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VALE GOOD FRIENDS

NX60195 PRIVATE Alfred Ernest RUMPF, A Company 2/19 Battalion AIF



Late of Wellington Point QLD Alf sadly passed away on Saturday 22 May 2010. Born at Bombala NSW on 26 May 1916 Alf worked on the family property prior to enlisting in 2/19 Battalion AIF at Goulburn on 11 July 1940. He fought in the Malayan and Singapore campaign and following the capitulation of Singapore served as a Prisoner of War in Changi, The Burma-Thailand Railway and in Japan.

Alf was a Battalion "original" and a character who was known throughout the 2/19 Battalion AIF. He was a keen sportsman representing the 2/19 Battalion AIF in the boxing competition on board the "Queen Mary" and in football in Malaya. During his Prisoner of War service he was known as Weary Dunlop's anaesthetist ! Following his repatriation to Australia at war's end he was discharged on 4 January 1946 and opened a Newsagency in Sydney and later took up farming at Major's Creek NSW. He later worked at the John Curtin School for Medical Research and afterwards took up a position with the CSIRO in Sydney. Following his move to QLD he took up managing a hotel before retiring.

Alf's first wife Ethel predeceased him and he is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth, sons James, Steven, David & Robert, daughter Helen and grandchildren Jackie & Lisa, Amanda & Paul, Maddy & Vincent and his sisters Margaret & Emily. Alf was farewelled at the Great Southern Garden of Remembrance CARBROOK QLD on Friday 28 May 2010.

NX69743 PRIVATE (LATER LIEUTENANT COLONEL) Robert Ian GRANT, E.D. A Company 2/19 Battalion AIF



Late of Lulworth House Elizabeth Bay NSW and formerly of Waverton NSW, Bob sadly passed away on 26 May 2010. Born at Sydney on 18 October 1920 he enlisted in 2/19 Battalion AIF on 11 March 1941. He fought in the Malayan and Singapore campaign and following the capitulation of Singapore, passed into captivity as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese and served on the Burma-Thai Railway. Repatriated at war's end he was discharged on 21 January 1946. Bob joined the Citizens Military Forces post war and served with the 30th Battalion The NSW Scottish Regiment. He was commissioned and served as the Training Major of 30th Battalion.

When the NSW Scottish Regiment was removed from the Order of Battle on 30 June 1960, he founded and became the first Officer Commanding A Company (NSW Scottish) 2nd Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment at Carlow Street Drill Hall Crows Nest in the Pentropic Phase and was followed by the Late, Major David Playfair ED as the OC. Bob was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and commanded the

Sydney University Regiment 1961-1964 and was Honorary Aide de Camp to the Governor-General His Excellency The Right Honourable The Viscount De L'Isle VC KG GCMG GCVO KStJ PC

In civil life Bob enjoyed a very successful career in the legal profession. Association member LT Tom Nolan advised that Bob Grant shared an office in his firm of Wong & Mayes in Kent St until about 18 months ago. He was good friends with one of the partners, Martin Thompson. He is survived by his beloved wife Maureen, daughters Robyn, Pip and Helen, sons Charles and Ian, and grandchildren Ben, Monty, Tori, Robert Joseph (RJ), Alex, Jessica, James and Amelia. Jim Stewart, Sandy & Marge Howard and Bob Pink represented the Association at Bob's farewell at a Mass of Christian Celebration held at St Mary's Church, North Sydney on Wednesday 2 June 2010.

Mrs Frances Jean Goulburn. WEILY

Late of Orange NSW, Fran passed away peacefully at Apex House, Orange on 24 February 2010 aged 85 years. Dearly loved wife of Gregg (deceased). Proud mother of Marilyn and Deborah and loving grandmother of Catherine, Alexandra, Duncan, Mitchell and Georgina. Fran was the widow of NX58094 Lieutenant John Gregg Weily (OC 9 PI A Coy and 2IC B Coy) 2/19 Battalion AIF and later Lieutenant Colonel - Commanding Officer of 6th Mounted Rifles. Fran was farewelled at Canobolas Gardens Crematorium, Orange, on Monday 1 March 2010.

2/775748, 267647, 2216775 STAFF SERGEANT William Doust ("Bill") MANYWEATHERS
1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment, 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers,
41st Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment



Bill was born on 10 September 1940 and sadly passed away on 22 April 2010 at Liverpool Hospital. Prior to and following his service with 1st/19th Battalion, Bill commenced his service as a National Serviceman from 8 January 1959 to 26 March 1959 and continued his service with the 41st Australian Infantry Battalion, 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers, 41st Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment and 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment. Lieutenant Colonel John Howells of 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers knew Bill and advised that he was a great contributor to the Lancers and his community. He served in the Army and the State Emergency Services for many years. After he retired from the Army he continued to work as a volunteer with the NSW Lancers Museum even after taking up the grey nomad lifestyle. Whenever he and his wife Desma were near Sydney, you would find Bill working at Lancer Barracks on a Sunday.

Bill's passing was also keenly felt by his many friends in 1st/19th Battalion. His character and service was succinctly summed up by SGT Noel Selway who remembers Bill with much fondness:

What a lovely bloke Bill was. The way of the world is like that though and all I can say is that I hope he had a happy life God Bless him. My last acquaintance with him was at Gan Gan camp and he was always around roustabouting - he always seemed to know when I was under real pressure which was just about always and he always managed to find time to give me a hand. I never did ever have anyone who really knew enough about the work of catering to give a proper hand and I was always short handed even for the simplest things as you may recall. A more congenial well tempered fellow as can be imagined. All I can wish for him is that his end was a gentle one and that he was surrounded by those who he cared about most.

Bill was privately cremated on Thursday 29 April 2010. A Memorial Service for Bill was held at The Uniting Church, South Grafton NSW on 7 June, 2010 at which Kev Jones represented the Association and delivered a eulogy on Bill's service. Lieutenant Colonel Bill Crooks of 41 RNSWR spoke on Bill's service with the Australian Army Cadets. Bill is survived by his wife Desma and his son and daughters.

Mrs Doreen DENGATE

Devoted wife of Association member Colin Dengate, Doreen May Pardon was born on 26th February, 1926 in Camden and passed away 3 April 2010. She was the oldest child of Emily and Bert Pardon and a sister to Beryl, Robert, and Audrey. Raised at Elderslie on the family orchard, she went to school in both Narellan and Camden and although she missed a lot of schooling through sickness of asthma she was very talented She was an A Grade tennis player in her younger years.



She worked for numerous years for the Hennings family and had many a tale to tell about her years as manager in "The Patrician" gift shop and their jewellery store in Camden. Doreen met Colin Dengate after WWII and they married in 1950. Colin and Doreen raised five daughters; Lynne, Dianne, Elizabeth, Lesley and Sandra while living and dairy farming at Cawdor. She was grandmother to Gregory, Colin and Kerry, Ben, Matthew and Anna, Grant, Briony, Francine, Carolyn, Nicole and Tom, Carina, and Ashlee, Sam and Paul. She was a great grandmother to their children.

Doreen loved to garden. Most people who knew her were aware of her encyclopaedic knowledge of botanical names and her beautiful garden. She will also be remembered for her artistic talent which included floral art, china painting and water colour painting. Doreen was involved with several local groups including the Camden Garden Club, Probus, Tidy Towns and her painting class. She will be sadly missed. Tom Cooper and Graeme Gill represented the Association at Doreen's farewell

Mrs Elizabeth Lamont FLORANCE

Advice of Elizabeth's passing at 86 years was advised in the Sydney Morning Herald. Late of Springwood NSW Elizabeth passed away peacefully at home on 21 April 2010 and was the widow of NX35206 Sergeant Ian Hugh Florance, C Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF (and later Dr) who predeceased her on 27 December 2006. Elizabeth was farewelled at a Memorial Service held at Christ Church Anglican Church, Springwood on 29 April, 2010

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NX68547 PRIVATE Richard John ARMSTRONG, 2/29 BATTALION AIF



Late of Salamander Bay NSW and formerly of Cooranbong and Bonnells Bay, Dick was born at Ryde NSW on 22 October 1918 and sadly passed away on 26 March 2010. He enlisted in 2/29 Battalion AIF at Paddington on 3 March 1941. He fought in the Malayan and Singapore Campaign and was taken Prisoner of War following the capitulation of Singapore.

Following repatriation to Australia at war's end he was discharged on 4 July 1946. Dick had a long and close association with his comrades of 2/19 Battalion AIF. He is survived by his dearly loved wife Phyllis, their children Alan, Faye and Carolyn and his dearest grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dick was privately cremated as per his wishes and a Celebration of his Life was held at the Morisset Country Club on Tuesday 30th March 2010.

NX47296 PRIVATE Allan James "Jim" DONALDSON 8th Australian Division Supply Column AASC

Late of Forster NSW, recent advice from Allan's daughter Jan on behalf of her mother Hazel notified of his passing at Forster Private Hospital last year on 13 April 2009. Allan was born at Urunga NSW on 26 April 1920 and enlisted at Newcastle on 28 August 1940. Following the capitulation of Singapore he served as a POW in Changi, on the Burma-Thailand Railway and was one of 69 P'sOW who served in French Indo China – now Vietnam. He returned to Australia at war's end and was discharged on 13 March 1946. Allan is survived by his wife Hazel and family.



Mrs Helen Roslie OHLBACH

Much loved wife of Association member Tony, Helen was born on 22 April 1947 and sadly passed away on 22 February 2010. Helen is survived by Tony, daughter Stacey and son-in-law Andrew and grandson Blake; daughter Kim, daughter Sarah and granddaughter, Shayla, her Mother Ruth and sister Fay, nieces Gay, Kerrie and Lyn and Tony's cousins Les & Judy.

The Association was represented by Mick Pass, Dave Ring, Bob Pink and Bill Smith at Helen's farewell at Palmdale Memorial Park, Palmdale NSW on Monday 1 March 2010.

276706 STAFF SERGEANT John Richard FOY 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment



Late of Caringbah NSW John was born on 27 March 1939 and sadly passed away on 24 February 2010 at Calvary Hospital, Kogarah. A former CQMS A Company 19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment and 1st /19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment, John initially enlisted and served in the 1950's National Service Scheme with 13 National Service Training Battalion from 13 August 1958 to 28 October 1958 and the Citizen Military Forces from 29 October 1958 to 1 February 1974 with 45th Australian Infantry Battalion, 3rd Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment, 4th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment, 5 Field Squadron RAE, 19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment and 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment. John was a very loyal, determined and a very professional Senior Non Commissioned Officer and one highly skilled due to his wealth of military experience gained over his many years of service. These outstanding traits he carried throughout his service and he was a byword in the Battalion for his enthusiasm and professionalism.

Much loved son of Mary and James (deceased) and brother to five siblings. Adored Dad of Lawrence, Michael, Anthony (deceased) and Margaret. Grand Pa to his seven grandchildren.

The Association was represented by Bill Edwards, Robert Binns, Sandy Howard, Alan Lyons, Neil & Ethel Melville, Mick Pass, Roger Perry, Bob Pink, Dave Ring, Dennis Zalunardo, and Sergeant Larry BurrIDGE represented the Commanding Officer 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morrissey at John's farewell at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Caringbah on 3 March 2010 and his interment at Woronora Cemetery

**26205 LIEUTENANT Kevin Raymond “Beehive” BARKER
1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment**

Association Patron Lieutenant Colonel Terry Irwin advised of the announcement in the Association of 17 Battalion's recent newsletter notifying of Kevin's passing. Regrettably we have no further details. Late of Yeoval NSW, Kevin was born at Orange NSW on 28 June 1932 and served in Korea as a Lance Corporal with 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment from 27 January 1955 to 24 March 1956. On discharge from the Australian Regular Army he re-enlisted and served with E Company The Mounted Rifles, 2 RNSWR and on transfer to D Company 17 RNSWR was commissioned and later served as a Platoon Commander with A Company 1/19 RNSWR.

2268162 PTE Peter R. DUFF 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment

Don Harrod advised with regret of Peter's passing in lamentable circumstances on Tuesday 11 May 2010 at Coonabarabran. Peter was not an Association member, He enlisted at Padstow on 5 August 1977 and attended the 5/77 Recruit Course. He hailed from Coonabarabran and travelled down to join 1/19 RNSWR with Eric Cain, Alex Elliott and Dennis Hamilton. He had not enjoyed good health for some time.

**WARRANT OFFICER CLASS TWO Phillip George JORGENSEN
A Good Mate to the 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment**

FROM 'ARMY' 13 May 2010

By WO2 Melanie Van Twest

WO2 Phillip George Jorgensen, RACT, a long-serving and highly valued member of 5CSSB as the Training WO at the Canberra Detachment, died suddenly on April 17 at age 59.

Jorgy, as he was fondly known to almost everyone, joined the Air Force at 17 and served in Vietnam.

He then moved across to the ARes for more than 30 years before going full-time.

There was no vehicle he couldn't drive and, like many truckies, he was happiest behind the wheel, heading off to who-knows-where. This was perhaps best exemplified by his mobile phone ringtone – the opening bars of the somewhat dodgy 1970s hit *Convoy*.

Although Jorgy would have described himself as an ordinary bloke trying to do a good job, his commitment to the Army, his unit, his corps and his troops was undoubted.

He took a great deal of pride in his work, in particular his unblemished driving record and his responsibility to train new drivers to be as good as he was.

WO2 Jorgensen was liked, respected and trusted by his colleagues of all ranks, perhaps the greatest mark of his quality as a person and as a warrant officer.

He was devoted to his family and was a loving husband to Hendrina,



Tragedy: WO2 Phillip Jorgensen was dedicated to his work, family and friends.

father and father-in-law to Debbie, Michael, Tania, Kris (dec) and Kristy, and grandfather to Melissa, Jeffrey, Stacey, Daniel and Michael. The members of 5CSSB extend their sincere sympathy to the family .

WO2 Jorgensen was fond of signing off his emails with Par Oneri, the RACT motto, Equal to the Task – that was Jorgy.

He is and will continue to be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Lest We Forget



FROM THE PRESIDENT



The previous issue of *Frontline* had not even been received back from the printers before sad news started coming in. Helen Ohlbach, wife of Association member Tony Ohlbach, lost her long battle with breast cancer on Monday 22 February and was farewelled at Palmdale on 1 March. Mick Pass, David Ring and Bob Pink represented the Association at Helen's farewell.

On 24 February, John Foy lost his battle with cancer. John was an early member of 19 RNSWR after a long National Service and CMF career. Once the Battalion structure was implemented John became CQMS of A Company and served in that role until his retirement. John was farewelled at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Caringbah on Wednesday, 3 March before a large gathering of friends and family. I am grateful to the many members of the Association who were present to say goodbye to our comrade.

I was saddened to learn indirectly that Fran Weily passed away on 24 February. Fran was the widow of LT Gregg Weily of 2/19 Battalion AIF. Gregg, post World War II, went on to command the 6th Mounted Rifles who were based at Romani Barracks in Orange where 1/19 RNSWR is located today. Fran had been a great supporter of the Association in the years since the merger. She will be sadly missed.

The Sydney Morning Herald of 24 April brought news of the passing, on 21 April, peacefully at her home in Springwood, of Mrs Elizabeth Florance. Elizabeth was the widow of Dr Ian Florance who passed away a few years ago. They were both very strong supporters of the Association and will be sadly missed.

Thursday, 22 April saw the passing of SSGT Bill Manyweathers. Bill served in 1/15 Royal New South Wales Lancers and in 1/19 RNSWR and 41 RNSWR. A memorial service was conducted in Grafton on 7 June. Kevin Jones represented the Association at the service and delivered the military eulogy. Our condolences to Desma and Bill's family.

ANZAC Day 2010 has come and gone with another successful march and an even more successful cruise. The Coombs, Stewart and Mariner families were out in force with Alf Mansfield and Joe Coombs participating in the march from the back of a Land Rover, Glen Scriven marching and Eric Wilson, looking more sprightly than many fifty year olds, being propelled around the route by his son Bruce and Jack Hall from Erina participating in the March, for the first time in many years, in his motorised wheelchair loudly supported by a very mobile crowd of family and well wishers who seemed to appear at every vantage point to cheer him on. Unfortunately we did not get back to the FUP in time to assemble the 1/19 RNSWR Banner and so were reduced to the ignominy of marching in mufti behind 17 Battalion Association. I am sure that Warren Barnes, at the head of the Association of 4th Battalions, was pleased at the opportunity to lead the Infantry contingent in the 2nd Division. I will ensure that my Ground Holding Party is in place in goodly time next year. Light rain marred the early stages of the March but did not deter a large crowd of enthusiastic onlookers. My thanks to the banner party for the 2/19 Battalion leg of the March. Their usual sterling job to ensure that the men of 2/19 Battalion were prominently featured. The cruise was exceptionally well attended and we were joined on board by Margaret and Jim Forbes, Betty Mansfield, Ettie Read and Andrew Donaldson. Notable absentees were Maureen Mariner – recovering from hip replacement surgery, Cliff Lowien – visiting Hellfire Pass and Ray & Betty Clendenning – ill health. Congratulations are due to Liz and David Mariner who wed quietly just recently. Liz stood in very well for her mother-in-law in selling the raffle tickets although I am sure Liz would have done much better if David had let her loose on her own. A splendid result from the raffle with \$395 raised. Liz & David also donated one of the raffle prizes My thanks also to David Ring, and his Mortar Platoon mates, who helped conduct the raffle and also contributed the major prize – a spectacular photo of the Mortar Platoon in action – that was won by Graeme Gill. A questionable result, but one that was not referred to the stewards! Graeme did his usual exemplary job in marking the nominal roll and collecting outstanding money. Graeme organises the first leg of the cruise extremely well and when I come on board for the second leg all of the hard work is done. Bob Pink was not with us this year – someone was heard to remark that things always went smoothly in his absence (brave person). Bob was attending ANZAC Day with his comrades from 2 RAR but joined us for sundowners at Phillips Foot after the cruise. I had to leave for another engagement but there was a large crowd still hard at it on my departure. All in all, I think ANZAC Day, with 2/19 and 1/19, improves each year. It is certainly worth the effort to attend.

We are grateful to Sandy Howard for his weather forecast for ANZAC Day that he relayed to Bob as he flew west in his Super Constellation. As Bob said, it proved remarkably accurate.

Jack Varley advised us on 24 May that Alf Rumpf of Wellington Point, Qld, passed away on Saturday, 22 May after a period of illness. Alf was a 2/19 Battalion AIF original. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and his large family.

As I finalise this report I have just been informed of the passing of Bob Grant. Bob had seemed to be on the mend and we were expecting him to join us on ANZAC Day, Unfortunately that was not to be. Our Editor will

include details of Bob's career in his Vales and I will send a letter to his family. Bob was a great man and will be sadly missed.

Congratulations to Association stalwart Alf Mansfield who turned 90 on May 8. Despite Alf's strong protestations Betty succeeded in organising a family gathering to celebrate the occasion. May you be blessed with many more Alf ! Congratulations also to Allan Brideoake who due to a sudden viral complaint was forced to spend his 90th Birthday on 6 June in hospital and .

As we move into the colder months we all need to take extra special care, we need to keep warm and when we are out and about.

Roger Perry

NOTICES

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day 2010 was, by and large, very successful. However there are a few things I need to comment on so that misunderstandings might not occur. As many of you will know there has been a great deal of discussion in the RSL ANZAC Day March Committee regarding the question of descendants marching with the WWII units. It has been my policy, and will continue to be our policy until I am presented with credible reason to change, that descendants may march behind the 2/19 Battalion banner. Any members of 2/19 Battalion will be in the front rank and descendants will march behind. This year there was a plethora of Land Rovers and we were allocated two, due in no small part to the efforts of Bob Pink. I assume that this arrangement will continue in future years and this should encourage members who are not able to walk the distance to participate with their comrades.

It must be recognised that this is a day of remembrance and it is not appropriate that the formations be filled with children. In future only one young child per family will be permitted and he or she must at all times be under the control of an adult. No prams or strollers will be allowed.

On the subject of carrying photograph of a member there remains some confusion. I did tell one of our members that she could not carry a photo – I did this at the direction of the 8 Div HQ, who informed me that it was RSL policy – only to watch the evening news and hear the commentators extolling the number of people carrying photographs. I will certainly determine exactly what these "rules" are before the 2011 March and I apologise for intervening this year.

Finally, I want to mention the reunion cruise. We may have to revisit these arrangements in 2011. I was somewhat surprised when we were made to pay "full price" for the extra children that were aboard. Let me assure you – the cruise will continue as long as the members want it to and the cost will be kept at a reasonable level. We may have to have some fairly heavy discussions with the operators of the Jerry Bailey to work out a fairer payment structure.

19 BATTALION AIF HISTORY & 2010 QUILT RAFFLE

The response to the raffle has been the usual generous reaction that we always receive from our members. However, only about 30% of you have returned your tickets. No doubt they were put away safely somewhere to be dealt with at a later date. If you have not already done so I urge you to find them and send them back to ensure that you are in the draw for this magnificent prize.

Peter McGuinness is moving ahead with the book. The images have been ordered from the Australian War Memorial and these should be in Peter's hands very shortly. Unfortunately, due to funding constraints we were not able to receive the same generous treatment from the AWM that we did for the 3rd edition of *The Grim Glory*.

So the need for your support is even greater. To those who have returned their tickets, and to the large number who added donations to their payments, I say a very warm and heartfelt thank you. To those who have not responded please do so as soon as you can so that we are able to gauge how much additional funding we will require.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GOSFORD RSL 12-13-14 NOV 2010

Advance notice for the next AGM which will be held in the familiar surrounds of the Gosford RSL. Vice President Mick Pass initial discussions and liaison with the Club have resulted in firm planning for the customary venues including a waterways cruise on the Saturday morning which will include Morning Tea and Luncheon at a very reasonable cost.

Gosford ccommodation details are shown at page 10 of this issue.

COMING EVENTS - 2010

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	Remarks
SAT	26 JUN 10	1330	RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE	CANBERRA	Australian War Memorial
SAT	03 JUL 10	1000	RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE	NEWCASTLE	
SUN	04 JUL 10	1030	RESERVE FORCES DAY REVIEW	SYDNEY DOMAIN	Association Reunion NSW Leagues Club Phillip St
SUN	25 JUL 10	0930	POZIERES DAY COMMEMORATION	WOOLLAHRA	St Columba Church
SUN	15 AUG 09	1030	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY	SYDNEY GENOTAPH	
WED	01 SEP 10	1030	BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY	SYDNEY GENOTAPH	
WED	8 SEP 10	0900	NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL UNVEILING CANBERRA	AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CANBERRA	0900 Assemble on the centre area of Anzac Parade, in Intake Year order, 0945 Parade Commanders will brief their intake sections, 1000 Parade Marshall Start the Parade. The Parade will advance onto the AWM Parade Ground and give an 'eyes left' to the Governor General at the saluting dais. 1100 Dedication Ceremony to commence National Servicemen only will march and if wheelchair bound they are to be accompanied by a competent carer. Refer; www.nashoaustralia.org.au for updates!
SAT	25 SEP 10	1800	RNSWR WO/SNCO'S REGIMENTAL DINNER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST INCLUDED IN VERY REASONABLE COST	SCHOOL OF INFANTRY SINGLETON NSW	Phone Bob PINK 0414 907 427 or Warren BARNES 0409 909 439 for a booking
THU	11 NOV 10	1030	REMEMBRANCE DAY	SYDNEY GENOTAPH	
FRI SAT SUN	2 NOV 10 3 NOV 10 4 NOV 10		1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION WEEKEND	GOSFORD RSL CLUB	

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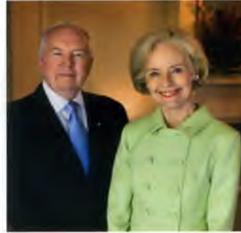
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You are invited to the RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE SUNDAY 4 JULY 2010



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1950 - 2010

TO BE REVIEWED BY
HER EXCELLENCY Ms QUENTIN BRYCE AC
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
ACCOMPANIED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY Mr MICHAEL BRYCE AM AE

Support serving and former Reserve members by watching one of Sydney's most spectacular and colourful parades.

This year it is just over 60 years since the Reserve Forces were reformed after WWII and since that time Reservists have been serving overseas on operations, United Nations and Humanitarian missions. This year the parade will acknowledge their special contribution of service and acknowledge the essential support from their families and employers.

The Reserve Forces Day parade will be held on one of Australia's oldest and most historic Parade Grounds - the Sydney Domain, a location which in the past has hosted military ceremonial parades from the earliest days of the Colony of New South Wales to the present. All the historic Regiments of the early days paraded for Sydney Town's citizens and dignitaries on this hallowed ground with bands and fanfare, ceremony and circumstance. If you are a serving or former member of the Reserve Forces, Naval Reserve, Militia, CMF/Army Reserve, CAF, Air Force Reserve, Cadre Staff, National Service and forces you are invited to take part in the parade. Please phone your association to register your interest and to find out about the Association after parade re-union - see www.rf.org.au for more details.

The parade this year will capture the spirit with massed Brass and Pipe military bands, 50 Association Standards and Banners, Armoured Cars and a NSW Mounted Police and Light Horse Vice Regal escort bringing the Governor-General to the parade. Serving, former Reservists, National Servicemen and forces will celebrate their part-time military service.

The Domain is very spectator-friendly and entertainment will commence at 10.30AM with the parade marching on at 11.00AM. We invite you to be present and cheer on the Reservists.

The 2009 Review

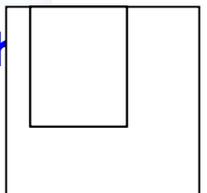


**Spectators, serving and former members should be in position in the Domain by 10.30 AM.
We would ask marchers to enter from Art Gallery Road**

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**1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ASSEMBLE BY 1030h
IN THE SYDNEY DOMAIN.**

**ASSOCIATION REUNION AT NSW LEAGUES CLUB,
PHILLIP STREET SYDNEY WILL FOLLOW AT 1200h**



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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 !

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MR	Joe	PICKUP
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MAJ	John	RALPH
MR	Lachlan	RENDALL
PTE	Jonathan	STALLARD
MR	Jim T	STEWART
MRS	Jan	THOMAS
MR	Eric	WILSON
WO1	Ken	WRIGHT



NEW MEMBERS

A very warm and sincere welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter:

THE HON	Duncan	GAY, MLC	CROOKWELL	NSW
PTE	Don	WAYNE	OROVILLE CALIFORNIA	USA

ACCOMMODATION - GOSFORD AGM & DINNER WEEKEND 12-14 NOVEMBER 2010

The Association has reserved 25 rooms at the GALAXY MOTEL
(Tele: 02 4323 1711 Fax: 02 4322 0409 Email: info@galaxymotel.com.au)
which is co-located with Gosford RSL Club:

Please quote "1/19 RNSWR Association" when making your booking to ensure you receive the discounted price

Cost is \$135.00 per double room \$150.00 per triple room which includes a 10% discount
All rooms are double or twin – they all have a Queen size Bed and a Single Bed
ROOMS NOT BOOKED BY 25 OCTOBER 2010 WILL BE CANCELLED

There are other Motels in the area and the Mercure Hotel is also close by – but access requires crossing the Central Coast Highway. A Programme with full details for the Annual General Meeting / Dinner weekend together with a reply proforma will be included with the September 2010 Newsletter.



SEEN AROUND THE TRAPS



L to R: SGT Larry BURRIDGE-Bob PINK-Dave RING-Bob BINNS-Mick PASS- Dennis ZALUNARDO-Roger PERRY-Sandy HOWARD-Neil MELVILLE-Bill EDWARDS-Alan LYONS-Ethel MELVILLE at John FOY's farewell on 3 March 2010



L to R: Bob PINK, Sandy & Marj HOWARD and Jim STEWART at Bob Grant's farewell on 2 June 2010



L to R: Jack VARLEY MC, Alf RUMPF & Gordon BENNETT at a Special ANZAC Reunion in Caloundra in 2009. [Photo courtesy of Jack's wife Helen and daughter Julie]



PETER McGUINNESS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN CANBERRA WITH THE CURRENT FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 1/19 RNSWR & FRIENDS

BACK: L to R: Nigel WEBSTER – John BRENNAN – Peter WIGHTMAN – John LEE – Dennis LITTAME. FRONT: L to R: Peter McGUINNESS-Peter MORRISSEY – Brian MARTYN.,.
[Photo courtesy of LTCOL Dennis Littame]



From Sandy HOWARD:

For those who wonder what I get up to on ANZAC Day when I don't march with 2/19 Bn AIF and 1/19 Bn RNSWR, a couple of shots of the "team" taken [and heavily posed] of our flypast aircraft and crews from yesterday.

I had the privilege to fly the Tiger Moth, but there aren't many places or museums that can put up a stream of 6 such varied aircraft! The CAC Winjeel is pretty unique outside Oz and not to many Lockheed SP2-H Neptunes floating about either. The non-military "ring-in" in the Cessna 180C, but it's painted [with Defence permission] to represent the AAC Cessna 180 shot down in the Vietnam War.

Co-incidentally, with its camo paint, it's extremely hard to spot and the Vietnam theatre addition of white paint to the ailerons absolutely makes a huge difference! Our flights are over the Shellharbour Cenotaph and the Wollongong City March requiring an early reveille, but not too cold this year.

Cheers,
Sandy



NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE 14 APRIL 2010
L to R: John ELLIOTT – The Hon Duncan GAY MLC- Roger PERRY and Bob PINK. Duncan is the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Leader of The National Party in the Legislative Council, and the Shadow Minister for Industry. He served in 19 RNSWR & 1/19 RNSWR and we are delighted that Duncan has joined the Association

SICK REPORT

Get Well
Soon



Joe COOMBS (pictured at left) spent a couple of weeks in Strathfield Hospital in early June and has returned home fit and well and sends his sincere thanks for the Get Well Wishes received.

Maureen MARINER is back on the skate board after a hip replacement – which went really well and also sends her sincere thanks for the Get Well Wishes.



Allan BRIDEOAKE had a week in hospital at Scone where he celebrated his 90th Birthday on 6 June. Very pleased to report that Allan is now back home and our congratulations on a marvellous achievement.

Martin HANSON had a spell in hospital after breaking his patella in a fall



Tony TONACIA spent a few weeks in hospital after respiratory surgery and is now back home.

Wal WILLIAMS is back on his feet and also doing really well after his second knee replacement.

Jean BIRCH (pictured at left) is on the up and up at Manly Vale and sends her Best Wishes to all.

CONGRATULATIONS



To Martin and Helen HANSON who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Southern Cross Yacht Club Canberra on 20 June 2010



To Alf MANSFIELD who celebrated his 90th Birthday on 8 May. Pictured at right with Alf is Di & Paul Elliott, Margaret & Graeme Gill and Alf's wife Betty.



To Alan BERTRAM who celebrated his 92nd Birthday on 18 April.



CONGRATULATIONS



TO Mark HOSKINSON on his award of The Commendation for Brave Conduct

Our thanks to Mark's wife Helen in advising of Mark's prestigious award:

Mark is a Farmer from Kikoira in northern Riverina and is also the Chairman of the NSW Farmers Grains committee. Two of our children Korie and Michael attended the investiture with us. The award is the Red Ribbon on his left side with the Gold leaf. As a former Sergeant Mark also served in the Army Reserve in the 3rd Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment, 4th/3rd Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment and finally with A Company 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment at Wagga Wagga where he was the 3 Platoon Sergeant at Leeton for 17 years. We met the Chief of the Australian Defence Force and the Chief of the Army as well. It was a great day. Of the 43 Awards presented at the investiture last week 2 were for Bravery, one was awarded to an Australian Federal Police officer and the other was Mark's. There was also a Police medal awarded to a Wagga Wagga Police officer.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

15 March 2010

Mr Mark Charles HOSKINSON, Kikoira NSW 2669.

During the late afternoon of 21 December 2007, Mr Hoskinson rescued six people stranded in rising floodwater at Kikoira near Ungarie, New South Wales. Late in the day after torrential rain had fallen, Mr Hoskinson was told about a mother and her three young children who were stranded in their car in a causeway. Mr Hoskinson drove off into failing light in heavy rain to rescue them. The level of floodwater was so high in places that it flowed over the bonnet and through the doors of his four wheel drive vehicle. The current was also so strong that the vehicle was being pushed sideways. Mr Hoskinson continued to drive on, reaching the neighbour's property where he swapped his utility for a tractor. The floodwaters intensified to the extent that the tractor was also pushed sideways with water penetrating the cabin. Initially Mr Hoskinson was unable to locate the stranded vehicle or raise a response from its occupants on the telephone. He persisted with the search in the dangerous conditions until the vehicle was found. The family was still inside although water was lapping the windows and had seeped in under the doors. Aligning the tractor with the car, Mr Hoskinson got the children and their mother out of the vehicle through the windows and into the cabin of the tractor and drove them to the safety of a nearby property. Mr Hoskinson then received another call advising that two men who were also stranded in the floodwater which pushed their ute up against a tree. Mr Hoskinson again drove the tractor and found them trapped with water up their windows. He placed a winch cable on their stranded vehicle and pulled them to safety.

For his actions, Mr Hoskinson is commended for brave conduct.



Helen & Mark pictured with Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia following the investiture ceremony at Government House Canberra



AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT MICK PASS on his becoming a Grandfather again ! and to the proud parents Phil & Kirsty on the safe arrival of Riley Daniel PASS born at Gosford Hospital on Friday 14th May 2010 – a brother to Liam.



CONGRATULATIONS



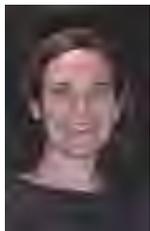
**TO THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS ANNOUNCED
IN THE 2010 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**



To Brigadier Paul Le Gay BRERETON RFD, NSW

MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as the Chief of Staff Headquarters 5th Brigade, Assistant Chief of Staff, Land Headquarters and as Commander 5th Brigade. Brigadier Brereton has demonstrated exceptional commitment and service to the Australian Army Reserve through his extensive command experience and influence in the fields of force generation and personnel policy. His leadership and vision over several appointments have been the foundation for his exceptional performance in the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army.



**To Lieutenant Colonel Kathryn Jane CAMPBELL, NSW
CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Sydney University Regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Campbell demonstrated significant professional excellence in successfully guiding Sydney University Regiment through a period of considerable organisational change while still maintaining an excellent standard of governance. Her efforts have significantly improved the quality of training provided to Australian Army Reserve officers and have been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.



**To Mr William Thomas (Bill) BAIRD
MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF
AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

For service to the community of Hay. Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, since 1989. Founding Member, Can Assist, from 1992 until recent years. Member, Tidy Town Committee. Lay Member, Hay Land Board, for many years. Proprietor, Dairy in Hay, since 1950s; introduced the first bottled and homogenized milk to Hay. Awards/recognition include: Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Hay



HONOUR FOR BILLY BAIRD

Congratulations are in order for the Hay-Ivanhoe carrier Billy Baird who has been honoured with an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Billy who is 94 years of age has been delivering goods to Ivanhoe from Hay twice weekly for almost thirty two years.

He is a marvelous man for his age and has been described as 'Ivanhoe's Lifeline' bringing in the towns essential supplies, bread, meat, fruit, vegetables and much more each Tuesday and Thursday in all types of weather.

Ivanhoe people say that Billy Baird is a legend who in the many years that he served Ivanhoe, before the Cobb Highway was sealed, he battled through regardless of the weather conditions each week to deliver the town's supplies.

And as one person said yesterday "They do not make them like Billy Baird anymore" and many people would agree.

Bill at this time is recovering from a fall and convalescing in 'Hay Days' - we wish him well.

FROM THE
HILLSTON
IVANHOE
SPECTATOR



**Major John STRASKYE, NSW
MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF
AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

For service to the community, particularly through the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Association. Trustee and Member, Royal Australian Army Medical Corps Association; Creator, www.raamc.org.au; the website is a tool for members of the Association, providing contact information for members. Creator, www Chinese diggers ryde vva.org; a website designed to illustrate the military contribution of Chinese veterans to Australia. Volunteer, Australia Day Celebrations, Sydney Chinese Community, for several years. Member, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), 1980-1994; volunteer, Ophthalmic Branch.



ANZAC DAY SYDNEY MESSAGES

FROM	MESSAGE
MRS Jean STEWART RIVERWOOD NSW 2210 (sons Glen & Ron will be on board !)	Have a great day, thinking of you all as always. Best Wishes JEAN
Kevin JONES TOWNSEND NSW	Regret I am unable to attend due to having to attend Government House investiture next week. Have a Great Day and I'll catch up with you all on Reserve Forces Day
Margaret and Felicity JESS COWRA NSW	Please accept our apologies and enjoy the day
Lance CROWLEY COLEAMBALLY NSW	Regret I am unable to attend but our thoughts are with you all
MAJOR Barry CHAPMAN RANKIN PARK NSW	I convey my good wishes to all those members who are attending and their families and friends. I am sure it will be great occasion once more for catching up with comrades
MRS Reneth RENNIE TELINA GLADSTONE QLD	Best wishes and good health to all our members
Graham TIPPETT CANBERRA ACT	Members-Veterans and Friends Have a Great Day – I will be thinking of you all during ANZAC Day at the Erindale Sports Club
Vice President Mick PASS BATEAU BAY NSW	I will not be joining you today as I am spending the day with my local RSL Sub Branch and ANZAC Day March through The Entrance NSW. Have a good day and remember your mates
Ray CLENDENNING BATEMANS BAY NSW	My health at the moment will not allow me to attend however Betty and I will be thinking of you all and wish you a happy and successful reunion.
MAJOR Bob LIDDEN BONDI NSW	My apologies for not attending and my regards to all my former comrades with who I served in 1/19 Infantry Battalion
PIPE MAJOR Don PECK ORANGE NSW	Have a good day, I am sure you will. We have another busy day here with our many Piping commitments
BRIGADIER Paul COUCH TAREE NSW	I am today recovering from a wedding last night in Taree NSW – Best Wishes to all at the reunion luncheon.
SQNLDR Alan LYONS OYSTER BAY NSW	Best wishes to all
Phil WILMOTT BOOROWA NSW	I am at Boorowa today with members of the Mortar Platoon for ANZAC Day. Have a great day and I will see you all next year
Rita DEAN GOSFORD NSW	Best wishes to all – have a lovely time and remain sober !!
Maureen MARINER TUMBI UMBI NSW	With my best wishes to all. I regret by inability to attend today due to recovery from a hip replacement which is going extra well.
Cliff LOWIEN YAMBA NSW	I will be at Hellfire Pass in Thailand on ANZAC Day. Greetings to all – have a good day and have 'one or two' for me
Meg COLLINS ELANORA QLD	Would love to join with you however I am now in my mid 80's and though I am still quite agile I am not really fit to travel alone. With Best Wishes to All
Ross TAYLOR PORT MACQUARIE	Best to All on your Special Day
Maree and Tex WINTER GRAY TOWN VIC	Greetings to all – sorry that we won't be able to join you this ANZAC Day due to Army commitments elsewhere. We hope you enjoy the camaraderie of the day to the fullest (but not too! full !!
Barbara BARDSLEY GOODIWINDI QLD	Thinking of you all and I hope you have a great day together
Robert WATSON TUMUT NSW	Best regards to all – especially any members of the Signals Platoon – hope to see you all on Reserve Forces Day
Charles EDWARDS DONVALE VIC	Best wishes to all taking part in the ANZAC March in sunny Sydney. I'm now 92 and a bit old to travel to Sydney
Malcolm LE COMTE BERMAGUI NSW	Best wishes and Good Luck for a great day. I will be marching in Bermagui
Commanding Officer 1/19 RNSWR LTCOL Peter MORRISSEY CANBERRA ACT	Our thoughts are with you on this day of days
LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS LOWER SNUG TAS	I will be grateful if you will convey my very sincere and best wishes to all fellow members and especially to the members of 2/19 Battalion as you commemorate the sacrifices and service to the nation made by all service personnel past and present on this very special day of remembrance. Kindest Regards, Peter
Association Patron LTCOL Terry IRWIN ORANGE NSW	Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable day
Charles JENSEN CARCOAR NSW	All the best to you all on board today and hoping that it will be a successful day. I am sorry I can't be there
Matt FANNING BALGOWNIE NSW	Apology
Bob GRANT EIZABETH BAY NSW	Apology

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COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE UNVEILING BURLEIGH HEADS QLD

Our thanks to Deborah KELLY for alerting us to the photos of and the plaque unveiling.

On 15th February 2010 a bronze plaque was unveiled at Burleigh Heads War Memorial commemorating the 49 Australian medical and dental officers that served the men working on the Burma-Thai Railway. It was 68 years to the day from the fall of Singapore, 15th February 1942. The ceremony was attended by prisoners of war who worked on the railway, and an honoured guest was Captain Dr Peter HENDRY, AO, one of the medical officers listed on the plaque. As far as we know, there is no other memorial for this group.

The plaque was presented by Mick KILDEY.



Dr Peter HENDRY, AO & Mick KILDEY



JAP PM TO GIVE WAR SHRINE WIDE BERTH

FROM Pattie WRIGHT

TOKYO June 16, 2010

JAPAN'S new Prime Minister, Naoto Kan, said yesterday that he would stay away from a controversial war shrine in Tokyo seen as a symbol of the country's past military aggression by its Asian neighbours. "Class-A war criminals are enshrined in the Yasukuni Shrine," Mr Kan told the country's upper house of parliament. "It's problematic for the Prime Minister or a cabinet member to visit it. I don't intend to visit it while I'm in office." The Yasukuni Shrine, which honours almost 2.5 million war dead, including 14 top war criminals, is reviled especially by China and the two Koreas, which suffered under Japanese aggression before and during World War II.



Among those enshrined is Japan's World War II prime minister, Hideki Tojo. Mr Kan and his centre-left Democratic Party of Japan, which came to power in September, have long opposed Yasukuni visits by past conservative prime ministers and recommended building a new non-religious war memorial. Mr Kan's predecessor, Yukio Hatoyama - who abruptly stepped down after breaking a campaign pledge to relocate a US airbase on Okinawa - refrained from visiting the shrine during its autumn festival in October. Former conservative prime minister Junichiro Koizumi, who led the now opposition Liberal Democratic Party, prayed once a year at the shrine during his 2001-2006 tenure. His annual pilgrimages enraged China and South Korea, which refused to hold summits with him. Mr Koizumi's three LDP successors avoided visiting the shrine, but sometimes gave traditional offerings, which also prompted angry responses from Beijing and Seoul.

CORRECTION TO PARIT SULONG ARTICLE

Jim Kerr Honorary Secretary of 4th Anti Tank Regiment Association writes to correct serious errors in the Parit Sulong article published in the last issue of Frontline. Our thanks Jim for your eagle eye and swiftness in bringing the errors to our attention.

Dear Bob,

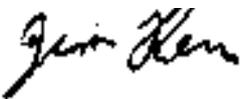
On reading Vol 9 Issue 1, Page 19 of Frontline I came across the story of the Parit Sulong massacre. Many times I have read of there only being one survivor of the massacre when the truth is there were three. They were Lieutenant Ben Hackney, Private Reg Wharton and Sergeant Ron Croft all from the 2/29th Battalion. I have enclosed two pages from a book - "Massacre at Parit Sulong" by Gilbert Mant as proof.

I went into action at Muar with the 4th Anti-Tank Regiment but was cut off in the retreat and spent until the 20th of February 1942 behind the Jap lines. Along with five 2/29th Battalion fellows we gave ourselves up on the 20th of February and were taken to Pudu prison in Kuala Lumpur along with the other Australian and British troops captured on the mainland.

It was there that I met Ben Hackney and Reg Wharton. Reg showed me the scar on his lower back where he had been bayoneted and left for dead. I had just turned 17 and Reg was 18 - a couple of kids. I have no knowledge of the fate of Sergeant Croft. Reg married, had children, but unfortunately took his own life. As the sole member of the four Anti-Tank gun crews I was chosen to represent the Regiment at the dedication of the Parit Sulong Memorial. I roomed with Jack Varley and I deemed it an honour to room with a winner of the Military Cross.

I remember meeting you at the Changi Museum whilst on our mission. Bob, I would appreciate it if you could print this correction in the next Edition of Frontline and also the Orange Central Western Daily who published the story. Charles Edwards 2/19th Battalion is an associate member and always marches with us but this year, aged 92, he decided it was time to ride in a vehicle. Hoping that you are keeping in good health.

Yours sincerely



Jim Kerr
Hon Secretary
4th Anti Tank Regiment Association

EXTRACTS FROM Gilbert MANT'S BOOK INTRODUCTION

Lieutenant Ben Charles Hackney was a 26-year-old Australian officer of 2/29 (Victoria) Battalion, 8 Division, AIF during World War II. His Battalion, with other Australian and Indian troops were involved in the epic Battle of Muar in January 1942 during the disastrous Malayan Campaign, resulting in the fall of Singapore. This small force of less than 4,000 held more than 13,000 crack Japanese storm troops at bay for five days, saving the British left flank in Malaya at a critical period, and possibly saving Australia from invasion (a Japanese Governor-General had already been selected—see Appendix 1).

The Australian losses at Muar were grievous and Lieutenant Hackney was one of those severely wounded in the action. When orders were given for the force to disengage and escape, the decision was made to leave the badly wounded behind in trucks and ambulances in the belief that the Japanese would tend to them. What resulted was one of the most cold-blooded massacres on record near the small village of Parit Sulong. The badly wounded prisoners were thrown from the trucks, kicked, and made to sit, some in the nude, in a circle ringed by Japanese guards. About sunset, the prisoners, their hands tied behind their backs with rope or wire, were herded together and shot. The officers were tied together first, then other ranks in the same manner. Japanese soldiers poured petrol from tins over prisoners, many of them still conscious, and set them alight. There were 110 Australians and 35 Indian victims of the atrocity but two miraculously stayed alive to tell the story after the war. Ben Hackney and Reg Wharton, aged only 18, of Victoria. Both of them displayed extraordinary fortitude by feigning death despite repeated bashings and bayonetting. It seemed that the older Hackney, in particular, was perhaps conscious that he must stay alive to assure that some day the perpetrators of this atrocity would be brought to justice. As he feigned death, Hackney was bayoneted on all parts of his body.

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With those good thoughts in mind - and it was really good to be able and have reason, to think like that again I was about to get some water when I heard the sounds of someone moving about outside the building. Trying not to make any noise, I moved as well and as quickly as possible into what in the darkness, seemed to be some kind of a low fireplace, but was only able to get partly into it. There were two fellows, and as they approached closer one of them spoke. An exultant feeling of relief came to me, for they were not only English-speaking men, but I recognised the voice. It was Sgt Ron Croft of my own unit who I knew was amongst the prisoners rounded up that day by the Japs. I called to him in a low voice. The two of them stopped, stood still and quiet. It was not until I had spoken a couple of lines and mentioned my name that they came on again, with one holding on to the other as if he was hurt. I told them where the water was and like myself, they drank a large quantity.

Sgt Croft had received no further injuries since he was wounded at Bakri and during the period since had improved and was by then capable of almost normal movement; he was however very nervous. The other fellow, a tall chap, also of the Bn. was unfortunately badly wounded - he had been hit in the stomach by some of a burst of machine-gun fire and was in bad shape. Both of them smelt very strongly of petrol. Croft told me that they were amongst the few who had not been tied and had been together when the prisoners were fired on. They had fallen with the first onslaught of firing - neither of them hit - and lay with the others. When the petrol was brought from the road they both had some thrown on them; the fellow beside Croft had yelled when the group was set alight, and was immediately fired upon. Ron had then got this fellow and himself free from the heap of tangled men and had lain still and quite just some little distance out of the light of the flames, until once when he could not see any Japs, then moved further and waited.

I spoke to Ron regarding what was best to do, it being useless to remain, and necessary to get away from anywhere about the buildings and the road. It was decided that he leave and taking the other fellow with him. Proceed in a westerly direction to see if he could find a suitable hiding place in the rubber or jungle. I told him that I would proceed as well as possible in the same directions as he went and would meet him.

259692 MAJOR H.C. COLE, JP

Major H.C. (Harry) Cole was born in Sydney on 15 November, 1935.

He enlisted in the Army during the reign of King George VI as a 7th intake Army Apprentice on 25 January 1952 and on completion of his 3 years training was posted to 2 Base Wksp as a Craftsman vehicle mechanic. Subsequent postings as a soldier tradesman were:

Singleton Area Wksp	CFN Vehicle Mechanic
RMC Wksp	CFN Vehicle Mechanic
7 Indep Fd Sqn RAE	LCPL Plant Mechanic/operator
22 Const Regt RAE	LCPL Plant Mechanic/operator
1 Indep Airfield Const Tp	LCPL Plant Mechanic/operator
1 Coy RAASC LAD	CPL Vehicle Mechanic
4 RAR	CPLO LAD Commander
2 RAR	CPL LAD Commander
1 RTB	Service Stn Supervisor
101Int Wksp	Sect Commander

He left the ARA after completion of 9 years service and joined the CMF as an Officer cadet in the newly formed OTG (later OUT and OCTU) and was commissioned in the RA Inf as a LT after completing the 18 months course.

He was shortly after Corps transferred to RAEME and posted to 103 Int Wksp as PI Comd, HQ 2 Div LAD as OC. He was then placed on CMF FTD and posted to 10 Cadet Bn as QM, HQ 2 Cadet Bn as QM, 7 Cadet Bn as QM, HQ 2 Cadet Bde as Trg Offr and then to 101 Fd Wksp as QM.

He was appointed a Direct Entry Officer in RAEME in 1971 as Captain and remained at 101 Fd Wksp as QM, Adjt and later Admin Comd. Subsequent postings included OC 1 Coy RAASC Wksp, QM 2 AQUA, OC AQUA Det SAF Lithgow, PSO Eng Dev Estb, OC Trials and Proving Wing Monegeetta, SO2 Pers/Trg, SO2 Admin and SO2 Tech Spt within the 6 years posted at HQ 2 EME Gp. He was then posted as OC DSU Randwick from where he retired in December 1984.



Besides serving in normal ARA units he has served with the Ares, School cadets, Defence Science and Technology and the Department of Productivity. In a period of almost 33 years service he has had 24 service posting.

He was in the inaugural parade of the Independent Infantry Brigade in 1955 and in its disbandment some years later with the formation of the Pentropic Division.

Besides his technical qualifications he is qualified as an army paratrooper, air dispatcher, projectionist and plant operator.

"THE GRIM GLORY"

OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE 2/19 BATTALION AIF

In recent months we have received 5 expressions of interest in purchasing a copy of **The Grim Glory**. The cost for printing less than 20 copies is prohibitive however, if we receive 20 "expressions" of interest we will arrange for the printing of a further 20 (+) copies – which are likely to cost \$150.00 per copy.

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

CAN YOU ASSIST PLEASE ?

Dear Bob

Thank you for our great phone conversation the other day regarding the possibility of connecting up with someone who knew my Father NX52530 WO2 Samuel Edward CAMERON -2/19 Battalion A.I.F.

My name is Gai Marshall - maiden name "Cameron" and my sister's name is Beryl Stafford (of course maiden name -"Cameron"). My Mother's name was Ivy Irene. Samuel Edward was known as Sam and/or Eddie I believe.

He was born in Queanbeyan - 4/4/1909. He was in the Commonwealth Bank and was transferred to Forbes where he joined up in the AIF. He had many, many friends I understand and a Ralph Sanderson (apparently in the war with him) wrote an article in the Forbes Advocate following his death. There was a Harry Brown also in the war with him I understand. My sister and I titled to the AWM some memorabilia he brought back including his medals. The AWM has the complete set of his medals and also a complete set of my Mother's medals. We feel that they both would be very pleased to have these in a National Institution and we are safe in the knowledge that none will ever be lost. His name is on the Commemoration Wall at the Australian War Memorial, also on the Cenotaph at Queanbeyan and also at Forbes.

In the book "The Grim Glory of the 2/19 Battalion A.I.F." by RW Newton he is mentioned on :-Page 16 Page 51 Page 484 Page 812 Also apparently on another page but which one is unknown.

Over time he had the ranks of :-
CQMS, S/Sgt,WO2

At Rookwood he is buried in Section D, Row C. When I went there the grounds were in beautiful condition and the roses were magnificent. In the current exhibition at the AWM (of Love and War), there is a photo of him and a display of my Mother's medals and a short story about the fact that he only survived a few (3) days after returning to Australia. This exhibition will begin a National Tour in May.

I was just 4 years old and I clearly remember meeting him at my Aunt's home in Sydney and then he (as was the plan) went on to Concord where he died - 21/10/1945.

My sons - James and Peter - have expressed a desire to meet with and talk with someone who knew him if possible. I realise that I am pushing my luck but one never knows does one. Naturally Beryl and I would feel privileged to do the same.

Legacy was very caring of my Mother, of me and my sister and even followed me up with inquiry during my training as a nurse at The Canberra Hospital. I realise this is a big ask of you but you sounded so enthusiastic when we spoke. Of course it may never be, but I will know that I made an effort to make the contact. I would imagine you are very busy with Anzac Day

coming up soon. Please do not let this be a hassle. If it is meant to be, it will happen. Once again many thanks for our chat the other day. I hope this finds you well.

Thanking you most sincerely

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

I am very pleased to report that following Gai's telephone enquiry and receipt of her letter - that Association stalwart and 2/19 Battalion AIF member Allan Brideoake of Scone NSW - who had known and served with Sam, had a long - and given the passage of time - a very poignant conversation with Gai.

Gai has written conveying her sincere thanks and that it was a privilege of talking with Allan Brideoake who shared a lot about her father with her. Gai explained that it was a surreal experience talking with someone who knew her Father and went through so much in the war

Gai's letter is published in the hope that others may have also known Sam and will get in touch with her and the family.



The Voice for War Widows War Widows' Guild of Australia NSW Ltd

We encourage veterans and their wives and war widows to be aware of the importance of the War Widows' Guild and its work on behalf of war widows. All war widows are invited to join the Guild and to enjoy the many benefits of membership. The Guild is the only Australian organisation which provides advocacy and support solely to war widows.

Members gain understanding from women who understand their loss. Membership is open to war widows and dependent partners who are in receipt of a DVA gold card and to war widows of allied forces.

The Guild has been successful in obtaining many benefits and concessions for war widows. Most recently, the Guild has been successful in achieving free car registration and drivers licences for all war widows in NSW. The Guild's strength is in its numbers and presents a strong voice for war widows to the government and in the community.

The War Widows' Guild of Australia NSW Ltd was established in NSW in 1946 as a self-help membership organisation, where war widows provide help, support and friendship to each other. The Guild has promoted and protected the interests of war widows throughout NSW for over sixty years. There are Guilds in each State and at the National level.

Today the NSW Guild has around 10,000 members. Members' husbands fought in all conflicts from World War 1 through Vietnam, peacekeeping and the more recent conflicts such as Afghanistan.

A network of over 100 Guild and Social Clubs across NSW provide friendship, social interaction and outings for war widows, including a group for younger war widows. The quarterly magazine the *Guild Digest* provides members with information about the Guild, war widows' benefits and concessions and keeps members connected to Guild activities and to each other. The Guild's Friendship Line keeps war widows in touch, especially when they are sick or housebound. The Guild also provides transport assistance for those who need it. Special events are arranged throughout the year for all members – ANZAC Field of Remembrance and commemoration service, annual general meeting, War Widows Walk and a Christmas party.

The motto reflects the true spirit of the work of the Guild:

"We all belong to each other. We all need each other. It is in serving each other and in sacrificing for our common good that we are finding our true life."
(King George VI, Christmas Day message, 1941)

The Guild has published a book of its remarkable history over the past 60 years – *"No Peacetime Cinderellas"*. The book is available from the Guild.

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NEWS FROM Phil & Deanne GERBER

Hi.

We have been in the Territory for one week now. God has been very good to us in so many ways. We have been given a really warm welcome. Five people met us at the airport. Our very adequate house was set up with many essentials to get us through the first few days. At the Week-long indigenous clergy/churchworker workshop we were made to feel very much at home. On the weekend there was a two day Diocesan Conference (about 160 people) and apart from all the kind personal greetings there, Bishop Greg prayed for and "commissioned" us at the Sunday service.

Monday and Tuesday we are attending the non-indigenous clergy/churchworker conference. Even the weather is comfortable at this time of year.

All in all we feel we already really belong.

So please pray thanks for all God has done for us. We'll certainly send you more info in our July "Melting Moments" newsletter. (Go to www.cms.org.au to subscribe).

Yours in His Top End Service,

Philip & Deanne Gerber

We are very thankful for CMS' support in all this so far, enabled by your financial partnership. As the end of financial year approaches, would you consider giving more (or starting giving) to support God's mission? Your investment changes lives for

BOOK REVIEW

KOKODA COMMANDER

A Life of Major General 'Tubby' Allen

Stuart Braga

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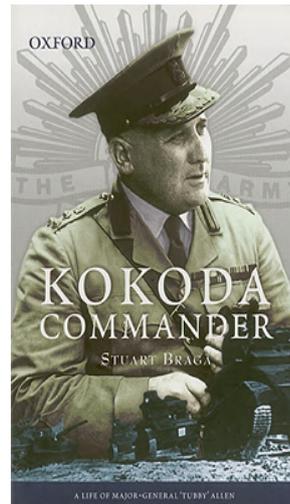
Reviewed by John Donovan

Since at least the 1930s, an enduring element in the historiography of the Australian Army has been the friction between regular and citizen soldiers. This book sheds much light on that friction, while rehabilitating the reputation of Major General Arthur "Tubby" Allen, one of Australia's more notable citizen soldiers. It is a valuable addition to the work sponsored by the Army History Unit.

Had he lived today, Tubby Allen would be described as a member of the aspirational class. He came from a humble background, the son of an engine driver for the NSW Government Railways. After leaving school at 14, to work as a messenger boy for the Postmaster-General's Department, Allen rose through a combination of native intelligence, energy, personal study and hard work to be a battalion commander in the First AIF at the age of 24, partner in an accounting firm before reaching 40, and finally a Major General who had led a division in two difficult campaigns before his 50th birthday. His health started to fail soon after the end of World War II, and he died relatively young, probably as a result of his war service.

As Stuart Braga shows, while progress in Allen's World War II military career came to an early end, at least in part because of the envy and class-consciousness of another officer, he left a notable military record. When World War II broke out, Allen was given command of the 16th Brigade of the 6th Division. That this Division produced many of the leaders of the World War II Australian Army is a tribute to the quality of those who sacrificed career and family interests to join the Second AIF in the first days and months of the new war. While the process of expansion involved much winnowing of wheat from chaff, within less than two years Allen had risen to lead the 7th Division in two campaigns.

What Braga's book also shows, as it recounts the tale of Allen's service during World War II, is that the regular/citizen soldier friction was not as straightforward as it is sometimes depicted. There was indeed friction between regulars and citizen soldiers. This friction sometimes had a detrimental effect on operations, as before Bardia, when Stan Savage was excluded, apparently deliberately, from a major pre-attack conference, even though his brigade was to have a complex



role in the operation. As another example, the relationships between Horace Robertson and citizen officers (and, indeed, with many of his regular colleagues) were rarely anything but fraught.

But there was tension also between citizen soldiers, most notably in this story between Ned Herring on the one side and Allen and Savage, who were perceived by Herring to be his leadership and social inferiors, on the other. And there was also friction between the regulars (particularly, in this context, between George Vasey and Frank Berryman). On the other hand, there was not always friction between regular and citizen soldiers. Allen (at least initially) got on well with Vasey, who even noted that "civilian training has some advantages in the army".

Ironically, given the record of friction between regular and citizen soldiers, Allen's ultimate nemesis was Herring, citizen soldier and pillar of the Melbourne legal establishment. Herring resented, among other things, Allen's promotion to Major General ahead of him. Thomas Blamey, the regular turned militiaman, who shared responsibility for Rowell's fall with Rowell himself, and who is often criticised for causing Allen's fall, was willing to employ him again in Papua. Blamey wanted Allen to alternate in command with Vasey. Herring, however, refused to have Allen.

Braga considers that this decision not to provide regular relief for Vasey may have contributed to the later decline in his health. It also probably led to unnecessary losses during the Papuan beachhead battles, as Vasey became tired. Herring once famously stated that he preferred "Vasey tired to Allen fresh". Vasey (tired) launched a number of attacks at Gona and Sanananda that gained little or nothing, but left many casualties. It is hard to see Allen (fresh) not resisting the push to launch ill prepared and poorly coordinated attacks. For the failure to rest Vasey, and its consequences, Herring must take the principal share of blame, although Blamey could have insisted on the change.

One of the few to recognise Allen's achievements in the Owen Stanley Ranges was Berryman, a regular officer with whom many citizen officers, including Allen, had clashed. Regardless of his other feelings, Berryman, who had also been Allen's brigade major in the pre-War militia, recognised Allen's achievement. He sent

congratulations from his position at Army Headquarters in Melbourne, to a man who had just been relieved of his command for alleged failure to perform, showing both intellectual honesty and bureaucratic courage.

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Bill LOWCOCK'S WAR STORY

PTE William Mackenzie LOWCOCK
2/19 Battalion A.I.F.

Continued from the March 2010 Newsletter

We had nothing to do all day but sit around and smoke and drink beer. We got a bottle of Australian beer per person per day which was very acceptable. And we only had one pair of shorts and a shirt each and a pair of sandshoes and a giggle hat. Every day, usually straight after lunch, we washed the shorts and shirts and wrapped a towel around our waists and put the shorts and shirts out on the tent fly to dry.

I had done this one day and a jeep drove in, driven by a man with a woman beside him and in the back was the most fierce looking Ghurkha Sergeant with a sten gun on his lap. The driver was Lord Louis Mountbatten, who was the Supreme Commander in this area of the war. He got out and his wife got out and she walked one way and he walked the other and came around and spoke to everybody and here we were with nothing on but towels wrapped around our waists and the Supreme Commander was there talking to us.

After about 15 minutes, he called out "we must go, we must go, we're late". She took no notice. So he walked over, picked her up, plonked her on to the seat next to him and climbed aboard and drove off again.

After about a week there, about 10 of us were picked out, went into town and they loaded us into a Sutherland Flying Boat and we were on our way home. We flew the first night to Labuan which is in Eastern Borneo, spent the night there in an Army Field Hospital and the next day flew to Morotai, an island almost due east of there. Spent another night there in an Army Hospital and the next day flew to Darwin.

We were only to spend a day there so we didn't get into the town at all. We were quartered in the Army barracks quite a fair way out of town. The funny thing was that we were kitted out there and given uniforms and the works from go to whoa. In the quartermaster's store the QM said "anything you want, take it". Most extraordinary for the army because in previous quartermaster's stores, getting something out of them was like drawing a tooth. We could have taken anything we wanted, shirts, shorts, socks, you name it. Nobody did – we couldn't care less.



The next day we were loaded onto a Catalina the PBV and we flew to Cairns where we were again quartered in an Army Field Hospital there. Beautiful beds with sheets and everything clean and polished and after dinner that night, there was a picture show on somewhere in the camp and all the mob went down to this and I stayed behind. The ward sister came in and she said "why don't you go with the rest of the fellows and look at the pictures?" I made some excuse but what I couldn't make her understand was that for something like 4 years I had been wholly and completely in the company of other men with absolutely no chance to be alone at any time, or virtually none. This was probably the first chance I had of being on my own for even an hour or two.

The next day we climbed onto the Cat and went through to Sydney and landed at Rose Bay. A dinghy took us into the wharf and there was Mavis and Peg. Mavis came flying down the wharf and flew her arms around me and that was the best day of my life, I reckon.

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THIS CONCLUDES BILL'S VERY MEMORABLE WAR STORY AND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO HIS DAUGHTER MRS JUDY DAWSON IN FORWARDING IT TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLICATION.

THE TOCCHINI TALES

Reminiscences of a Halifax 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 March 2010 newsletter:

and you must somehow do that - it becomes quite a spectacle, and you watch all those red tracers, each of which is going to hit you, pass by you at the moment you were expecting to be hit. Needless to say, they don't all pass by everyone all the time, and they say you never see the one that gets you. A conundrum; if it gets you, how do you tell someone that you never saw it? Anyway, back to what I was about to say, We had at this time done thirty trips and all but one of them had been German targets, so in effect we had one hundred and nineteen points up. A full tour was one hundred and twenty points, so we figured we could be pulled out at any time. However our hopes were in vain, because when the next battle order was posted our names were on it, they were getting their full value.

At briefing we discover the target is Heligoland and that there are to be a thousand aircraft on the raid. A thousand heavy bombers on Heligoland. They certainly want to take it out of the equation. What we did not know and were not told is that there are plans to open a second front in that area and Heligoland has to be taken out, in daylight. It is a remarkable thing to see an operation involving a thousand heavy bombers developing and being put together. Most heavy bomber squadrons were situated in an area from Yorkshire south down England. Being in Yorkshire we had the longest distance to travel to Reading near London which was the usual assembly point or point over which the aircraft passed to turn on course for the target. Such operations were not individual squadron affairs but were centrally planned by Bomber Command and were timed virtually to the second. Naturally squadrons

nearest to Reading would take off later than squadrons farthest away. So we would be among the first to take off.

As we flew south to pass over Reading at around 6,000 feet we could see the aircraft from the closer squadrons taking off and gradually rising like swarms of angry bees heading for Reading where, as if by some unheard command, they turned into a stream and became like a river flowing through the sky, or perhaps more aptly in the circumstances, like a huge snake looking for its prey. As the successive turning points were reached that river, or that snake, would change its direction - a truly amazing sight.

Heligoland gave us the expected very warm reception, but it was no match for a thousand heavy bombers. When we reached the target there were not many guns left firing. It was some help to know that there were only military personnel on Heligoland. The trip home was uneventful. As we joined the circuit to land I noticed that the pilot of the aircraft ahead of us was Ron Head, who had joined the Squadron about the same time as we had, and our tours had taken a similar course. We were in the same flight and had a similar number of trips up. When Ron touched down, over the air came, "Well done, J Jig". I realized that J was the aircraft Ron was flying. My thoughts wandered...could we be..? but there was no time for thinking about anything other than getting the aircraft down safely, so all other thoughts were banished, then we were on the ground and I was busy keeping it on the runway when came the most welcome words I think I have ever heard, "Well done, E Easy". Our tour was over. What a feeling. We could now start to look at life again as if we had a future. Frank kissed the ground when he left the aircraft. I vowed I would never again worry about a single thing. As usual, I was wrong.

Dicky Kemp

Dicky Kemp was quite a character. Fairly typical of a lot of people one met in the RAF, or for that matter typical of the type of fellow one met anywhere in the Air Force, reasonably well educated, a bit devil-may-care, and a good fellow. But there were some things about Dicky which were, to say the least, a little different. I met Dick

arrived at the squadron, about the middle of 1944, and at that time Dicky (everybody called him Dicky) was on his second tour. That means that he had already done about thirty operations against Germany and was now back for some more. It may sound strange, perhaps it is strange though true, that one can become addicted to danger. I think something like that happened to Dicky. I think that at the time I met Dicky he was slightly "flak-happy". It was not at all uncommon at that time, in those places. You got used to the thought that it could be your turn next at any time, and got used to living with what you could not change.

Why then is Dicky so special ? Well, there are a couple of things that elevate Dicky above the 'ordinary' category. Firstly, he claims, and I think justifiably, to be the only pilot to have slow rolled a Halifax with a full bomb load onboard. Perhaps an explanatory note might be appropriate at this point: the automatic pilot controls in a Halifax were controlled gyroscopically, the gyro itself being driven by air pressure provided by the passage of the aircraft through the air. When the automatic pilot (George) was not engaged, the controlling gyro lay on its side or in the 'toppled' position. To use George it was necessary to switch on the air supply and allow several minutes for the controlling gyro to stabilize.

It seems that on one of his many trips to the Ruhr Valley, at about 20,000 feet, Dicky forgot about the warming up period and switched George in too early. Without hesitation the controls were activated to the position of the gyro and in no time flat the aircraft was trying to fly itself upside down, and in fact did so quite successfully. Dicky completed the roll and eventually brought the aircraft under control at about 2,000 feet.

He did not receive many plaudits for getting into the upside down position, but he certainly got a lot of praise for getting out of it and bringing the aircraft and crew back safely. The second incident in which Dicky figured prominently did not have such a happy ending. On his second tour Dicky had a new crew and they of course had no more experience than any other new crew. A few more notes.. when the bomb aimer releases the bombs, the release gear automatically sets in motion the control mechanism for the camera which records the fate of the bombs so that the effectiveness of the operation can be assessed.

On this particular and unhappy occasion what Dicky's camera showed was a Halifax from our own squadron with a gaping hole in its wing. To keep this in proportion this kind of thing happened more than once. Remember, that with a thousand aircraft passing over one place on the round

There is plenty of opportunity for things to go wrong, and when you are doing this sort of thing for the first time the chances of error are greatly increased. The aircraft that was hit, was, I am reasonably sure, that flown by Jack Paradise, in which Keith Berick was the wireless operator. The bomb aimer in Dicky's crew was an Australian. As far as I know Dicky finished his second tour. I don't know what happened to him after that.

Weskapelle

Weskapelle is quite a small area on the German coast with a frontage to the North Sea above Holland. On the 28th October 1944 we were briefed to go there in daylight. It was our fifth trip so we were still pretty raw. We did not know why we were going there, but then I guess we didn't need to know. On the map it looked like a seaside resort where people in Europe (in happier days) would go for holidays. History has revealed however that it was the place where the Allied troops intended to open another front in Europe and that at the time it was quite heavily defended by German troops to prevent that very thing from happening. The operation was imminent and our purpose was to soften up the landing beaches.

It did not look like a long trip, but it was a German target and so worth four points in our tour. Because it was to be a short trip our bomb load was rather heavy, and so was the aircraft. All went according to plan till we were just about to cross the English coast at about a thousand feet on the way out. Suddenly, and without having displayed any previous symptoms, the port outer motor exploded. It just erupted in a cloud of black smoke and fire. The aircraft swung a bit to port and I pushed the nose down a little to keep the speed up while I sorted things out.

Not a happy situation, but it is surprising what details stay in your mind about such incidents. I think something like that happened to Dicky. I switched off the engine to smother the fire, the switches were located on the side of the fuselage near the side window and numbered from 1 to 4 along the fore and aft axis of the aircraft. The motors corresponding to those numbers were of course along the wing at right angles to the line of switches. If you did not get the direction of the count right you might shoot foam into a good engine and stop it instead of putting out the fire in the bad engine. Two engines out instead of one! It was pitch black of course and I had gloves on and could only feel for those switches, but fortunately I pressed the correct one. The fire began to subside but it had been burning for longer than was healthy and I was worried that it could have done more damage than was apparent.....*To be continued*

NOR ALL THY TEARS

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To hang to the struts while the successive wheels rock the sleepers on their rough bearers, roll the bearers outward with a fearful creak; bow out the frail struts; and warp and wrench the whole structure with a sound that rages above the hissing and pounding of the engine is truly frightening. It is not pleasant to work on a bridge. It is still less pleasant to be working under one, for unnecessary material is tossed over the side with a charming recklessness. Sometimes they shout after the object reaches the ground, but not often. I speak only of the normal procedure. Both safety and precision were entirely forgotten when it was a matter of hast. If a bridge had to be finished at one o'clock, finished at one o'clock it was, regardless of anything else. If time were short it was built of the handiest materials, whatever they were. If the bridge fell down at two o'clock that was no great matter so long as it was completed at one o'clock. They were not concerned with what happened to it after it was handed over. That was the worry of the maintenance staff, and came under the heading of repairs. If you were on a "maintenance" job, "repairing" a bridge might mean pulling it entirely to pieces and replacing the rotten struts with others that had some slim chance of carrying an engine.

Liaison between various departments of the building staff was equally vague. When the team laying the track arrived at South Tonchian they found that a shell-black of rock had not been completely blasted away, but orders were orders, and they continued to lay the line, making a great insurmountable hump over the rock and leaving it to the dynamite crew to worry out how they were going to blast the rock from out under the line and straighten out the crease. Rails and the fish-plates that join them have several holes drilled in them to take several bolts, but in Thailand it seemed to be thought that these were for fine adjustments. Thus, if two rails did not meet by a couple of inches, the bolt was moved back one hole and the appropriate gap left between. Much later in Rintin, we used to be hurried into the jungle so that we couldn't count the trucks on the trains as they went past, but the jarring sound that each wheel made jolting into an unusually wide gap could be heard miles away.

Generally the rails were kid first and the line ballasted later, the stones being driven under the sleepers with "tree hammers" as they called the large wooden mallets made from materials on hand.

It may seem incredible that the huge green trees necessary for the base of a four-tier bridge should have been drawn into place by human hands, but it was done, and it was far from being the worst job. A track was cut through the jungle from the bridge right up to the fallen tree, sand over the whole of the track round wooden rollers were laid on the ground. T



The trees were pulled over this by long files of men grasping a thick rough rope. The rope itself was generally made from the bark of a Thailand tree. A far worse job was the carrying of the smaller trees used for the top tiers and the struts. The "Elephant soldier" work. They would detail enough men to carry these fairly comfortably on level ground. Unfortunately the track was very far from being level. There were usually several gullies to cross, and in crossing these half the men would not even be able to reach the trees, and very often the whole of the weight would fall on two men until they sagged at the knees enough to allow the others to take some of it. A rough idea of the nature of the job can be gathered by putting on your bare shoulders the largest rough-barked log you can carry erect, bending your knees half-way and racing up and down a slippery bank.

It shouldn't be worth saying that a theodolite was an unnecessary and unheard-of instrument. Most levels were judged from the standing position, but there were a few finicky Nips that would get down on their hands and knees to have a look. These, however, were a nuisance both to us and the New Order, for just as one had got us to raise the right-hand rail three inches and lower the left-hand rail three inches, another would come along and get us to lower the right-hand rail six inches and raise the left-hand rail six inches. The device of pouring water on an object to see if it were level by the fall of the liquid was shown to us later in Japan, but it had not yet penetrated to Thailand, and in any case was too accurate for the type of work.

But the bridge-builders were cautious compared to the dynamite staff. We would pound deep holes at more or less random positions with a hammer and gad and they would stuff them with dynamite and gelnignite and set us the task of lighting the.

These were cut in a wide variety of lengths, all of them too short, and the Nip in charge made a rough guess at the number of fuses and divided them among the prisoners. To light them we were given pieces of mosquito coils, which generally remained alight until most of the fuses were lit, or a piece of lighted stick, which generally did not. Touching off the roughly-cut fuses with this crude equipment, took some time, and if there were many fuses blazing away while a refractory one was being lit, it seemed a very long time indeed. When we had lit our share of fuses, or decided that the disadvantage of leaving one or two unlit were greater than the disadvantage of remaining, we left and went for the trees.

Trees were generally plentiful, if thin, but the number within range was limited by the short time available, and a shower of rock usually followed close at our heels. No attempt was made to count the shots, even if that had been possible, but it was taken for granted that many had not gone off through not being lit, and the job was repeated again, straight away, ignoring possible "Sleepers". To make the accidents more representative we taught them such tricks as biting the detonator onto the fuse, (for they always fixed the detonators themselves) but this did not lead to anything so far as my experience went, though, contrary to the rule, two of them did join the casualties in another way.

The self-sufficiency of the various parties was strongly evident here too. Different parties would be working beside each other, perhaps on different slopes on the same rise, but rarely would either give warning to the other. If we saw the other party running, we ran too. That's all the warning we got. Sometimes when you were passing through strange territory you would get warning of an impending blast, but rarely would such warnings be given to adjacent parties. Even Bamboo once proved himself Good Samaritan enough to give me such a warning. I was crossing his domain with another prisoner, and he gave a horrible grunt from a dynamite shelter.

Don't tell me he's trying to say good-day. I said, marvelling. He had continued to hog into his rice. He *doesn't mean that there's another charge going off, I don't suppose,* said the chap with me. That was what he meant, for before we could act on this hypothesis, a violent blast spurted out from the bank of rock nearby, and Bamboo gave a grunt as much as to say "I told you so!"

It was only a single charge, and there were no casualties. Serious accidents were surprisingly few. Some we hit with pieces of rock and a few more seriously hurt. Two Englishmen who were in a party going through, and had not been warned,

were killed when the party was resting near a blasting area, but considering the complete scorn of human life, Nipponese included, the accident rate was not high.

Contrary to the rule, two Japanese joined the casualties. They had gone to see if the fuse was still burning in a charge that had failed to explode. *I didn't laugh at the time, said an eye-witness, but I couldn't help seeing the humorous side.*

Nipponese popularity was at a low ebb.

In this way we worked our way into the rainy season. Gradually we got used to the new conditions and facilities for buying a few extras to add to the Hong-Kong ballast improved it a little.

Then the cholera struck us. From a neighbouring camp twelve men were brought in, critically ill from an unknown cause. By morning several of them had died/ and it was known that they had died of cholera. In a few days it had dug into the camp, and we knew what an Eastern plague was like.

CHOLERA

In imagination it is impossible to capture the true horror of cholera. It seems to be, not a disease, but an insidious poisoning of all you see and breathe. It seems as if the air you use is cut off by a sharp line from the air the living breathe, and an eternal rotting blights your separate universe. You feel the isolation in the very presence of cholera not in the barriers they make. To be sprayed with foul disinfectant before you leave camp, to be halted long before you reach another by a panicking Nip who takes the note you bear in disinfected tongs, to watch the faces of passing troops skirting your camp boundaries in hast and horror; these things serve but to give form to the knowledge that you have by instinct - that you breathe the air of Death and you carry Death in your lightest touch.

Neither the horror of slaughter nor the deep permanent fear of death by slow starvation can strike so deeply into the heart as the cold sickening terror that haunts every moment in a cholera camp. It is a terror that penetrated your whole being, gnaws at the part of you that feels and colours every phase of your environment. It is a terror that is with you all day, haunts your dreams all night and suffuses your earliest waking thoughts with a blackness, a misery and a grief.

It is a terror that is ingrained far beneath the deepest penetration of reason and grows unchecked by the most potent effort of the will. The great number of deadly diseases that multiplied as we progressed, never, even together, approached the horror of cholera, though it did not match in agony a dozen of them: from the first vague symptoms to the last deep coma, **To be continued**

DOWN MEMORY LANE



**FORWARDED TO ASSOCIATION MEMBER
VX40463 David BARRETT by a friend in Japan**

Some weeks ago, when I visited Kobe, I happened to find a special exhibition on a famous artist was held at the museum nearby. In wartime, he was appointed by the military to be sent and paint some dramatic incidents overseas together with some other artists. They all became famed artists we learnt at school later, but little information that they had such a career. Just after the war, they were blamed heavily to have participated in the military, one famous artist even left Japan because of that. This artist is very famous with his works, "the Meeting of General Yamashita and Percival" and "Surrender of British Army in Singapore". Among the exhibits, I found this one entitled "The Captives". Aren't they Australian soldiers? Talking with a curator, I found this artist, Saburo Miyamoto, drew this at Changi in 1942. No more information was left by this artist. The soldier looks very virile and a man of strong will. I don't know how many Australian POWs were in Changi at that time and it would be out of question to trace this man or find his family. It was anyway a very impressive picture.



B COY, 1/19 RNSWR, MONT ST QUENTIN BKS, INGLEBURN NSW, SEPTEMBER 1988.

[Left from the front row].

1. WO2 John Reed; Sgt Steve Caines; Lt Atkinson; Maj John Fogarty; Capt Neville Wiggins; Lt Paul Blood; Sgt Des Parker; Staff Sgt Jeff Williams;
2. Pte Morgan; Pte; Pte Giles; Pte Roach; Pte; Pte.....; Pte.....; Pte.....; Pte Don Wayne; Pte
3. Cpl Jamie Hughes; Pte; Pte Tony O'Dononue; Cpl Tom Fletcher; Pte; Cpl Eddie Brown; Cpl Edwards; Cpl Holden; Pte

[Photo courtesy of CPL Tom Fletcher]

Can anyone assist in identifying the missing members names ?