nev, Lorna and John (deceased). Alan was farewelled at the Mary Help of Christians Church Tamworth on Friday 12 November 2010

Our thanks to Rebecca Belt of the Tamworth

The Northern Daily  
**LEADER**

for the following article and photograph (above) which appeared on 9 November 2010 and details Alan's civil life and military service.

TAMWORTH'S last World War II prisoner of war has died, closing a chapter in the city's rich history of war service. Alan Pope, who was captured in a Singapore hospital while convalescing, was taken to Japan where he worked for more than two years as a member of a work gang. Allan passed away on Saturday 6 November 2010. Alan Pope was born on January 19, 1921 at Cobar and enlisted in the army three times before he managed to remain in, because his dad kept pulling him out. He first enlisted in 1940, but his dad told him, "None of my boys are going". "I was bent on going for some unknown reason, but dad pulled me out so I went into Wellington and enlisted again," Mr Pope told The Leader in an interview in 2008. He was again pulled out by his father, so he told his parents he was going for a holiday to Sydney, where they had relatives.

"I went to Paddington Barracks and put my age up to 22 (in the paperwork) and my job as 'unemployed'. If you were on the land they wouldn't take you," he said. When Mr Pope went home in full uniform, his parents realised he had re-enlisted and his dad was, again, against it. Mr Pope enlisted in the infantry and trained at Sydney Showground, then Rutherford Camp. He went to Dubbo, where he transferred to supply because they wanted drivers in Bathurst, and then travelled to Western Australia. They sailed from Fremantle to Singapore about August 8 or 10, 1941. Mr Pope said he was put into the infantry and was protecting an aerodrome, before getting word the group would be surrendering, so they would have to move back.

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Mr Pope said they were all very frightened at this point. "We scattered, and at some time I passed out and woke up on the back of a truck," he said. Mr Pope was told he had appendicitis and was kept in hospital for three weeks, because the Japanese had stormed into a hospital not far from the one he was in, shooting everyone, including the nurses. They wanted to keep as many people in his hospital as they could, to help defend it. The Japanese took everyone from the hospital, - he was in to a site near the British army barracks at Changi. "They wanted working parties in town to help clean up and for unloading and loading ships, so I didn't spend too much time in camp," Mr Pope said. The day before Anzac Day, 1943, Australian, English and Dutch prisoners were marched into Singapore and put onto a boat. They set sail the next morning. "We thought we were going to Borneo," Mr Pope said. They realised they were headed north, had a couple of bombing scares on the way, and docked in Moji, Japan, and then went onto Osaka. Mr Pope worked in a work gang, each of which had eight men, repairing railway tracks, then went to Takefu where he had to carry large carbon blocks. When the war ended, the prisoners were taken to Yokohama, where they were deloused, clothed and fed, and eventually sailed out on the USS Liberty to a convalescence depot in the Philippines.

When he arrived home, Mr Pope met his family at the Ingleburn Hospital, where he had X-rays and other medical examinations. "I went back to Stuart Town, where I received an urgent telegram to report to Sydney," he said. "I was taken straight to Concord Hospital, where I stayed for 14 months with TB (tuberculosis) until December 12, 1946." Mr Pope married in January 1947, having been engaged before the war. His brother was joining the NSW Police Force and, when Mr Pope was well enough, he was talked into becoming a parking officer. Mr Pope said he thought it was only temporary, but he left 33 years and three months later. He moved to Tamworth in October 1969, and was the city's first parking officer. Alan was farewelled at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Tamworth and interred at Tamworth Regional Council Lawn Cemetery on 12 November 2010.

## **Alma Louise MELVILLE**



Late of Wentworth Falls NSW, Alma sadly passed away on 8 November 2010. Alma was the beloved Mother of Association Member Neil and Mother-in-law of Ethel. She was born at Greymouth New Zealand on 21 September 1911 to Frank and Jessie Jackson and on moving to Australia in 1914 the family settled in Thirroul on the south coast where her father was a miner. Alma worked in the Taxation Department in Sydney where she met Bill Melville who she married on 11 September 1934. They went on to have 3 children, Neil in 1935, Maureen in 1943 and June in 1946 who lived for 24 hours. Alma was very community and sports minded holding down the position of Treasurer on the Ladies Auxiliary at the Parramatta RSL and Bowls Organiser at the Rosehill Bowling Club. Alma's husband Bill predeceased her on 9 February 2006 at 96 years of age. At the time of her passing on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010, she was survived by 2 children, 8 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Alma was farewelled on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at St Sinbars Catholic Church Glenbrook and later interred at Springwood Cemetery.

## **NX29315 PRIVATE John ("Jack") Wilson RIDLEY, Signals Platoon HQ Company 2/19 Battalion AIF**



Late of Greystanes NSW Jack's son John advised with deep regret of Jack's passing away at his residence on 11 November 2010 surrounded by his family. His beloved wife Audrey pre-deceased him on 19 August 2003 aged 80 years. Jack was born at Branxton NSW on 16 February 1920 and educated in the Hunter Region. He left school at 14 years of age and was employed as a boundary rider and later as a butcher boy. Following service with the Militia, he enlisted in 2/19 Battalion AIF at East Maitland on 5 June 1941 and sailed to Malaya with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reinforcements for 2/19 Battalion AIF on 29 July 1941.

He fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaigns and following the capitulation became a POW and was later sent to slave in Japan. Repatriated to Australia at war's end he was discharged on 10 January 1946 and married Audrey on 6 June 1946 and they settled at Marrickville. He worked on the Sydney Trams until 1949 when he gained employment as a Waterside Worker. In 1970 he gained his forklift licence and worked at the Container Depot at White Bay Sydney until retirement. Joe Coombs (who had served with Jack in many of the POW camps in Japan) Bob Pink and David Ring represented the Association at Jack's farewell at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Greystanes on 17 November 2010 and later at Jack's interment at Rookwood Cemetery.

*Lest We Forget*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we move into Spring and the warmer weather I trust that all of you are emerging from Winter hibernation to enjoy the beautiful weather that we have been having.

I was pleased to be able to attend the Royal New South Wales Regiment WOs and Sgts Dinner at the School of Infantry Sergeants' Mess at Singleton on 25 September with a respectable contingent of 1/19 members, Mick Pass, Bob Pink, Dennis Zalunardo, John Burns, and Wayne Skinner. I think that 1/19 RNSWR had the largest "contingent" there but it is disappointing that this annual event is not more strongly patronised by senior NCOs, both serving and former. There are very few venues where you get a three course meal with wines for \$70.00 and accommodation within crawling distance for \$7.00. Put it in your diary for 2011 and support the Regiment.

On 23 October, Bob Pink and I attended the 1/19 RNSWR Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Passchendaele Dinner in Orange at which I presented the Peryman Awards for 2010. The Peryman Awards that are made by the Peryman Trust are jointly sponsored by Orange Ex-Services Club and the Association and are a recognition of excellence in service for each of one officer, senior NCO and OR. The occasion also saw the farewell, by the Mess, to LTCOL Peter Morrissey, the current Commanding Officer, 1/19 RNSWR and the promotion of MAJ Terry Betts to LTCOL and the announcement that he will assume command of 1/19 RNSWR on 1 JAN 2011. The Association has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Peter Morrissey during his three years in command of 1/19 RNSWR and we look forward to a similar relationship with Terry Betts. A presentation was also made by the Mess to BRIG Paul Brereton AM, RFD, COMD 5 BDE, who will be promoted to MAJGEN later this year and move to a new posting. Our interaction with Paul has also been very pleasant and we wish him every success in the future.

As the year wanes more sad news continues to come to hand. This time with the passing of the mothers of two long time members of 1/19 RNSWR and the Association! Mrs Thelma Needham, mother of Sidney Arthur Needham one of the founding members of 19 RNSWR, passed away on 19 October at the age of 92. That news was followed by advice of the passing of Mrs Alma Melville, mother of Neil Melville. Alma passed away on 8 November at the grand old age of 99. Both will be sadly missed by their families. I was also saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Coombs' nephew Lennie Gillies who finally lost his battle with cancer on 6 November 2010, was a staunch supporter of the Coombs' family on ANZAC Day and his happy presence will be missed.

6 November also saw the passing of Alan Pope, 2/19 Battalion AIF who had been a member of the Association for many years. Unfortunately, as his funeral was on Friday, 12 November, no member of the Executive was able to attend due to Annual General Meeting Weekend commitments.

Remembrance Day brought news of the passing of Jack Ridley who succumbed to stomach cancer at age 90. Jack was predeceased by his wife Audrey in 2003. At his funeral on 17 November the Association was represented by Joe Coombs, Bob Pink and David Ring.

Commitments prevented both Bob and I from attending the Remembrance Day observances in Martin Place this year. The Association was represented by Glen Scriven, who laid the Association wreath and David Ring. I am grateful to them both.

The Association Annual Reunion weekend was held at Gosford from Friday, 12 November to Sunday, 14 November. It was, in my view, an outstanding success, due in no small part to the efforts of Mick Pass and Bob Pink. We enjoyed a large turnout and once again were fortunate to have the Directors of Gosford RSL Club agree to waive the room hire charges. This made a big difference to the costings of the events over the weekend. Gosford RSL Club always provides excellent venues and the weekend's activities were all well attended. The Committee were re-elected and I thank them for their service in the past year and look forward to working for the good of the membership in 2011. I was suitably abashed when the Annual General Meeting voted unanimously to award Life Membership to both Bob Pink and me. I tried, very hard to defer consideration of this motion but was "rolled" by the Chaplain! I am, as I am sure Bob is, deeply honoured by this mark of recognition. I will not go into detail about the weekend as Bob will have covered it elsewhere in this edition – accompanied, no doubt, by numerous unflattering photographs. I do want, however, to thank Bryan and Arleen Schaefer for their generosity in donating wine and port for the raffle and Linda Colligan, who produced another of her magnificent Christmas cakes, which was won by Ronda McKay. I also need to thank Peter McGuinness who presented a magnificent talk on the Western Front. The depth of research that Peter puts into these presentations is staggering and he does it without a murmur. His talk was extremely well attended and has become one of the high points of the weekend.

My pleasant, but sad, duty at the Reunion Dinner was to make a presentation to LTCOL Peter Morrissey, CO 1/19 RNSWR, who relinquishes command on 31 December. Peter has been in command for three years and his interaction with the Association has been extremely supportive. Peter, in his address to the Dinner, detailed many of the deployments that the Unit has been engaged in. The extent of 1/19 RNSWR's involvement in ADF operations was quite staggering. We wish Peter well in his new posting within the Australian Army.

The Quilt Raffle, in support of the 19 Battalion History Book Fund, raised nearly \$6,000 and I must make mention of the special effort put in by the men and women of 1/19 RNSWR who sold a number of books of tickets. The magnificent quilt, a masterpiece created by Mrs Joy Newton, was won by Mrs Betty Cooper of Wyoming. It will, I am sure, be treasured by her.

The 2011 Reunion will be held in Southern NSW in Tumut and 2012 will once again be in Orange.

As this will be the final edition of *Frontline* for 2010 I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. May you spend the time with those you love and receive from them their love in return! If you are travelling over the holiday period please take extra care, all of you are very valuable.

Until we meet again may the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand!

*Roger Perry*

## COMING EVENTS 2011

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	Remarks
TUE	15 FEB 11	1030	FALL OF SINGAPORE COMMEMORATION	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
MON	25 APR 11	0930	ANZAC DAY MARCH & REUNION – SYDNEY	March - Form Up Outside NSW Leagues Club Elizabeth St Reunion - MV Jerry Bailey - Sydney Harbour Cruise	
SAT	25 JUN 11	1800	ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL DINNER	TBA	Further details & cost Tele: Regimental Secretary LTCOL Don SHEARMAN H: (03) 9437 2383 W: (03) 9450 7059)
SUN	26 JUN 11	0930	ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE	GARRISON CHURCH MILLERS POINT SYDNEY	
SUN	26 JUN 11	1330	RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE	CANBERRA (TBC)	Australian War Memorial
SUN	03 JUL 11	1330	RESERVE FORCES DAY REVIEW	SYDNEY DOMAIN	
SUN	28 JUL 11	0930	POZIERES DAY COMMEMORATION	WOOLLAHRA	St Columba Church
MON	15 AUG 11	1030	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
WED	01 SEP 11	1030	BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
SAT	T B A	1800	RNSWR WO/SNCO'S REGIMENTAL DINNER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST INCLUDED IN VERY REASONABLE COST	SCHOOL OF INFANTRY SERGEANTS' MESS SINGLETON NSW	Phone Bob PINK 0414 907 427 or Warren BARNES 0409 909 439 for a booking
FRI	11 NOV 11	1030	REMEMBRANCE DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
FRI SAT SUN	21 NOV 2011 22 NOV 2011 23 NOV 2011		<b>1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &amp; REUNION WEEKEND</b>	<b>TUMUT RSL CLUB</b>	DETAILS BEING FINALISED

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## SICK REPORT

*Get Well  
Soon*

Ken CURRAN reports a complete right knee replacement in August and is now on rehabilitation with all going well so far.

Jim FORBES spent a few days in hospital in November with an eye problem and is back on the mend.

At Right: Association Patron Terry IRWIN was struck down with a severe bout of pneumonia on his recent holiday to the Gold Coast and wife Beryl was also hospitalised with a ticker problem and pleased to relate they report that they are now faring much better.



At Left: Alf & Betty MANSFIELD also had their share of hospitals in recent months and are back home and on the improve.

Betty CLENDENNING underwent heart surgery in Canberra last November and was due home as we went to press.

John SAMIN also suffered an eye injury during his epic tour of the north whilst at Rockhampton and is back home at Barraba

*All Our Get Well Wishes Folks.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



TO Jean BIRCH who celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 19 November. Jean has asked that her sincere thanks be passed to all well wishers for their kind messages and congratulations which were very much appreciated.

**WELL DONE JEAN !**



**TO GREAT GRANDPARENTS**

Terry & Beryl IRWIN on the safe arrival of their 5<sup>th</sup> great grandchild. Louisa Rose born on 14 November 2010 and to her proud parents Katrina & Cameron

# CONGRATULATIONS

continued.....



TO Ken CURRAN OAM & wife Norma who celebrated 61 years of wedded bliss on 12 November 2010.

Ken and Norma pictured at left emerging as husband and wife from St John The Baptist Catholic Church HARBORD NSW on Saturday 12 November 1949.



## SEEN AROUND THE TRAPS



SANTA LETTING US KNOW HE'S ALSO BEEN DOING IT TOUGH LATELY!



**HARD YAKKA:** It was a tough morning's work for the boys from the 1/19th Battalion Royal New South Wales Regiment from Bathurst when they took part in last Sunday's annual Edgell Jog. The team consisted of Corporal Rob Iglesias, Private Troy Klinar, Private Brendan Seckold, Private Timothy Reyter, Private John Howe, Private Andrew Smith, Private Benjamin Meek and Private Mitchell Thomas. The Team was organised by WO2 Barry Parsons, the Company Sergeant Major. The team completed the run in full load webbing and completed a stretcher carry over the last 800m, for a time of 54:24.

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RNSWR WO/SGTS DINNER SINGLETON 25 SEP 10



Geoff BRADDON, Margaret JESS & Felicity JESS during a visit by the Flying Raffle Ticket Sales Squad

# CAN YOU ASSIST PLEASE ?

## PATTIE WRIGHT

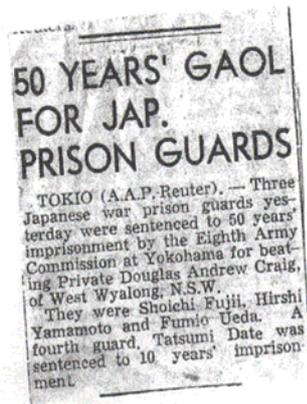
Author of "The Men of The Line" continues her search for any information on NX35512 Private Douglas Andrew Love CRAIG 2/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF or the whereabouts of any of his family or descendants. Douglas was murdered by the Japanese on 07/11/1944 whilst Prisoner of War in Japan. Douglas is commemorated at the Yokohama War Cemetery.

Born at Sealake VIC 20 JUL 1919 Douglas enlisted on 21 JUN 1940 at Wagga Wagga. He was the son of William Andrew Love Douglas Craig and Frances Amy Craig. of West Wyalong, NSW. His father William served in WW1 with 2 Machine Gun Company, returning to Australia on 18 JAN 1919.

Research shows his father William died 15 SEP 1974 and was late of Unit 2 No. 21 Arthur Ave Cronulla NSW. The death notice records he was the loved husband of Jess (sic) and father of Vernon and Douglas (deceased). The Sydney Morning Herald of 29 JUL 1975 records the death of Jessie CRAIG of 2/21 Arthur Ave Cronulla NSW – widow of William, stepmother of Vernon and Douglas (deceased). No further trace of his brother, Vernon has so far been found, nor of his mother Amy Frances Craig.

## PATTIE WRIGHT WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ON DOUGLAS – OR THE CRAIG FAMILY.

Association member and 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion AIF member Arch Flanagan has sent the following newspaper article "from a Tasmanian daily soon after WWII". - probably 7 October 1947.



From a  
Tas. daily  
soon after  
WWII.

When you  
wanted  
information on Douglas Craig  
I could not locate this but have  
since. I did not read it with  
tears in my eyes as one of these,  
Ueda I think (pronounced Weeder),  
swiped me for rising from bed  
slowly Christmas morning 1944.  
He would have given me more  
but he hurried on for other victims.  
Not all is forgotten nor forgiven. A.

It might also engender someone into remembering something about Doug Craig himself or know someone from the family.

Pattie travelled to Japan last year and recalls that the fourth guard, Tatsumi Date still instills fear into one of the old civilian guards that she also met. His eyes flew wide when I mentioned Date's name. If anyone can assist with any further information – no matter how small or insignificant it may seem - please contact Pattie on

Telephone

- Home: (03) 9878 3243
- Mobile: 0400 882 834

21 Hartigan Street  
BLACKBURN VIC 3130

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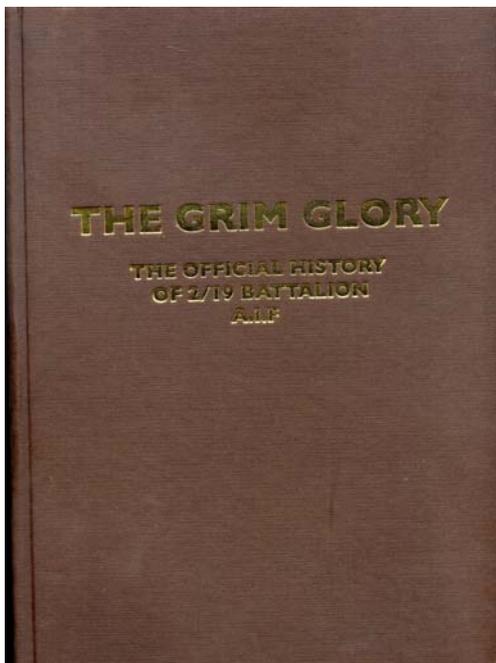
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It is a pleasure to once again acknowledge the generosity of the following members which is gratefully received. Our Thanks folks !



SGT	John	BURNS
WO2	Bob	COLLIGAN
MRS	Rita	DEAN
SST	George	FISHER
MAJ	Ken	FITZGERALD
LTCOL	Terry	IRWIN, MBE OAM ED ARMIT MIR JP
LT	Corinna	KELLY
LTCOL	Peter	McGUINNESS MBE RFD ED
MAJ	Ken	McKAY RFD ED
MAJ	Reg	NEWTON
MAJ	Bryan	SCHAFER
MR	Glen	SCRIVEN
LCPL	Ray	WARDEN
LT	Bob	WE ISE



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If you wish to purchase a copy, and this is almost certainly the last time it will be offered at \$150, get your order into Bob Pink now.

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(Continuously since 1946)  
Carnarvon Golf Club - Nottinghill Road, Lidcombe  
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**Trustees** Albert Wallace, OAM WWII, R.A.A.F. (9746 7223)  
Fred McDonald, N.S.A - A.I.F. (9325 6660)  
Greg Slade, VIETNAM A.I.F. (9481 4332)



### APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following information and return to Albert Wallace at the above address. **Closing date is 15 February 2011. Thank you.**

Although this event is primarily for the WWII golfers, places remaining after their allocation will be given to applicants of other campaigns at a cost of \$80 which will contribute to the game, food etc., and evening presentation dinner. Trophies for each section will be awarded. Coat and tie for Dinner. The day will comprise of a shot-gun start at 12 noon preceded at 10.30am with our traditional barbecue luncheon, registration, issue of sponsors contributions (balls, hat, tees, shirt as available), a group photo, golf and a presentation dinner.

All WWII golfers will be allocated a ride-on-buggy, taxi to and from home, or 1 nights shared room accommodation and train travel fares (and transport organised to and from the course on the day) for those WWII players coming from afar. Please indicate your travel requirements below.

Fruit and water will also be available also at the first tee for all.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & area code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Club \_\_\_\_\_

Current Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ RSL Club \_\_\_\_\_ Service & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size (tick) X XX XXX Other \_\_\_\_ (If shirts are donated)

Preferred playing partners' names.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign: WWII  Korea  Vietnam  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

WWII Golfers Travel arrangements required: (Please tick)

Train Travel  Accommodation  Taxi  Private car

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# FRONTLINE



I/XIX  
Primus agat Primas - Fortiter et Fideliter



Fortiter et Fideliter

## MINUTES OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION (PROUDLY INCORPORATING 2/19 BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION) 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GOSFORD RSL CLUB ON SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010

### OPENING:

The Chairman, Mr Roger PERRY opened the meeting at 1443h and noted the apologies.

### ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:

It was MOVED by Bill DUMBRELL and SECONDED by Bob WEIR that the apologies be accepted.

### CARRIED

### PRESENT: (55)

Colin	AIKEN
Robert	BINNS
Tony	BRAY
John	BURNS
Barry	CHAPMAN
Joe	CLARKE
Harry	COLE
Bob	COLLIGAN
Paul	COUCH
Alan	DRINKWATER
Bill	DUMBRELL
Bill	EDWARDS
George	FISHER
John	FOGARTY
Les	FORDHAM
Allen	GIDDINGS
Eddie	GIFFORD
Graeme	GILL
Peter	HALL
Peter	HUGHES
Dan	JOHNSTON
Corinna	KELLY
Mal	LE COMTE
Eddie	MALCOLM
Peter	McGUINNESS
Ken	McKAY
Peter	MORRISSEY
Rea	NEWTON
Jov	NEWTON
Larry	NOLAN
Tony	OHLBACH
Mick	PASS
Roger	PERRY
Bob	PINK
Roy	RAE
John	RALPH
Barry	REES
David	RING
Graham	ROSS
Bryan	SCHAFFER
Glen	SCRIVEN
Glenn	SUTTON
George	THOMAS
Graham	TIPPETT
Bob	WADE
Rav	WARDEN
Bob	WEIR
Dennis	ZALUNARDO

### BY INVITATION

Trish	AIKEN
Linda	COLLIGAN
Peayv	DRINKWATER
Judy	HUGHES
Ronda	McKAY
Trish	RAE
Jane	VAN LIMBEEK

### APOLOGIES (87)

Rick	EVERY
Terry	BEER
Gary	BELTRAME
Jean	BIRCH
Warwick	BIRCH
Joy	BOURKE
Geoff	BRADD
Bruce	BRIDEAOAKE
Allan	BRIDEAOAKE
Col	BRIEN
Marj	BULLIVANT
Steve	CARR
Fred	CLARK
Ray	CLENDENNING
Brad	COLLIS
John	CONNELL
Joe	COOMBS
Tom	COOPER
Jane	CROWE
Chris	CROWE
Rita	DEAN
Maree	DERRICK
Lindsay	DOBBIE
Chum	DONNELLY
Charles	EDWARDS
John	ELLIOTT
Ken	FITZGERALD
Marj	FLACK
Tom	FLETCHER
Bill	FOGARTY
Jim	FORBES
Philip	GERBER
Kevin	GRIFFIN
Paul	GRUMLEY
Tony	HARVEY
Sandy	HOWARD
Percy	HUNT
Terry	IRWIN
John	JACKSON
Charles	JENSEN
Felicity	JESS
Margaret	JESS
Kevin	JONES
Mick	KILDEY
Maurie	LAYTON
Bob	LIDDEN
Cliff	LOWIEN
Alf	MANSFIELD
Brian	MARTYN
Lizzie	McFARLANE
Neil	MELVILLE
Ray	MULLER
Roy	MUNDINE
Irene	MURRAY
Don	NEWMAN
Bob	O'CALLAGHAN
John	PARTRIDGE
Roger	PEARSON
Don	PECK
Ella	PERCEVAL
Peter	PHILLIPS
Fred	POWER
Mark	QUILL
Brad	READ
Peter	REYNOLDS
John	SAMIN
Jack	SANDERSON
George	SASCHE
Adrian	SCHLIEPER
Roy	SCHMIDTKE
Bodo	SCHWARZ
Helen	SHEEDY
Laurie	SHEEDY
Dave	SMALL
Luke	SPURR
Geoff	STEVENTON
Tony	TONACIA
Jack	VARLEY
Mike	WALDRON
John	WALSH
Mavis	WARD
Charlie	WATSON
Robert	WATSON
Phillip	WILLMOTT
Eric	WILSON
Tuck	WILSON
Gavin	WINTER

## FALLEN COMRADES:

The Chairman asked all present to stand and observe a period of silence in solemn memory of Fallen Comrades, relatives and friends:

049190	PTE	Wallace Arthur	BLOCKLEY	Unknown Revelle	2/19 BATTALION AIF
	LT	Kevin Raymond	BARKER	Unknown	1 RAR, 1/19 & 17RNSWR
047296	PTE	Allan James Jim	DONALDSON	13-Apr-09	8 DIVISION AASC
010629	PTE	Vincent Robert	ROWETT	23-Nov-09	2/19 BATTALION AIF
	WO2	Wayne	RICHS	25-Dec-09	Army Museum Singleton
058293	LCPL	Rodney Thomas	PARKER	17-Jan-10	8 DIVISION AIF AASC & 'X' BN Uncle of John Walsh
	MRS	Helen Roslie	OHLBACH	22-Feb-10	Wife of Tony 1/19 RNSWR
76706	SSGT	John Richard	FOY	24-Feb-10	1/19 RNSWR
	MRS	Frances Jean Goulburn	WEILY	24-Feb-10	Widow of Gregg 2/19 BN AIF
02898	SGT	Allan Hilary	NUGENT	09-Mar-10	2/70 LAD - Brother of NX54952 PTE George NUGENT 2/19 Bn AIF - KIA 22 JAN 1942
068547	PTE	Richard John	ARMSTRONG	26-Mar-10	2/29 BATTALION AIF
	MRS	Doreen	DENGATE	3-Apr-10	Wife of Colin
	WO2	Phillip George	JORGENSEN	17-Apr-10	1/19 RNSWR
035206	MRS	Elizabeth	FLORANCE	21-Apr-10	Widow of Ian 2/19 BN AIF
216775	SSGT	William Doust	MANYWEATHERS	22-Apr-10	1/19 RNSWR
268162	PTE	Peter	DUFF	11-May-10	1/19 RNSWR
068095	PTE	Alfred Ernest	RUMPH	22-May-10	2/19 BATTALION AIF
069743	LTCOL	Robert Ian	GRANT, ED	26-May-10	2/19 BATTALION AIF
035541	PTE	George Robert	MANN	05-Jun-09	2/19 BATTALION AIF
052475	PTE	James Lancelot	CROWLEY	21-Jun-10	2/19 BATTALION AIF
048848	CPL	Ray Martin	BAIN	17-Jul-10	2/19 BATTALION AIF
184355	SSGT	Graham John	O'CONNOR, JP	22-Jul-10	1/19 RNSWR
054110	LT	Gordon Roy	BENNETT	08-Aug-10	2/19 BATTALION AIF
	IS	ivvia	:HLYDER	1-Oct-10	Widow of NX53045 PTE Ron SCHLYDER 2/19 Bn AIF
	IS	Helma Elizabeth	:EDHAM	19-Oct-10	Mother of Sid
	?	Donald ennie	LLLS	6-Nov-10	Husband of Anne, Nephew of Joe Coombs
376	E	an Lindsay	OPE	06-Nov-10	8 DIVISION AIF AASC
	IS	ma Louisa	:LVILLE	8-Nov-10	Mother of Neil
931	E	ohn Wilson ack	DLEY	11-Nov-10	SIG PL HQ Coy 2/19 BATTALION AIF

## MINUTES OF THE 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE ORANGE EX-SERVICES CLUB ON 14 NOVEMBER 2009:

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Saturday 14 November 2009 had been circulated to all members via the Association's Frontline 4/2009 Newsletter of December 2009.

It was MOVED by Peter HALL and SECONDED by Peter McGUINNESS that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2009 be taken as read.

**CARRIED**

## MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

The Honorary Secretary tabled the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence since the last Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2009. A total of 147 Inwards and 2158 items of Outwards Correspondence had been dealt with. These items include the Association Newsletters.

It was MOVED by Peter HUGHES and SECONDED by Bob WEIR that the Correspondence Register be taken as read and the correspondence be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no matters arising.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chairman reported on the Association's activities and functions during the preceding year. Details are contained in the Association's newsletters. It had been a busy year for the Association and the Chairman placed on record his thanks and the Association's appreciation to Gosford RSL Club in providing this weekend's venues at no cost which had resulted in a considerable saving. A very generous gesture and he would convey his personal thanks together with those of the Association to the Club President Mr John TRINKS and his wife Maree who would be joining us for dinner this evening.

The Chairman also thanked the executive members of the Association, Vice President Mick PASS, Treasurer Joy NEWTON and the Honorary Secretary Bob PINK for their input and effort throughout the year and we owe much to the excellent organisation and arrangements undertaken by Mick PASS in respect to this weekend. The cancellation of this morning's launch cruise of the Brisbane Water was extremely disappointing. Its cancellation at such short notice was through no fault of Mick PASS or the Association and we are grateful to Mick PASS in arranging an alternate coach tour through his resources at The Entrance-Long Jetty RSL Club.

The Chairman also thanked the Association members for their support of the Quilt raffle. Support from the Battalion has been particularly strong and the efforts of Lieutenant Kerrie PARSONS, during her tenure as Acting Adjutant 1/19 RNSWR, in liaising with the members of the unit's depots in selling raffle ticket books was much appreciated. The raffle has so far raised \$5,500 towards the production of the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF History which is being written by Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS, MBE, RFD, ED. It is hoped to launch the book in August 2011. The Chairman acknowledged and thanked Lieutenant Colonel McGUINNESS for the mammoth research task undertaken by him both at home in Tasmania and at the Australian War Memorial Canberra and the enormous amount of time he has contributed.

It would be of interest that Association member Wayne MATTHEWS has also written a History of 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF which will soon be in print. Any members interested in purchasing a copy of Mr MATTHEWS' book should contact the Honorary Secretary Bob PINK for details.

The Quilt Raffle will be drawn at this evening's dinner and the Chairman on behalf of all Association members thanked Mrs Joy NEWTON for her talented design and painstaking and skilful manufacture of the Quilt and the countless hours which had gone into its production. Her efforts are highly prized and greatly appreciated.

The raffle at this evening's dinner will include 8 bottles of selected fine wines and ports kindly donated by Major Bryan & Mrs Arleen SCHAFER and the Chairman thanked them for their selfless and much appreciated generosity. In closing the Chairman reported that the Association was in a sound financial position.

It was MOVED by Eddie MALCOLM and SECONDED by Bob WADE that the President's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

# FRONTLINE

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Chairman drew attention to the meeting's Agenda sheet which disclosed the Association's Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 which were formally tabled by the Treasurer Mrs Joy NEWTON:

- Payments and Income & Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
- Form 12 Annual Statement.
- Certificate of Currency of \$5,000,000.00 Public Liability Insurance (expires 4.00 pm local Standard time on 3 August 2011) QBE Policy No. 42A173345 PLB.

### 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards in so far as they are relevant to the members of the Association. In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 3:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of 1/19RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

  
ROGER J PERRY  
President

  
ROBERT J PINK  
Secretary

30 July 2010

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

2009		2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
10,99	Cash at Bank	8,331
1,849	19 Bn History costs carried	6,173
3,928	Stock for sale	2,903
350	Equipment at written down value	92
<b>17,11</b>		<b>17,499</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
1,566	Medal Fund	1,566
297	Welfare Fund	297
0	Revenue in advance	4,212
4,110	Subscriptions in Advance	2,750
<b>5,973</b>		<b>8,825</b>
<b>11,14</b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,674</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
11,88	Accumulated earnings 1 July	7,641
3,505	Life subscriptions	3,505
(4,247)	Add: Surplus/(deficit) for year	(2,47)
<b>11,14</b>	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>8,674</b>

### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

2009		2010
<b>INCOME</b>		
3,850	Subscriptions	6,500
419	Bank Interest	64
(1,467)	Profit/Loss Merchandise	1,885
<b>4,633</b>	<b>Donations received</b>	<b>5,31</b>
<b>7,435</b>		<b>13,766</b>
<b>Less: EXPENDITURE</b>		
42	Bank Charges	42
0	Comfort packages	1,799
300	Donations	145
258	Depreciation	259
983	Insurance	983
4,872	Net Cost of Functions	5,168
2,918	Postage, Printing, Stationery &	4,248
1,638	Magazine costs	2,292
45	Filing fees	47
100	8th Div Assn Subscription	100
345	Welfare	566
0	Website	486
181	Sundry expenses	103
<b>11,682</b>		<b>16,238</b>
<b>(4,247)</b>	<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>(2,472)</b>

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

2009		2010
4,890	Subscriptions	5,140
419	Bank Interest	64
1,142	Sales – Merchandise	2,341
3,520	Sales – The Grim Glory	3,240
4,633	Donations	6,650
0	Welfare	0
0	Medal Fund	0
0	Quilt – Raffle	2,880
9,754	Functions	11,783
<b>24,358</b>		<b>32,098</b>
42	Bank Charges	42
0	Comfort packages	1,799
300	Donations	145
983	Insurance	983
14,837	Functions	16,951
2,918	Postage, Printing, Stationery & Phone	4,248
3,234	Printing -The Grim Glory	2,600
1,848	Production - 19 Bn History	4,326
181	Sundries	103
100	8 Div Assn Subscription	100
345	Welfare	566
0	Website	486
1,638	Magazine	2,292
1,623	Purchases – stock for sale	72
45	Filing fees	47
<b>28,094</b>		<b>34,760</b>
<b>(3,736)</b>	<b>SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(2,662)</b>
14,728	Cash Book Balance at 1 July 2009	10,992
<b>10,992</b>	<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE at 30 JUNE 2010</b>	<b>8,330</b>

## 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC.

### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC.

#### Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc for the year ended 30 June 2010 as set out on pages 2 to 3. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material aspects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association the financial position of 1/19RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



DENNIS ZALUNARDO, OAM  
Honorary Auditor  
31 July 2010  
1 Jacaranda Avenue  
BAUCLKHAM HILLS NSW 2153

The Treasurer reported that the current balance of the Association's Bank account as at 13 November 2010 was \$13,212.00 which included \$5,521.00 for the 19 Battalion AIF History Book Fund.

The Chairman commended and thanked Mrs Joy NEWTON for her valued efforts as Treasurer.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the Financial Statements.

It was **MOVED** by Bill DUMBRELL and **SECONDED** by Dan JOHNSTON that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT:

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The Association financial membership currently totals 345 members

CATEGORY	NUMBER
1/19 RNSWR	115
2/19 Bn AIF Association Honorary Life Members	55
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Associate Members	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>345</b>

4 New members joined the Association since the last AGM.

THE HON	Duncan	<b>GAY</b>	CROOKWELL NSW	2583
MAJ	Martin	<b>PALL</b>	MOSMAN NSW	2088
MR	Barry	<b>REES</b>	MOUNT COLAH NSW	2079
MR	John	<b>WALSH</b>	ASHFIELD NSW	2131

### UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS:

Despite follow up, 24 (1/19) and 26 (former 2/19 Association) members regrettably failed to renew their Year 2010 Subscriptions and have been written off:

CATEGORY	NUMBER
Former 1/19 RNSWR	24
2/19 Bn AIF Association Honorary Life Members	NIL
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Associate Members	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

### DEATHS:

Sadly, 17 members passed away during the year.

### ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:

The Association's newsletter continues to be produced on a quarterly basis in a professional format, and the Honorary Secretary acknowledged the valued assistance of the printer in its production.

The Association maintains contact with other unit Associations and 68 copies of the magazine are currently sent to the following kindred associations and organisations:

Association of First Infantry Battalions  
1st Battalion AMF Association  
Friends of the City of Newcastle Regiment  
2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalions  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion RNSWR and 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Battalion Association  
Association of 4th Battalions  
Association of 17<sup>th</sup> Battalions

# FRONTLINE

CO 1/19 RNSWR  
OPS OFFR 1/19 RNSWR  
ADJT 1/19 RNSWR  
RSM 1/19 RNSWR  
Defence Reserves Association  
8 Division Council Association (3)  
National Library of Australia  
Australian War Memorial  
State Library of NSW  
UNSWR Association  
Reserve Forces Day Council (33)  
14 Field Squadron Association  
RAAOC Association  
3 Coy Transport Association  
45<sup>th</sup> Battalion Association  
RANR Association

1/19 RNSWR Depots at Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo, Parkes & Wagga Wagga (175 copies). Newsletters also accompany application forms to enquirers throughout the year. A total of 600 copies of the magazine continue to be despatched each quarter.

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the generosity and the many donations received from the membership which has enabled the Newsletter to continue to be forwarded gratis to several ill and frail widows of 2/19 Battalion AIF members.

The Honorary Secretary also thanked those many members who had contributed articles and photographs for the newsletter over the year – their input is invaluable to the production of the newsletter and is much appreciated.

## **E-MAILING OF NEWSLETTER:**

Following discussion on the pros and cons of distributing copies of the Association newsletter by e-mail, a practice adopted by many other associations it was RESOLVED that hard copies of the Association's newsletter will continue to be forwarded to the membership via Australia Post. The Honorary Secretary advised that Print Post mailings save the Association approximately \$1500.00 per annum.

## **ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:**

The Association's Web Site Manager LTCOL John FOGARTY advised that recent problems with the Web Site would be resolved shortly and that issues of the Association's newsletters are available for viewing on the Web Site.

**AUDITOR:**

## **YEAR 2011 SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS:**

Fall due and payable on 1 January 2011. A subscription slip will be enclosed with the December 2010 Newsletter to all members.

## **REPRINTS OF 2/19 BATTALION AIF HISTORY "THE GRIM GLORY":**

The Honorary Secretary reported that there are 12 persons who, in recent months have expressed interest in purchasing a copy of the "The Grim Glory".

The Chairman advised that he would contact Print Applied Technology Tasmania regarding the cost of reprinting a further 20 copies and advise the Honorary Secretary. It was of interest that the last print run cost \$150.00 per copy and that some bookshops subsequently retailed it at \$270.00 per copy.

## **VOTE OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT:**

On behalf of all Committee Members the Honorary Secretary thanked President Roger PERRY for his leadership, continued close guidance and dedication to the Association, together with the vast amount of personal time and effort he has and continues to contribute on behalf of the Association and its members.

It was MOVED by Harry COLE and SECONDED by Eddie MALCOLM that the Honorary Secretary's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT:**

Vice President Mick PASS reported on the Association's activities during 2009-2010 and apologised for the cancellation of this morning's Brisbane Water Cruise.

The Chairman on behalf of all present conveyed to Mick his sincere appreciation for the efforts he had contributed throughout the year in his role as Vice President.

It was MOVED by Tony OHLBACH and SECONDED by Barry REES that the Social Committee's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIRMATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY CHAPLAIN:**

The Chairman advised that it was a pleasure to have our Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Reverend Chaplain Canon Colin AIKEN OAM RFD ChStJ and Mrs Patricia AIKEN's presence at this weekend's functions and today's meeting.

He had much pleasure in confirming the continuation of the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel AIKEN as the Association's Chaplain and expressed his personal thanks to Colin & Patricia for their continuing support.

## **CONFIRMATION OF HONORARY AUDITOR:**

The Chairman also confirmed the continuation of Dennis ZALUNARDO OAM as the Association's Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year. This was endorsed by the hearty acclamation of all present. The Chairman thanked Dennis for his ongoing commitment and meticulousness when undertaking the audit of the Association's accounts.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011:**

The Chairman advised that only one nomination had been received for each of the positions of President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Merchandising

Website Manager, and Association Historian, and that there had been 4 nominations for the 3 Committee positions. A ballot was conducted with Dennis ZALUNARDO OAM being appointed as the Returning Officer. Following the ballot, the Chairman declared the following elected to the positions shown. This declaration was endorsed with acclamation by all present.

POSITION	ELECTED	
PRESIDENT	Roger	PERRY
VICE PRESIDENT & PUBLICITY OFFICER	Mick	PASS
TREASURER	Joy	NEWTON
HONORARY SECRETARY/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR / 8 DIVISION LIAISON OFFICER / ASSOCIATION PUBLIC OFFICER	Bob	PINK
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Bryan	SCHAFFER
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Bob	WEIR
COMMITTEE MEMBER & MERCHANDISING MANAGER	Bob	WADE
COMMITTEE MEMBER & WEBSITE MANAGER	John	FOGARTY
COMMITTEE MEMBER & ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN	Geoff	BRADDON
COMMITTEE MEMBER	John	ELLIOTT
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Graeme	GILL
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Kevin	JONES

The Chairman congratulated all on their election and expressed his thanks to the Association's Treasurer, Mrs Joy NEWTON; Assistant Treasurer, Bob WEIR; Assistant Honorary Secretary, Major Bryan SCHAFFER JP; and Website Manager, Lieutenant Colonel John FOGARTY, RFD, AFAIM, for their efforts on behalf of the Association. The Chairman made special mention of the Association's Memorabilia Manager, Bob WADE for his excellent management of the Association's memorabilia ordering, sales and despatch. Bob's efficient response to all merchandise orders have resulted in not one complaint in the 12 years of the Association's existence and is an achievement which is highly valued and one for which we are all very grateful.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

#### VOTE OF THANKS TO LTCOL PETER McGUINNESS:

The Chairman thanked LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS MBE, RFD, ED for the most and interesting and entertaining presentation he delivered on "100 Days to Victory" this afternoon bringing to light previously unknown acts of the Australian Imperial Force's achievements in the First World War. This was endorsed by hearty acclamation.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, also paid tribute to the enormous undertaking by LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS in writing the history of 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF, which is now well underway.

#### CARE/COMFORT PARCELS 1/19 RNSWR MEMBERS RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH MALAYSIA & AFGHANISTAN DEPLOYMENTS:

The Chairman spoke on the reception the Association's Care Parcels had received and that letters and emails of thanks had been published in the newsletters.

The Chairman read out a letter from Association Patron Lieutenant Colonel Terry IRWIN, MBE, OAM, ED encouraging serving members of 1/19 RNSWR to join the Association.

The Honorary Secretary advised that following a request from OC A Company, Major Phil COOPER he had forwarded an Application for Membership of the Association.

#### ADDRESS BY LTCOL PETER MORRISSEY COMMANDING OFFICER 1/19 RNSWR:

Lieutenant Colonel MORRISSEY thanked the Association for the Care Parcels it had sent to 1/19 RNSWR members serving in Butterworth Malaysia and Afghanistan which had made a great impression on them and also the incredible effort that Mrs Linda COLLIGAN had contributed in baking the individual Christmas cakes which had been decorated with the Royal New South Wales Regimental Crest in gold icing.

Lieutenant Colonel MORRISSEY also thanked the Association for its close support of regimental functions and activities during his tenure as Commanding Officer and was sure that the rapport and involvement the Association enjoys with the Battalion will certainly continue under the tenure of the incoming Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Terry BETTS.

The Chairman thanked Lieutenant Colonel MORRISSEY for his kind and pleasing remarks and his keen support of the Association which had been highly valued.

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Ray WARDEN spoke on the contribution made by the Chairman and Association President Roger PERRY and the Association Honorary Secretary Bob PINK and moved a motion that both be accorded Life Membership of the Association. The Chairman thanked Ray WARDEN for his kind remarks but felt that it was not appropriate at this time though he appreciated the thoughts. Association Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Colin AIKEN, OAM, RFD, ChStJ on a point of order, namely that Ray WARDEN had proposed a motion which had been seconded and MOVED that the question be put. The Chairman reluctantly acceded.

It was then MOVED by Ray WARDEN and SECONDED by LTCOL Colin AIKEN that Roger PERRY and Bob PINK be accorded Life Membership of the Association.

**CARRIED**

# FRONTLINE

The Chairman thanked the Meeting for the honour bestowed which he and the Honorary Secretary were very privileged to receive.

## ANZAC DAY :

John BURNS reported that the Mortar Platoon had undertaken to attend ANZAC Day in CARCOAR NSW next year in support of Geoff BRADDON's ANZAC Day activities (which includes marches at 5 venues in the Lyndhurst Shire) and requested that 1/19 RNSWR Association's Banner be paraded on ANZAC Day in CARCOAR.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that the Association's traditional ANZAC Day Observance was at the Sydney March. He further pointed out that with the seeming disarray in the Sydney March organisation it had been impossible, in 2010, for 1/19 members to march in the 2/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF Association contingent and then return to march with 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. That being so, he was prepared to accede to the request for ANZAC Day 2011, but stressed that it was not to be regarded as a precedent for the future. The Chairman also pointed out that 1/19 RNSWR was a provider of significant support on ANZAC Day within the Battalion's area of responsibility

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that 1/19 RNSWR Association Banner accompany the Mortar Platoon members to CARCOAR for ANZAC Day 2011 and that the Association's Standard Bearer David RING be responsible for its safe custody.

## VOTE OF THANKS TO COMMITTEE:

Mr Glen SCRIVEN rose and on behalf of all Association members conveyed the sincere thanks for the work the Committee undertakes on behalf of all members and in particular those of 2/19 Battalion AIF.

## NEXT MEETING:

Following discussion it was resolved that the next Association Annual General Meeting be held at **TUMUT RSL CLUB NSW on Saturday 22 October 2011** and will follow the customary weekend format:

**FRI 21 OCTOBER 2011 Meet & Greet**

**SAT 22 OCTOBER 2011 Coach tour  
Wreathlaying Ceremony  
AGM Dinner**

**SUN 23 OCTOBER 2011 Return home**

The Chairman advised that the Association is still looking for venues in Sydney, however suitable and affordable accommodation remains a problem. He also opined that ORANGE NSW will remain a prominent and favoured venue for 2012 and that we must go back to ORANGE on a regular basis – it is the home of the Battalion.

Peter HALL requested the Committee give consideration to a location on the North Coast of NSW with the township of Ballina NSW presenting a good venue.

Bob COLLIGAN spoke on venues available on the South Coast of NSW - NOWRA which has a host of attractions including HMAS ALBATROSS and the Museum.

## CLOSURE:

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1554h

## YEAR 2011 SUBSCRIPTIONS

FALL DUE ON 1 JANUARY 2011 AND THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SUBSCRIPTION SLIP ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER AND FORWARD IT TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$20.00 AS APPLICABLE (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

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1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION  
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## WINNER OF THE 2010 REGIMENTAL QUILT RAFFLE CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Betty Cooper



Widow of NX10906

Arthur Henry COOPER 2/20 Battalion AIF

Ticket No. 925 drawn at the Association's Annual General Meeting Dinner at Gosford RSL Club on Saturday 13 November 2010



Name *B. Cooper*  
Address *Mye*  
Postcode  
Telephone

Please return stubs with payment to  
President 1/19 RNSWR Association  
GPO Box 890 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Our grateful thanks to member Mrs Joy NEWTON for her impressive handiwork in making the quilt and to our members whose support realised in excess of \$5,000 to assist in the production of the History of the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF being undertaken by Association member Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGuinness, MBE, RFD, ED.

# GOSFORD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND 12-14 NOV 10

Meet & Greet FRI 12 NOV 10



OUR THANKS TO DAN JOHNSTON FOR HIS PHOTOS OF THE WEEKEND

**Reunion Dinner - Gosford RSL SAT 13 NOV 10**

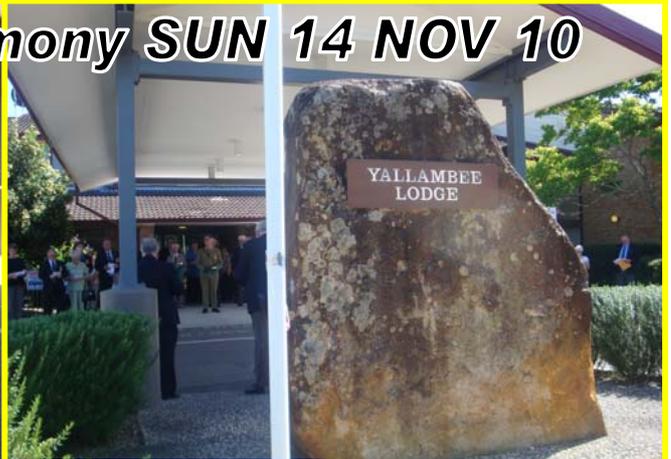


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## Wreathlaying Ceremony SUN 14 NOV 10



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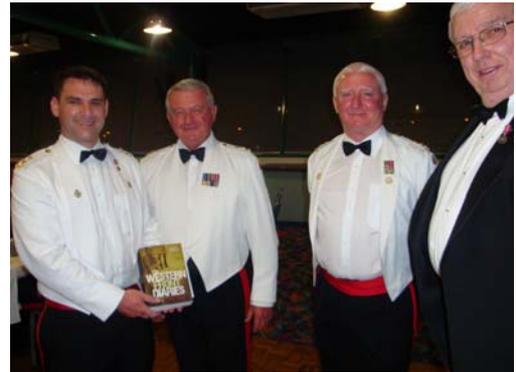
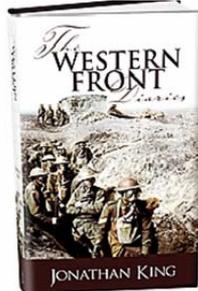
Dining Out the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morrissev Sat 23 OCT 10





Our congratulations to this year's winners of the Annual

## PERYMAN TROPHIES



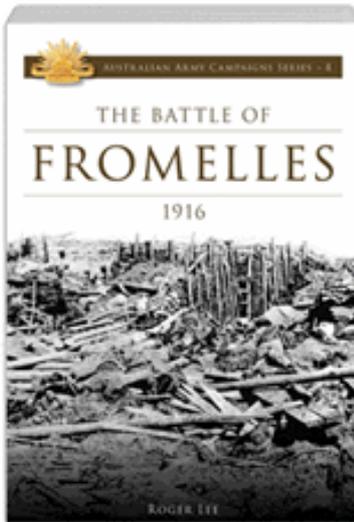
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*The trophy was instituted in April 1992, by the Peryman family, in memory of Captain Mario Lemmers Peryman, for competition within the 1st/19th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, which has been a focal point of the family for many decades. The trophy is presented in an expression of thanks for the joys shared over these years. The benevolence of the bequest provides for three books, dedicated to the military arts and sciences to be awarded annually, and in perpetuity, one each to an Officer, a Senior Non Commissioned Officer and a Junior Non Commissioned Officer/Private soldier who exhibits outstanding qualities in the performance of their military duties and is symbolic of Captain Peryman's Commissioned and Non Commissioned service.*



# BOOK REVIEW



## THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES

Roger Lee  
Big Sky  
Publishing, 2010,  
206pp, \$19.95

Roger Lee's book on the Battle of Fromelles can be broadly divided into four parts: an explanation of the context in which the battle was fought, a description of the tactics of 1916 and the planning processes that led to the battle, a description of the

battle itself, and an epilogue on the discovery in 2008 of the remains of 250 casualties of the battle, and their subsequent recovery and re-burial. The section on the context makes many useful points about the other events of 1916, and their impact on relatively smaller battles like Fromelles, points of a kind often overlooked by less informed commentators. This context includes the heavy casualties around Verdun and in the early stages of the British Somme offensive, and the Russian Brusilov offensive.

These events were of a scale that explains why Fromelles might not have received much attention in broader histories of the First World War. Coverage by the Australian official history, however, seems broadly appropriate. The single day of battle at Fromelles, with its 5533 casualties, is covered in 120 pages in Bean's Volume III, compared to 430 pages for the seven weeks and around 23,000 casualties at Pozières and Mouquet Farm. Fromelles has also been the subject in Australia of several recent popular histories. This section also provides a useful reminder of the possible consequences of a German peace (possibilities often ignored by critics of Australian participation in the First World War). While the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk might not have imposed a Carthaginian peace on Russia, it was at least as onerous as the Treaty of Versailles, sometimes considered a root cause for the Second World War. It is often forgotten that what was then Australian territory (Papua) was bordered by a German colony (New Guinea). A peace imposed by Germany on the British Empire and its dominions could well have had territorial effects on Australia.

The chapter on the planning for Fromelles is probably the least satisfactory part of the book. Lee explains clearly the problems with military technology (particularly limited communications and developing artillery tactics and technology) that were endemic in 1916. These contributed to the failure of many attacks, including Fromelles. He also makes some good points about the strategic reasoning and operational background to the attack, and mounts a vigorous defence of the British high command. As he notes, it is the duty of a general to win wars, and that duty includes preparing and implementing attack plans. Aubers Ridge, on which Fromelles stands, was a strategically important objective. Lee explains that the plan for Fromelles was not hastily cobbled together for the attack, contrary to some mythology. Rather, it was based on preliminary planning that Sir Richard Haking, commanding the British XI Corps that controlled the battle, had already conducted as part of his normal command responsibilities. Lee acknowledges later in the book that there was a major fault with the plan, in that the

dominating German strongpoint called the Sugarloaf was on the boundary between the British 61<sup>st</sup> Division and the Australian 5<sup>th</sup> Division, rather than being made the responsibility of one division. While such a fault might have been understandable (although not acceptable) in a plan that had been hastily put together, it should not have remained in a more developed plan. The failure to capture the Sugarloaf led directly to the heavy losses in the Australian 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, leaving the 14<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brigades isolated in those parts of the German lines they had entered. This acknowledgement of a major planning failure weakens Lee's defence of the high command and the planning process, as does his comment about the many other "poorly prepared and inadequately supported" attacks that took place in early July 1916. Fromelles comes to appear as nearer to an unsatisfactory norm, rather than an exception, as Lee's defence of the high command might wish to suggest.

Ultimately, and perhaps inadvertently, Lee's defence of the high command comes across more as damning with faint praise than as a convincing defence of the command process. A better assessment of Haking's part in Fromelles might be that he did not even reach the standard that Churchill ascribed to Haig:

*He might be, he surely was, unequal to the prodigious scale of events; but no one else was discerned as his equal or better.*

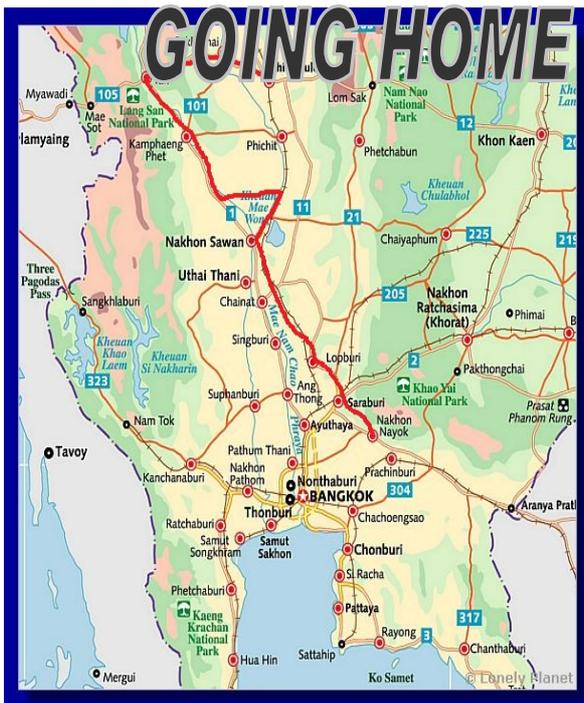
The description of the actual battle is a model of clarity (leaving aside a minor problem with some of the maps, mentioned later). It makes plain the difficulties experienced by the 2/1<sup>st</sup> Bucks and the 59<sup>th</sup> Australian Battalion when attacking the Sugarloaf along converging lines, with inadequate communications further slowed by the extended chain of command. The attempt to coordinate a second attack on the Sugarloaf collapsed under the strain of communications inadequacy.

After the failure to take or neutralise the Sugarloaf, the outcome of Fromelles moved on to its (by then inevitable) tragic conclusion. The German counterattacks are clearly described, as is the fighting withdrawal of those elements of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brigades that had entered parts of the German defences. The epilogue describing the discovery and recovery of the bodies of 250 casualties of Fromelles provides a sombre end to the book. While this process was essential once the bodies had been found, the effort needed to resolve the fate of a small percentage of the very many Australian soldiers still missing in France and Flanders demonstrates the wisdom of a ban on speculative searches. It also shows the thoughtfulness of the original British concept of an "Unknown Soldier", later extended from Britain to other nations, including Australia. Those seeking closure can perhaps find consolation in the thought that the "unknown" might, indeed, be their missing relative.

Unfortunately, there are some problems with the publication standard. While the maps produced specifically for the book are clear, and assist greatly with understanding the description of the battle, many of those copied from the *Kriegsarchiv* are so small when printed as to be almost unreadable. Also, some of the maps describing the course of the battle include reference numbers, not all of which are explained in the accompanying text. There is some difference between the text on French divisional organisation and the figure explaining it, with "regiments" used in the text when "brigades" was probably intended. Overall, however, this is a very useful description of the Battle of Fromelles, set in its wider context.



JOHN DONOVAN worked in the department of Defence for over 32 years, principally in the fields of intelligence, force development and resource management. He also served for several years in the Australian Army Reserve (Infantry).



## THE LONG WAY

**NX35742 SERGEANT  
Ernest William "Frank"  
McGRATH  
2/19 Battalion A.I.F.**



### *A Trail of Woe*

Various groups from other forces and nationalities were being sent on work parties back up the line to do the many repairs needed to maintain the railway structures. Based in Thamuang, Frank spent the next few months with different work parties in the area.

*The following excerpt is taken from a book I wrote about my father, Frank McGrath's life. The information may not necessarily align to historical facts but it is a true account from notes taken while he told me his stories. During his later years, we often cried together when he told these stories. Further detail was taken from a taped interview between Frank and a postgraduate student writing a thesis on POWs, as well as his War Crimes affidavit (Singapore, 1945) accessed from the National Archives. I was also very grateful to have 'The Grim Glory', which was a valuable resource for places and dates. The story 'Going Home the Long Way' is written the way Frank told it. (Mrs Joy Bourke)*

Frank was one of six brothers that served in WWII, three of which were in the 2/19 Battalion. All six survived and returned home. Frank was a NCO with Reg Newton's U Battalion (D Force) when it left Changi for the Burma Railway in 1943. His time on the Railway is yet another story. This story, about how he got home is taken from the later chapters of my book, "Walk Tall My Darling". Frank had been near death from amoebic dysentery and had not sufficiently recovered when the men of U force were sent to Japan. As a result, he was separated from his mates that he had been with since he joined in Wagga Wagga in 1940 and remained in Thailand. In late April 1945 Frank was in a group of POWs sent to Nakhon Nayok. It was here that he was reunited with his brother Tom also of the 2/19 Battalion.

Late in 1944 the Japanese Imperial Army (JIA) had many problems confronting them. Firstly, they had faced the fact that they were losing the war. Secondly they faced the prospect that POW officers were a possible danger and could mount an organised resistance against them. In early January 1945, all of the POW officers were isolated in a single camp at Kanburi. The Japanese began to move small work parties to a new camp site in the foothills of Central Thailand, about 41km northeast of Nakhon Nayok. The Japanese expected an allied invasion would occur there, so they began preparation for their 'last stand'. The third problem facing the Japanese was that they were alarmed at the position they had placed themselves in regarding the welfare of POWs in their charge. Knowing they had not adhered to international standards regarding POWs, the Japanese were well aware that they would be held responsible for the misuse of their prisoners, and were now concerned for their own well-being. They needed to devise a plan to save their own skins.

The remaining POWs were placed in groups of approximately 1,000. The plan was to march them to death. Their remains would be strewn and scattered in the lonely uninhabited areas in the jungles of Asia. This was the way the Japanese would cover the truth.

June 3: 1945

Every journey begins with the first step:-

Carrying their sick on stretchers, led by Sergeant Major Forster (British Permanent Army), 1,000

men comprising 800 British and 200 Australian POWs were forced to march from Nakhon Nayok. They were a mixed bag of suffering humanity. One third of the men were suffering from chronic cases of malaria and over one hundred were suffering with dysentery. Medical supplies were non-existent and all they possessed were a few meagre rations, and their equipment. Frank and Tom were two of eight 2/19<sup>th</sup> men in the Australian group.

By late evening they had covered approximately 6 miles (10 kilometres). The Australians were paranoid from their experiences with cholera, and with their limited supplies, their first priority was to get a fire started to boil water. The monsoon season was in full strength and the skies opened up, sending water cascading down on them. They spent the first night out in the open, with no shelter and became soaked to the skin.

The days that followed were much the same, marching on and on, covering between fifteen to twenty kilometres each day, always north further and further, home always behind them. The night brought no respite; the rain poured down on them with the only shelter under the branches of a tree or jungle thicket which the rain came through anyway.

Having no idea of their destination (or if there was one), to their reckoning it seemed that they were heading towards Burma. The sick men were in a bad state because there were no medical supplies or any nourishing food. They were continually wet all through the night and their frail bodies were unable to cope. The first deaths occurred very early, not giving them too much hope for their future.

It became difficult to keep track of the days. Their next stop was a village called Lop Buri which they learned had been the ancient capitol of Thailand. The men set up the night's camp alongside great stone walls amid the ruins of an old city. In other circumstances they would have been interested in the history of the country however; all their concentration was needed to survive. Each day bought its own anxious moments.

Staying in the old ruins for a few days gave them the opportunity to trade with the natives and spend more time attending to their sick mates. The shade from the great stone walls gave them some protection from the heat but there was still no overhead covering. The rain pelting down on them didn't help them get a decent night's sleep either. After leaving Lop Buri the intense heat beat down on them. Having very few utensils meant the need to ration their drinking water was

essential for survival. Lessons learnt from the Railway taught them that they needed to find water and be sure to boil enough for the following day. They would be in dire straits if they couldn't find water before nightfall.

They marched continuously for a week and there was nothing to look forward to at the day's end, only more of the same. The rations provided by the Japanese were inadequate for their needs; most days there was no food at all. The situation was always much worse if they did not encounter any Thai natives. Frank and the other POWs were always grateful for their efforts to smuggle food to them. Often the day's march had begun with empty stomachs and ended the same way, their situation was desperate.

Days were running into each other. The continuous heat during the day and rain during the night was pushing their capacity to cope to the limit. In the desperateness of the never ending gnawing hunger pains, they collected grass which grew in puddles alongside the road. When they made camp at night, they boiled the grass including the roots and ate the mush. The only advantage was that it temporarily took away the empty feeling in their stomachs.

They came to a small village called Bah Mi. For a change there was an ample supply of food and water for the Japanese to replenish their stocks, so they stayed in the village for two days. This gave the POWs a chance to take care of their sick.

The worrying factors now were the number of sick and stretcher cases that were increasing daily. With no medication at all there was little hope for the sick, and so the number deaths increased too.

They buried their mates as best they could, the thin emaciated bodies put to rest in unmarked graves. Although they had walked with death as their shadow for so many years, they were still angry at the loss of each mate. The futility of it all; they would be ever resentful for the loss of so many of their mates. Most would have survived had they had proper rations and medical treatment.

Plodding along in the column Frank cursed everything in 'this damn country', 'was there no end to the incessant rain?' He wondered what it would be like to feel dry for a change. If it wasn't the rain pouring down on him it was the sweat from the humidity that soaked him through. Or it would be the hot sun beating down on him, burning his lips, now swollen and cracked, covered in sores.

**To be continued.....**

## THE TOCCHINI TALES

Reminiscences of a Haliifax Bomber Pilot.

**FLIGHT LIEUTENANT Sydney Alberto TOCCHINI, D.F.C.**

Royal Australian Air Force who served with his Australian crew in 51 SQUADRON RAF

**Contributed by his nephew – Association member Troy THOMAS**



*Continued from the September 2010 newsletter:*

He was selected for pilot training and came with the rest of us to Narromine for our Elementary Flying Training on Tiger Moths. He was never quite an ordinary bloke, there always seemed to be something different about Smash. A bit of a loner though always pleasant and I'm sure would never deliberately do anything to hurt or take advantage of his mates - his mates did not include superior officers!

When we got leave most of the fellows went to Sydney if they did not live locally. Smash achieved his first bit of notoriety when he returned from Sydney sporting large black eyes and -a stammer in his speech which stayed with him. The stammer and his unusual walk which someone described as being like a cut kangaroo's image made him stand out a little. I am not sure how a cut kangaroo walks but the bushies seemed confident in the description.

He went solo at Narromine but was caught low flying shortly afterwards and for that was scrubbed, which means he was sent back to Bradfield for reclassification. Somehow or other he managed to talk his way out of that situation, which was quite a feat, and was put back on course as a pilot. The story goes that he confided in his instructor how he talked his way out of his trouble and the instructor ratted on him. Whatever the reason he was in Melbourne at the camp where we were passing through on our way to Canada. Of course old friendships were renewed and apparently this was too much for Smash so he decided to come with us. When we marched out he simply packed his gear and marched out with us.

There was no roll call or check when we went aboard the "Taroona" and no check as we marched off so things went well for him until we were about to board "Ile de France" to take us to Canada. Whether they had started to miss Smash in Melbourne or whether it was a normal part of the security arrangements is not clear, but they did check us aboard "Ile de France", which was a problem for Smash because he had no boarding pass.

Not deterred, when Smash reached the top of the steep gangplank which was manned by two military police, he sort of stumbled under the load of his kit bag and gear, and half-produced some kind of document supposed to be a boarding pass and in the resultant confusion caused by the troops pushing up the gangplank behind him said to the MP's "Don't you wish you were coming with us?", all of which distracted their attention long enough for Smash to disappear into the crowd already aboard. But perhaps the military police were not completely deceived, because we had not been long at sea before it became known that those in charge of the draft thought they had an extra body aboard.

Smash was equal to this situation, he got himself a job in the orderly room so that when from time to time they made checks in the dining hall or dormitories to find the stowaway, it was Smash leading the search - it was no wonder they couldn't find him, and of course none of the troops gave the game away. He was able to avoid the authorities until we reached San Francisco, but as he was not on the draft, and he had no pay book, he had no alternative but to give himself up.

What to do with him? He had not been re-categorised at this stage and was- in line for several assorted charges, so they decided to send him back to Australia to be dealt with. It seemed the best way of doing this was to send him to New York to wait for a ship going to Australia, and he had to be in custody, so a very fortunate Sergeant Drill Instructor was sent with Smash to New York. For the next two weeks Smash spent more time looking after the sergeant and keeping him in trouble than the sergeant spent looking after Smash. They had a ball.

When a ship turned up heading in the right direction Smash and the sergeant were placed aboard and in due course arrived back in Australia. Smash was paraded before the Area Commander and faced with the problem of explaining his unusual behaviour and wriggling out of the odd charges incurred by his absenting himself in the first place. His plea was a simple appeal to the heart of the Area Commander, "Sir, I saw my mates going overseas to fight for their country and I wanted to be with them". It worked. Not only did they not proceed with the sundry charges, they put him back on course as a pilot.

This time Smash got through EFTS but was scrubbed at SFTS, Wait, there is more! After being scrubbed as a pilot he was sent back to Bradfield Park where he re-mustered as a straight Air Gunner (as distinct from a Wireless Air Gunner), I'm not sure where he did his air gunnery course, I think it was at Evans Head. I next met Smash at OTU at Litchfield where we were crewing up. He suggested we crew up, but by then we had put our crew together. I can't remember with whom Smash did crew up, but we all went together to Church Broughton - a satellite of Litchfield, to do our operational training, and there I found that Smash and I, with many others, were billeted in the same Nissen hut.

Nissen huts look like a very long jam tin that has - been cut in halves down the diameter of the circle, something like an elongated igloo. They are good in cold weather because they have a small room at the entrance which acts as an airlock to prevent the cold air going straight into the living area. They also have a door at the other end. As the days-and weeks went by Smash related what happened to him after he was remustered. He was posted overseas, and this time the ship went via South Africa, where there was no shortage of tobacco, and Smash knew that there certainly was a shortage in Britain, so he bought large quantities of tobacco when the troopship stopped in Durban.

Apparently he had at one time worked in one of the large jewellerv stores in Sydney, and with that experience he thought it would be a good investment to take as much as he could afford to England where such items were virtually unprocurable. He arranged to purchase these things from a Durban jewellery store, and when the items had been selected Smash explained to the salesman that he was in the trade and now serving his country and that being the case he should be able to purchase these things at cost price. Amazingly the salesman agreed and Smash arrived, in England, and at Church Broughton, with a swag of tobacco and jewellery. As I have

mentioned, our Nissen hut had a door at each end but an airlock at only one end. For convenience, I thought, the outside door at the airlock end was kept locked. But one day, for a reason I don't recall, from inside the hut I opened the inner door of the airlock and found myself standing in Smash's private wardrobe. He had taken over the airlock space. There were three or four uniforms nicely arranged on hangers, uniforms of Baratheia not the common stuff that sergeants' uniforms were made of and wall shelves stacked with cigarettes, tobacco and other goods he had bought in South Africa

Smash was not a nasty guy, he used the tobacco and cigarettes to trade with the locals and we were never short of eggs and the like. Church Broughton was an OTU for Bomber Command, and that meant a lot of night flying, which apparently played up with Smash's eyes, so, how he did it I've no idea, but he got himself transferred to Mitchell aircraft which mainly did daylight work with the Tactical Airforce.

I lost touch with Smash, but on leave in London, at the Australian hostel in Knightsbridge, I ran into him one evening. I was going out somewhere and was having difficulty in getting where I wanted to go. When Smash became aware of my problem he immediately offered to drive me there. I thought it had to be a joke, how could he drive me there? I should have known better. He took me out and showed me an Opel car he said was his, not only that, he said he had another and better one back at the squadron and that both cars ran quite well on Air Force petrol. I have no doubt at all that he was telling the truth.

I saw Smash again on that leave. On one occasion he invited me up to his room to show me some more of his business enterprises or I should say surprises because there, under his bed, was a box in which were two or three Dalmatian pups which he said were pedigreed - he was breeding them. Would I like one? "No thanks, Smash, looking after me is enough trouble". That was the last time I saw Smash. I know he survived the war because when I got back one of our mutual friends said he had run into him out Bondi way selling war bonds.

## Coincidence # 1

Jack Paradise was a pilot on 51 Squadron, well known to people like Harry Rees, Frank Toohey, John Tidex, my crew and me because we were Australians on an English squadron, and as such had our own little community, not separate but distinct (not to be confused with distinguished).

*To be continued.....*

## NOR ALL THY TEARS

**NX45804 Driver Herbert James McNAMARA, Carrier PI, HQ Coy, 2/20 Battalion A.I.F.**

*Continued from September 2010:*

Some would pass the critical forty-eight hours and when on the road to recovery would die of heart failure as an after effect. Then a day would show a big drop in new cases, and the hopes we built up would be dashed when a man so familiar that we could hardly imagine the camp without him, would be borne suddenly away, the knowledge that he was dying stamped on his face in a most heart-breaking manner.

As we had been told, it left as rapidly as it came. There were more recoveries, and the number of fresh cases dropped to almost zero. We watched it remain there for some days and then we breathed again. A rumour came out that we were to move to Kanya, a camp of foul repute. It was not a cheerful prospect. Food was already getting short because of the transport difficulties of the rainy season, and it didn't look like a good time to be going farther up the river, but all these discomforts were offset by the realisation that Kanya, being farther up river, would most likely have suffered its losses by cholera and be free again.

Some details came out. We were to be on loan to the engineers in charge of the job at Kanya, but would still have our guards. We would lose the Tiger for the time being, but would be in charge of a Nip officer. He would ensure that we got plenty of food, but would have no authority over the engineers when we were working under them. The final notice came and we were told that we would have to walk the long distance to the new camp; then that a barge would take us from the nearest point of the river; then that we would have to walk to Tonchian Central and pick up a barge there. Then we were told that we were scheduled to walk all the way, but that if we reached Tonchian Central by one o'clock, we would catch a barge.

Then an order came in great haste saying that a barge would be waiting for us at the closest point of the river, and we were to gather our belongings and start at once. We gathered up our belongings at once - and walked to Tonchian Central. It was a wicked trip, the mud now almost knee-deep in places. Trucks would not have made the journey if we had been given them, so we had to carry our tents and everything we had. Two men took seriously ill on the way and we had to carry them on improvised stretchers. We reached Tonchian Central by dinner time, were given a not very

promising meal, and embarked on the barge straight after.

### CHAPTER XIII ACROSS THE STYX

Even for a prisoner there is a beauty in Thailand at odd moments, and seen from the broad river, cutting through high gorges, there was much to make the journey memorable. These few patches of beauty in our lives stand sharply out against the background on which they rest in memory, and come back to us with as great a power as the things that were grim and horrible.

I remember the sunsets at Tatsoa, where the sun dropped below the high mountains above the sharp turn in the river. The huge pyramid was lit with a faint purple by the falling rays, and lightly diffused, it seemed to have a transparency and softness foreign to the hills around it. As the sun fell from sight, this huge segment of purple cut into the skyline and stood against the sky of hard shining gold, and its softness made it seem as if the sun shone through its huge mass into the valley below.

Then there was Tarsoa in a darker light, when the pale mist of rain was spreading from over the horizon. The seemingly flat triangles of mountains lapped over each other in a succession right back to the skyline. The rain gave to these a sombre grey, but the successive depths of mistiness darkened the surfaces until the furthest were blackened almost too deeply to be marked off from the heavy laden sky. In contrast, the smooth, even blackness above the horizon showed lighter with its height, until the rolling shape of the clouds merged out of it. These too lightened in colour, and shaped themselves in a dingy woolliness, spilling a light spray of fine droplets.

A deep and sober beauty, dull, but deeply impressive in a strange way that touched below the surface. Then there were the butterflies. It is a very land of butterflies. They are dotted through the eternal greenness in colours brighter than a carnival. On the road from Kamburi to Tarsoa, the white ones started up before us all the way, like a fall of snow. The coloured ones must have been the most beautiful of all living creatures. The velvety down of their wings gave a deep and



powerful beauty to colours commonly drab, and their wide, thick wings made each stand out as a creature unique. Many were flecked with a gaudy brightness, but most beautiful of all were those whose delicately blended wings were backed by a pair of finer wings of coloured transparent gauze. These beautiful ones were as common as the plainest insects. Here in this broad flowing river we saw a section cut into the heart of this beautiful and terrible country. The tall bamboos with their smooth green trunks leaned over the river at such a great height that their foliage took on a delicacy of fern.

Where these gave way to the commoner jungle, the struggling growth showed a fresh bitterness, with its extremities cut by the green water, and here and there we saw patches of deadness, uncommon in the jungle, but seeming to fit well into the crude landscape. As we moved up the river, the banks were at a great height, and very few plants had their roots gripped in the rocky surface. The path of the river seemed to have been hewed into the rock by some great artifice, and masses of rock hung in the lightest balance.

Then came the limestone country with its crushed fawn surfaces. Great caverns were hollowed into the mountains, their mouths barred by limestone pillars, dripping from above and encrusting the bottom. The imposing colour of great age struck deeply, even in the distance but it was a fanciful, different beauty that came with a fall of rain. The water followed the grooves in the rocky surface at great speed, bridging the gap in small, glistening waterfalls, but in places where it followed the stalactites to drip from their surfaces onto the floor of the caves, it gave a strange enchantment to the whole scene. The rough surface of the rock broke it into a fine spray, light as mist, and following the same pattern all the while. Height made it seem to be frozen still, as in a cloud, and the regathering of the droplets below was like a waterfall starting from the air.

There was an English officer with me in the rear of the barge. He told that he travelled from camp to camp inspecting the hygiene and making recommendations — usually ignored. He told me that there was much difficulty in making the river in the drier season as the level of the water near the rapids gave very little clearance. The bottom of the barge bumped on rocks below, as if to confirm his words. He said that men travelling on barges often had to get off and lend a hand to push.

We passed several stretches of rapids, each negotiated with great skill by the Thais in the barge. We learnt that the Pommy officer had been with us at River Valley, though I had not known

him. He asked after some of the officers we had then and we told him what we knew of them. The river twisted into an "S" bend and he told us that we were nearing our destination. *This is called the Camp of Death*, he said. I glanced an inquiry. *The deathrate here is higher than at any place I have been. What do they die of? Overwork, starvation — call it what you will!*

He continued: *There is a cemetery just round the corner. You'll see for yourself that it's big enough, but there are several others. They just will not consider sickness here. Unless a man cannot get to his feet at all, they make him work. They even send men to work on stretchers. Those who ever do get off are likely to be fed on rice-water and nothing else. It's not so bad at the river camp here, but at the work camps conditions are terrible.*

We came to a cemetery. A huge number of black bamboo crosses were lined up in front of the green. *Men are beaten for nothing at all here*, he told me. We pulled into the muddy bank and disembarked. They hustled us into some broken attap huts and we picked out bed-spaces. While we were waiting for a meal we mingled with the very lean men who were lying about the huts. They were mostly Malayan Volunteers - the ex-Tuan Besars, Europeans who lived in Malay and formed a force when war broke out. They told us that this was a hospital camp for those lucky enough to be sent back from work camps. Conditions were not too good here, but in the work camps they were frightful. Occasionally a few men were sent down to the hospital camp, but otherwise sickness wasn't recognised.

Some had been right through. Conditions had not been so bad at first, but since the Japanese had been unable to take their ships into the Indian Ocean, the purge had been turned on. This was especially bad now, because this part of the line was behind schedule and was holding up the railway. The worst place was the big cutting at K.IH where a cutting ninety feet deep was being made through a mountain. This was holding up the line more than anything, and they were sending it through regardless of lives or anything else.

There was a story about Kill. Everyone has heard how engineers have built tunnels through mountains starting from opposite sides and finishing up so that the two holes meet so neatly that it is only a matter of sandpapering the walls and the join is invisible. Well it appears that the Thailand engineers had tried the same thing on the surface of the earth.

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 PASSCHENDAELE  
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