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Fortiter et Fideliter  
(Boldly and Faithfully)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



I normally open this section of *Frontline* with a “preamble” which rolls on from the end of my previous ramblings. This time, in the second week of January – there having been a delay in production because of the incredible work load that our Secretary/Editor has – I want to express what is, I am sure, the thoughts, hopes, fears and concerns of all members at the devastating fires that are ravaging the entire country. With members spread far and wide across not only New South Wales but other areas of the Australia as well, you may rest assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this terrible time. I know many of our members are members of their local Volunteer Services and they are out there, day in and day out helping their communities in the very best traditions of our volunteer services and the Army Reserve. When I read that 3,000 Army Reservists were finally being called out to assist the thought crossed my mind that they would not get too many from 1/19 RNSWR because they would already be on the fire front. Sitting in Sydney it is impossible to imagine what the communities in the fire grounds are going through. To each and every one of you that are involved I assure you that our best wishes are with you, we hope that you will be safe from harm and your property will be defended. Each night on the television we see pictures of the devastation wrought by these fires, following on from the hardship inflicted by many years of drought. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

When I originally started this, the September issue of *Frontline* was in the hands of the printers thanks to the efforts of our hard working Association Secretary. From looking at the proofs another excellent job!

Spring is upon us at last and, while I understand that the weather in all parts of this wonderful country can be as varied as Christopher Dawson’s socks, in Sydney today it is a beautiful Spring day and one that makes you glad to be alive, to have survived the chills of Winter and facing the prospect of warm balmy days ahead.

Wednesday, 4 September was the Battle for Australia Commemoration. The first Wednesday in September was proclaimed by the then Governor General, in 2008, as a national day of Remembrance and there was a sizeable crowd at the Cenotaph in Sydney for this year’s event in the presence of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO, QC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson. The Association was represented by Bob Pink, Ray Warden, Tony Bray and myself. Also present was Association member Alan Drinkwater who was there representing the National Servicemen’s Association. Tributes were laid by Tony Bray on behalf of the Association and Alan Drinkwater on behalf of the “Nashos”. A very interesting occasion with a large number of schools and their pupils taking part with the Catafalque Party found from the Royal Australian Navy and music supplied by the NSW Police Band.

September 23 brought news of the passing of Glen Scriven. Glen, who was 102, has been a very staunch member of the Association and by his departure he will be sadly missed. Glen was farewelled at the Mackay Family Chapel at Ourimbah on Friday, 4 October before a very large gathering of family and friends. The Association was represented by myself, Bob Pink, Mick Pass, John Burns and David Ring. David very movingly conducted an RSL Service for Glen.

Saturday, 28 September, saw Bob Pink and I representing the Association at a luncheon to celebrate a number of significant events in the history of 4 RNSWR. Their Colours were presented by the then Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency, Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, MBE on 29 September 1968 and 4 RNSWR and 3 RNSWR were linked on 26 September 1987. The luncheon, which was excellently organized by WO1 Warren Barnes OAM, was well attended by former soldiers of 4 RNSWR – of which your President was one for a short period of time – and it was an opportunity to catch up with many old friends.

The 21 Annual Reunion of the Association took place on the weekend of 25 – 27 October. As many will recall it was scheduled to be held in Wagga Wagga – my aim being to have a combined function with the Battalion. Sadly, we were unable to obtain a suitable venue and the decision was taken to relocate to Gosford. The Gosford RSL Club once again hosted us for a spectacular weekend thanks, in no small part, to the organising skills of my Vice-President, Mick Pass. The weekend followed along normal lines with a Commemorative Service at the Gosford RSL Memorial on the Saturday morning with music provided by Luke Meehan after which Mick took a small group on a bus tour of the Gosford and adjoining areas getting the participants back in time to attend a very interesting dissertation by Lieutenant Colonel Gary BELTRAME RFD who delivered the Military presentation in place of Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS MBE, OAM, RFD ED, who had the signal pleasure of being able to listen to a presentation after years of delivering them. The Annual General Meeting passed without any dramas or attempts at a coup.

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Your Committee was re-elected unopposed and the faith shown by the membership in the Committee is greatly appreciated. At the Annual Reunion Dinner, we were honoured by the presence of Major General Paul Brereton AM, RFD, Colonel Commandant of the Royal New South Wales Regiment and his delightful wife Susan, The Commanding Officer, 1/19 RNSWR, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Buchanan CSM and our very own Brigadier Paul Couch CSC, RFD and Mrs Carmel Couch. Apologies were received from the Divisional Commander, Major General Kathryn Campbell AO, CSC and Colonel John Brennan who had a birthday party for one of their daughters. As is usual, given the level of support that we receive, we were honoured also with the presence of Gary Young, President of Gosford RSL Club and his wife Lorraine, Cliff Hobson the Gosford RSL Sub Branch Treasurer and his wife Iris and Mrs Patsy Edwards OAM, Secretary of Gosford RSL Sub Branch. The late Glen Scriven was represented by his daughter, Gleness Larnach and his Great Grand Daughter, Alexandra Edwards.

A highlight of the night was the draw of the Guessing Competition for the magnificent Memorial Quilt donated by Jo and Graeme Ross. This quilt raised over \$4,000 for Association funds and I am told by the winner that it will be a treasured heirloom in their family for generations to come. Phil Willmott made a valiant attempt to win by purchasing untold numbers of tickets but was, alas, unsuccessful. When last seen he was in close consultation with Jo endeavouring to persuade her to manufacture one for him. The raffle conducted on the night by David Ring raised a respectable \$561 with quilts by Shirley Drum being the prize of choice. We are indebted to Shirley who must spend all her time between Annual Reunions making quilts for our raffles.

November 11 saw an extremely large crowd gathered in Martin Place to participate in the Remembrance Day 2019 Service. The Association was represented by myself, Bob Pink, Bryan Schafer, Ray Warden, David Hunt, Kevin Connelly and Barry Nesbitt. Army was well represented with Australian Army Band, Sydney providing the music, in conjunction with the Sydney Male Choir. Army also provided the Catafalque Party for the Service. Saturday, 23 November saw Bob and myself as guests of the Battalion at the 1<sup>st</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> RNSWR 2019 Battalion Gala. An extremely interesting evening held at the Australian War Memorial in the ANZAC Hall in the presence of a number of distinguished guests led by our very own Major General Kathryn Campbell AO, CSC and Colonel John Brennan. A very large number of soldiers from all Companies of the Battalion, along with their partners, were present. During the evening the Award for the Best Company in the Battalion was presented to Alpha Company from Wagga Wagga and I, in my capacity as Chairman of the Peryman Trust, in conjunction with General Campbell, the Commanding Officer and the RSM, presented the Peryman Awards for 2019 to the candidates who had been selected for excellence across all aspects of their service. Sadly, both the Commanding Officer and the RSM are leaving the Battalion at the end of 2019 and we will have to start the education process all over again. We have been very fortunate in having the utmost co-operation and support from Lieutenant Colonel Mick Buchanan CSM and WO1 Jamie Osborne during their tour of duty and they go with the best wishes of the Association to whatever the future holds.

Saturday, 30 November brought the sad advice from Charlie Watson of the passing, reported in the Canberra Times, of Malcolm "Frenchie" Le Comte. Frenchie served in 1/19 RNSWR for over twenty years and was, on discharge in February 1995, CQMS of Admin Coy. A staunch member of the Association, Frenchie was a fixture at the Annual Reunion weekends and will be sorely missed by his widow, Jane and his family.

To finish on a brighter note! Saturday 11 January saw Paul & Di Elliott celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a small gathering of family and friends in Canberra. I, unfortunately, was unable to be present but Bob represented the Association and, I am reliably informed, only consumed two glasses of soft drink on the night and returned to Sydney in a very disoriented state.

At the time of going to press we do not have details of any arrangements for the Fall of Singapore Commemoration in Canberra on 15 February. When information is to hand we will let you know.

Meanwhile, continue with your prayers for those involved in the fires raging unchecked in the Eastern states and for those throughout the whole country devastated by this terrible drought.

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*Roger Perry*

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## V A L E   G O O D   F R I E N D S

### **NX29830 PRIVATE Glanville (“Glen”) Walter SCRIVEN, HQ Coy 2/19 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF**

David Ring advised with much sadness of Glen’s sudden passing at home on Monday 23 September 2019 in his 102<sup>nd</sup> Year .

Late of Wyee NSW. Glen was born on 8 July 1917 at Scone NSW and was an original enlistment in 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF on 10 June 1940 at Paddington NSW

He fought in the Malayan and Singapore Campaign and during the fighting evaded capture by the Japanese and through his initiatives made it home to Australia. He was discharged on 6 February 1943.



He is survived by his daughters Robin and Gleness and son-in-law Robert, daughter in law Jennifer, Grandchildren Kim, Kerry, Peter, Sally and Jamie and Great Grandchildren Bailey, Riley, Paris, Isla, Jye, Zane, Chad, Laurin, Alexandra, Cordelia, Angus, Grace and Lilly.

Glen was farewelled on 04 October 2019 at the Mackay Family Chapel , Ourimbah NSW. The Association was represented by President Roger Perry, Vice President Mick Pass, John Burns, Bob Pink and David Ring.

### **159895 SERGEANT Malcolm Paul “Frenchie” LE COMTE CQMS ADMIN Coy 1<sup>st</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment**

Major Charlie Watson advised with much sadness of Malcom’s passing on 25 November 2019. Dearly loved Husband of Jane much loved and treasured Brother and Brother in Law of Ken and Nan, Carolyn and Don, David and Julie. Loved by his Nieces and Nephews Jenny, Lisa, Reuben.



Late of Bermagui NSW Malcolm was born on 17 November 1950 and enlisted in the Army Reserve at Townsville QLD on 4 October 1974 where he served until transferring to 1/19 RNSWR serving until discharge in February 1995.



Malcolm was farewelled at a graveside service in Bermagui on 3 December 2019. The Association was represented by Bill Fogarty who delivered the Returned and Services League of Australia Tribute and Graham and Jo Ross.

Graham advised:

We said a sad goodbye to another old Army mate today. Sergeant Malcolm (Frenchie) Le Comte. Passed away 25th November 2019 Jo and I travelled down to Bermagui for the graveside service. Quite a decent turnout for old Frenchie, I was his storeman for a few years when he was CQMS of Admin Company. Bumped into Staff Sgt Bill Fogarty at the service. Frenchie was a great bloke who had no qualms giving

you his opinion on matters, which was one cause of him wearing the Red Duty Orderly Sergeants sash on more than one occasion. He used to joke about getting one tattooed on because he liked wearing it so much !!

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## 1411098 CORPORAL Walter Raymond BUCKLAND

Royal Australian Infantry Corps

1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment 12/03/1966 04/06/1966

6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment 05/06/1966 22/03/1967

3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment 15/02/1971 16/10/1971

Our thanks to Association member Howard Bye for the following contributions and tributes in relation to his mate Wally:

Wally was born at Young on 11 February 1939 and sadly passed away last Wednesday evening 18 September. He had been ill with dementia. Wally did 2 tours of Vietnam in 1966/67 and 1971. He fought in the Battle of Long Tan. During his later Army service Wally was attached to 2 Instruction Group at Bardia Barracks Ingleburn where he had a lot of contact with 1/19 RNSWR members.

Wally was farewelled at Craig's Hill Crematorium Middle Arm Road Goulburn on 1 October 2019, Should anyone have any enquiries Howard can be contacted on 0413257658,



- **From: Darryl Fernance**

Goulburn's only known survivor of the Battle of Long Tan, regarded as one fiercest battles of the Vietnam War in which Australian troops engaged in action against the Viet Cong turns 80 today, February 11. Corporal Walter 'Wally' Raymond Buckland fought in the Battle of Long Tan in 12 Platoon, Delta Company, 6RAR and who did two tours of Vietnam. He was born in Goulburn, on February 11, 1939. He began his regular Australian Army career with 1RAR on March 12, 1966. He was then transferred to 6RAR on June 5, 1966 along with the first intake of Australian National Servicemen for his first tour of Vietnam through to March 22, 1967. Wally was then transferred to 3RAR on February 15, 1971 for his second tour of Vietnam through to October 16, 1971. Corporal Walter Buckland suffers from dementia and is now a resident at the Gill Waminda Nursing Home in Mary Street Goulburn. He has visits from his mates like Howard Bye, Les Reko and Peter and Helen Corbbut, no family to support.

For the past couple of years it has been those mates who have ensured he did not miss the Long Tan commemorations in Belmore Park. A call went out over Facebook for people to send Mr Buckland birthday greetings cards, to brighten up his room. No doubt he will also receive visits from some of Goulburn's former service personnel and friends.



Walter "Wally" Buckland with some of his cards and more well wishes in a folder prepared by the Waminda staff.

Photo: Darryl Fernance

Over the weekend and today, his actual birthday, Mr Buckland received many visits from friends and former army mates. He received dozens of cards and several special mementos of his years of military service. The officer commanding Long Tan Company RMC Duntroon and his sergeant made a surprise appearance at the gathering. The Company is a regular participant in the Goulburn ANZAC Day marches.

The staff at Waminda said it was a huge surprise for them that he is still able to recount numerous interesting stories of his life in the army, though he does have trouble remembering what happened in recent hours. One of the staff said they were expecting more visitors for Mr Buckland, some still serving military personnel too.

The Battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966 took place in a rubber plantation near Long Tan, in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. The action was fought between Viet Cong and North Vietnamese units and elements of the 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF) shortly after its lodgement in Phuoc Tuy.

## WALLY BUCKLAND

As previously advised he was suffering from dementia but continued to enjoy life as best he could. He was born in February 1939 at Bendick Murrell, a small village near Young. The family moved to Goulburn when he was seven years old and completed his High School education there. After this he took off and travelled Australia extensively, working and enjoying himself. One of his jobs was looking after the elephants in a travelling circus.

He joined the Army in June 1965 and in March 1966 joined 1 RAR at Bien Hoa as a replacement. In June he came to 6RAR and was attached to D Company until his deployment expired in March 1967. When his three year term expired in 1968 he left the Army and travelled to England.

In 1969 he re-joined the Army and in 1971 returned to Vietnam with 3 RAR. His good mates Howard Bye and Les Reko looked after him as his condition deteriorated and he was forced to seek assisted living conditions at the Waminda Nursing Home. His Funeral was attended by our members Stretch Fraser, Bluey Parr, Peter Slack-Smith, Terry Ryan, Dave Sabben, Tom Humphries and Dick Stevens. Wally's medals and other memorabilia were framed by Ross Smith in Canberra and in the absence of any Next of Kin, will be presented to and displayed in the Military Museum in Goulburn.

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## **N155803 – NX73601 PTE Jack FLAHERTY 2/20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF**

Late of Scone NSW Jack was born at Scone on 8 February 1921 and his daughter-in-law Roslyn advised of his passing on 18 DEC 2019 at Strathearn Aged Care in Scone, at **98** years of age. Jack grew up on “Jersey Park” at Segenhoe with his siblings Glendon, Purvis “Roy”, Clarence “Sid”, Nina Isabella and Muriel Grace. He met his wife Hilda Adel Gordon while attending primary school at Segenhoe and would recount fondly the moment she strode into the classroom to enrol in class.



Jack initially enlisted in 1 Field Ambulance on 3 December 1941 where he served until enlisting in the 2/20 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF on 3 December 1941 serving until 22 June 1942. He fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaigns and was lucky to escape becoming a prisoner of war when the Japanese invaded the peninsula on his 21st birthday.

Jack and Hilda Flaherty with their sons (L-R): Chris, Kerry Flaherty and Peter.



When he returned from the war Jack married Hilda on April 28, 1945, they began raising a family of three sons, Kerry, Peter and Chris and ran a dairy at Jersey Park alongside his brother Purvis “Roy”, his wife Judy and children Louise “Suzie”, Sam and Joy.

Jersey Park became the source of many family stories and was base for a large extended family and many friends who Jack and Hilda loved to entertain with the style of country spread that their generation did so well and at which Hilda excelled.

After retiring from the dairy, Jack and Hilda sold their part of Jersey Park, moved to Scone and ran a transport business with sons Kerry and Peter. Hilda passed away when Jack was 90 and he moved into the Strathearn Village, but for many years still managed to get about on his red scooter visiting people, having lunch and popping into the pub.

He died comfortably, with care from family and the fabulous staff at Strathearn who had adapted to the dairy farmer hours Jack always kept and could rely on him for a funny anecdote throughout their day.

Jack is survived by his three sons and their wives Kerry and Roslyn Flaherty, Peter and Janice Flaherty and Chris and Jane Flaherty; grandchildren, Todd, Elizabeth, Blake, Anna, Marissa, Ben and Kent and great-grandchildren Chloe, Jack, Iris, Isabella, Dominic, Adele, Sam, Hamish, Stephanie, Angus, Aeden, Oscar and Ned.

His grounded charm, dry humour and love will be missed.

Jack was farewelled on Monday 23 December 2019 at the Uniting Church Scone NSW

## *Lest We Forget*

# FRONTLINE



*From the desk of the Regimental Sergeant Major  
1st /19th Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment  
Warrant Officer Class One Jamie Osborne*

*Primus Agat Primas*

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Association,

Thank you for your support of the Bushmen's Rifles during my tenure as Regimental Sergeant Major. I could not have asked for a better alumni or better friends and I can say we (1/19 RNSWR) are fortunate to have the very best Association within the Royal New South Regiment, of which I feel I can say having now served in of two of our Battalions.

I would like to make an apology, you have kindly invited my wife and I to a number of functions, all of which I have regrettably declined. I have always put the men and women of the Battalion and their training first, hence I have missed valuable time with you, something I hope to remedy in the future.

Of training and notable events. The past two years has seen the Battalion retool and redesign to a set of contemporary skills; the Army Combatives Program and the Combat Marksmanship Continuum, to name but two. The Army Combatives Program is an Australian designed program designed to train our young (and older) warriors to react to an aggressor either armed or unarmed. The basis of these skills is not a martial art but a course designed to hone the mind to combating a threat by reacting in a measured manner to either subdue or neutralise a threat with the appropriate level of violence. The training design of this program took 18 months to schedule, as we trained and built an instructional cadre before conducting a suite of courses for the Battalion. Simultaneously we began to prepare the Battalion to commence qualification in the Combat Marksmanship Continuum, this is not marksmanship as you would remember, the continuum levers skills linked to the Army Combatives Program, whilst training our war fighters to rapidly acquire and engage aggressors from 50m - 600m. Again the training design needed careful programming and scheduling to achieve the unrivalled results within the RNSWR that the Battalion has achieved this year. Along with training our soldiers, the Battalion has supported both the 5th Brigade and Army by carrying a high percentage of the Reinforcing Battle Group over two successive years; this shows the commitment and courage of our people. Thanks to these efforts, the Battalion has secured over 68 individual operational deployments, 48 of which deployed this year.

We have some of the most dedicated men and women within the part time Army, and it is they and you who have made my time as the Senior Solider of the Bushmen's Rifles a true honour and one which I now regrettably depart. A soldier has but few moments in their career and I think that I have just had one such memorable moment. In January 2020 I take up my appointment as the Senior Instructor of the Warrant Officer and Non Commissioned Officer Academy, Southeast Queensland Detachment. The machine that is Army drives us always onward, and because of this I cannot afford to look backwards; however, I will always hold fond memories of my time in our Battalion. It is my hope that you will embrace and support WO1 Corey Dickson, who will replace me in January, in the manner which you did me.

To Mr Perry OAM and Mr Pink, OAM\*, gentlemen thank you for your leadership of the Association, and the friendship and loyalty you have shown to me and the Battalion. I will miss our verbose discussions and the tales you tell. My only hope is I have left you with a worthwhile story from my time within your midst.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention my family and friends whom have supported me so aptly during my tenure. In many cases it is they who have paid the price for my dogged pursuit of excellence for the Battalion, as I have stolen time from them to ensure that your Battalion remains the Battalion of excellence you know it to be.

**Jamie Osborne**  
**Warrant Officer Class One**  
**Regimental Sergeant Major**  
**1st /19th Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment**

# FRONTLINE COMING EVENTS 2020

SAT	15 FEB 2020	1645h	LAST POST CEREMONY FALL OF SINGAPORE COMMEMORATION (To be confirmed)	AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CANBERRA ACT	Coat & Tie Decorations & Medals
SAT	25 APR 2020	0945h	<b>ANZAC DAY SYDNEY</b> FORM UP IN SPRING STREET REUNION VENUE: SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE	SYDNEY	Jacket & Tie Decorations & Medals REUNION SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE
SAT	25 APR 2020	TBC	<b>ANZAC DAY CANBERRA</b>	CANBERRA	Further details to be advised in MARCH 2020 Newstletter
SUN	16 JUL 2020	0930	POZIERES DAY <i>TO BE CONFIRMED</i>	St COLUMBA CHURCH Ocean Street WOOLLAHRA	Coat & Tie Decorations & Medals
SAT	To be confirmed		ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT <b>OFFRS/WOS/SNCOS DINNER</b>		Mess Dress / Coat & Tie Miniature medals
SUN	To be confirmed		ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT <b>ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE</b>		Coat & Tie Decorations & Medals
SAT	15 AUG 2019	1045h	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	Refreshments after Service at the City of Sydney RSL Club 565 George Street SYDNEY NSW Coat & Tie Decorations & Medals
WED	02 SEP 2020	1030h	77th ANNIVERSARY BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	Coat & Tie - Decorations & Medals

## 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION DINNER WEEKEND – ORANGE NSW

FRI SAT	16 OCT 2020 17 OCT 2020	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB</b> 231-243 Anson Street ORANGE NSW 2800</p>	<p>The Association has reserved <b>30 rooms at</b> the <b>MERCURE HOTEL</b> which adjoins the Ex Services Club Bookings Tele: 02 6362 5611 Email: hb038@accor.com</p> <p><b>PLEASE MAKE YOUR BOOKINGS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT (CUT OFF DATE IS 01 OCTOBER 2020)</b></p>
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WED	11 NOV 2020	1045h	REMEMBRANCE DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH TBC	Decorations & Medals Refreshments after Service at the Combined Services RSL 5-7 Barrack St SYDNEY
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## ***NEW MEMBER***

A very warm and sincere welcome is extended to



**Private Michael McMAHON    WERRIS CREEK NSW 2340**

# FRONTLINE



# SICK REPORT

OUR BEST WISHES TO MEMBERS



**SGT Rocky WALSHAW** recovering after surgery  
**WO2 Eric PATTINGALE** recovering after surgery  
**Di & Paul ELLIOTT** Both well on the mend  
**SSGT Bruce LOFTUS, OAM,** on the mend after surgery



## CONGRATULATIONS



To **Di & Paul ELLIOTT**  
who recently celebrated their  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
on **10 January 2020**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
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# FRONTLINE

## CONGRATULATIONS



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CANBERRA VOLUNTEERS PRIOR TO THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THEIR END OF YEAR FUNCTION  
Di ELLIOTT seated in front at far right with handbag



AWM Director Dr Brendan NELSON AO congratulating Di ELLIOTT on her Award for 20 years of Volunteer Service to the Australian War Memorial



Di & Paul ELLIOTT (pictured at centre)



Helen and Martin HANSON pictured at the AWM End of Year Function 2019



### CONGRATULATIONS TO

FORMER REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR  
1<sup>st</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> BATTALION  
THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT  
KEN WRIGHT WHO CELEBRATED HIS 72ND  
BIRTHDAY AT THE APPIN THAI RESTAURANT  
ON 22 DECEMBER 19



## CAN YOU ASSIST PLEASE

From Association Member John STEWART

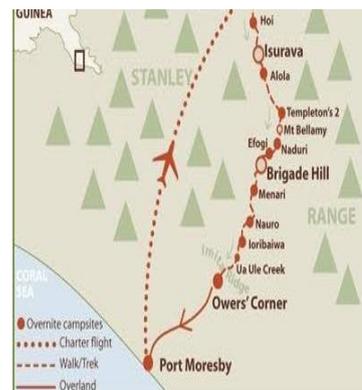
Hi Bob,

Good to hear from you today, brief as it was.

I am now running fundraising activities on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). They have accredited me as a fundraiser for them, and a copy of the Authority to Fundraise is attached.

I have, in conjunction with JDRF set up a donation page. The link for this is at

[HTTP://teamcurediabetes.everydayhero.com/au/trekking-for-t1d](http://teamcurediabetes.everydayhero.com/au/trekking-for-t1d).



If that link to my fundraising page doesn't work the page can be reached by typing **Trekking for t1d** in a Google search

I would greatly appreciate if you could spread the word far and wide. I have lined up a spot at our local Bunnings to run a Saturday barbie sometime in the next couple of months, and I am in touch with JDRF on some ongoing initiatives.

Getting to Kokoda is easier said than done. I just have to work through a ton of stuff with health checks, cardio clearances and other obstacles. I lost a full month's training due to the awful air quality we have copped due to the bushfires. I'll get there eventually!!

Thanks again for your help Bob. Send my best regards to Roger and all in the Association.

Cheers

John Stewart

### MY STORY

This is John Stewart's plan to assist in finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). I am raising funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

I want to support JDRF because they accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes (T1D) and its complications. There is currently no cure, and no way of preventing T1D, which is why I want to take action.

Six Australians every day receive the life-changing news that they have type 1 diabetes, most of them children.

My son Harley was diagnosed with T1D at 30 years of age three years ago. Until that time I was totally unaware of the day to day difficulties that T1D people have to deal with. Coping with daily injections of insulin, monitoring blood glucose levels multiple times per day by way of a finger prick test are just some of the challenges.

Since that time I have learnt a considerable amount about Type1 and through liaison with JDRF I have decided to take on a challenge with the aim of raising much needed funds for continuing research into this disease.

I have made the commitment to trek across the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea as a means of raising awareness and funds for JDRF.

There is a second and very relevant aspect to me taking up this challenge. My wife of 39 wonderful years passed away in May 2019. Since then I have been searching for a new direction to give my life some purpose. Kokoda will be the biggest physical challenge in my life to date. I will be taking on this challenge from 12 -21 September 2020. I have a considerable training program in front of me to ensure I complete the journey in good shape. Knowing that everyone who donates any sum to JDRF will keep my determination strong.

Your kind donation ensures that we can provide the best research outcomes for the T1D community in Australia. The more people that know about JDRF, the greater the impact, so please help me by spreading the word and sharing my page with your friends and family. Let's turn Type One into Type None.



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
ID # 2564397

**To Whom It May Concern,**

This letter is to confirm that **John Stewart** is a registered fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF Australia).

**John** has been authorised to conduct fundraising activity for JDRF from October 2019 until the end of December 2020.

The issue of this Authority to Fundraise is on agreement that the fundraising will comply with following:

- Collect donations for JDRF
- Keep the proceeds of the fundraising in a safe secure place
- Bank the proceeds into the JDRF Westpac bank account; BSB 032-090 A/C No 53-3885
- Undertakes to meet all costs associated with the event. If costs will be incurred, these will be no more than 40% of total income raised. JDRF will not incur expenditure for the event
- Undertakes to provide a basic income and expenditure statement indicating all costs associated with the event and total income within 4 weeks of the conclusion of the event
- Funds raised on behalf of JDRF cannot be used to make a donation to another organization

The mission of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes and it's complications through the support of medical research.

Our not-for-profit registration details are as follows:

ACN 002 286 553  
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DGR 042 753

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.  
My direct line is (02) 6109 4902 or email [sdownie@jdrf.org.au](mailto:sdownie@jdrf.org.au)

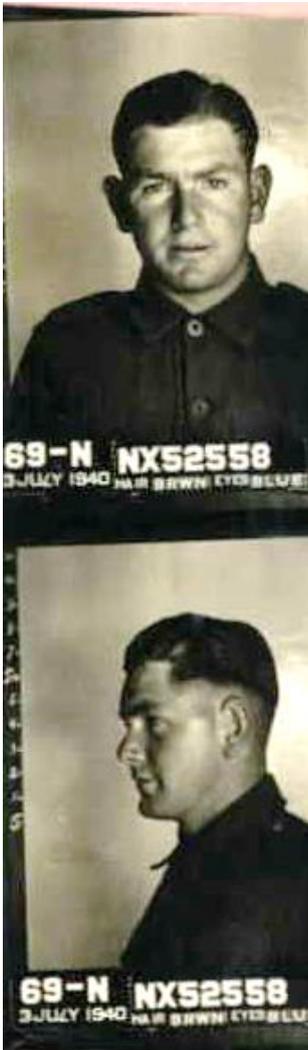
Once again, thank you for supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and taking us one step closer to finding a cure for diabetes.

Yours sincerely,

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# FRONTLINE

## CAN YOU ASSIST PLEASE ?



### **NX52558 SGT Bryson William STEIN**

B COMPANY 2/19 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF

DIED 09 FEB 1942 SINGAPORE

From: Wendy Bean  
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2019 16:59  
To: bob.pink@optusnet.com.au  
Subject: 2/19th Battalion

Dear Bob

I have been doing research into the 2/19th as I am interested in finding out more about my uncle, Bryce Stein who died in the Battle of Singapore. From all accounts he was well thought of. I recently found the website where it seems the 2/19th is sharing the space with 1/19th which gave me your contact.

I have taken part in the ANZAC Day march for several years now but have always marched with the descendants as that seemed appropriate. My father also served in the war in the air force.

I was wondering if there was anyone with a good understanding of the battle in Parit Sulong and the final Battle of Singapore where my uncle was listed as missing. I see you have an Association Historian but there was no email address.

I have a copy of The Grim Glory which I have read with interest as Bryce is mentioned several times for his bravery. In that book it also states he was recommended for the Military medal which I don't believe he ever received.

I have been to Kranji Memorial twice and tried to track down other information which led me to the Battle Box-I noted there was a report on that in a recent newsletter on your website.

My research is to be a book for upper primary school students and while a narrative I want it to be based on fact so getting the information correct is very important for me. Bryce did not have a journal that I know of but several letters he wrote were printed in the local paper where he grew up-the originals I have never seen. It is an interesting process and I admit to be a bit obsessed.

Any contacts you have would be appreciated.

With thanks

Wendy Bean  
EMAIL: wbean2@bigpond.com

# FRONTLINE

## BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA COMMEMORATION SYDNEY CENOTAPH WED 04 SEP 19



# FRONTLINE

## REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION SYDNEY CENOTAPH MON 11 NOV 19



## VILLERS BRETONNEUX – FRANCE REMEMBRANCE

**17 SEP 2019 FROM LTCOL Gary & Mrs Marilyn BELTRAME RFD JP  
Laying a wreath at Villers Bretonneux War Cemetery**

Bob, here is Marilyn and I about to lay a floral tribute in memory of the  
19 Battalion AIF at the Australian War Cemetery.

It caused a stir with all the other people on the tour who are from all over the world.  
See you in October.  
Gary & Marilyn



# FRONTLINE

## HOWARD BYE'S PHOTOS FROM JAKARTA WAR CEMETERY

Bob

As I recently told you I have been finally reading back issues of the Magazine. In the September 2016 issue there was an article on Captain Davis. On my recent visit to the Jakarta War Cemetery I actually photographed her grave as well as some other nurses who are interred there. It is a very sad place given that many died near the war's end or just after.

Regards  
Howard



A grave that I found in Jakarta which is only a small cemetery in comparison to Kranji and Kanchanaburi, NX4344 PTE Eugene EDWARDS 2/19 BATTALION AIF Jakarta is well away from where 2/19 served. It would appear that this fellow may have tried to escape from Singapore and got caught in Indonesia. DIED OF DISEASE Dysentery WHILST POW JAVA CAMP 8 OCT 1942. Sadly missed by Mum, Rita and Pat There are about 90 Australians buried here including several nurses. Most died near the end of the war or just after which makes the whole show very sad.

## 7<sup>th</sup> LIGHT HORSE DINNER MERIMBULA 14 SEP 2019



The presentation of the framed photo to the President of the Merimbula RSL - LTCOL David Horton is standing beside me, we were representing 1/19



Jim "Bluey" STEWART from Condobolin

### PHOTOS FROM JIM HURT

Taken at the 7th Light Horse Dinner at Merimbula RSL on Saturday evening 14th September. It was a very enjoyable evening with more than 100 attending. Gary Lewis "collared" me into being part of the presentation of the framed photo of the Long Tan Cross dedication in Vietnam 50 years ago.



Garry Lewis with retired AFP member who is the Vice-President of the Canberra RSL

## BARDIA BARRACKS REVISITED

Hi again Bob & Roger,  
Just about to go to bed when these appeared on my computer in Facebook. Thought you may be interested.  
Cheers  
Bob Middleton



Greg Northey

1 hr

1/19 RNSWR was based Ingleburn NSW

This was a Special conditions unit allowing members to parade for 2 yearly camps of 3 weeks each.

It's moved to other various locations around the state and still operates today.

The unit left Ingleburn in 1995.

These photos are of my brothers Darren and Glen Northey.... our family served the unit from 1985 till 1997 only after my late brother Darren lost he's eye sight (pictured in greens)

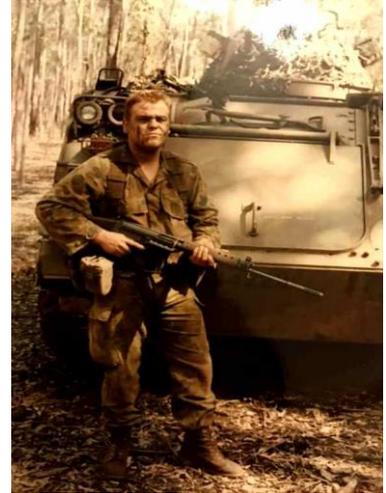
Darren is pictured in Greens doing a display in Liverpool 1989 aged 26 RIP.

Glen is out bush some where in NSW 1993 aged 27 and I'm with that APC in Singleton working with 12/16 HRL in 1993 aged 21.

The other photo is of the Pipes and Drums from the unit in 1985.

Building photos are of the Lines at 2 training Group across the road after it was abandoned 1999.

My DAD was based here too with the 13 NSB 30 years before we were at 2TRG group in 1957-1960.



# FRONTLINE

## BARDIA BARRACKS REVISITED continued



# FRONTLINE

## 4/3<sup>rd</sup> BATTALION RNSWR ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON Miranda RSL 24 SEP 19





Bob Pink pictured with former Regimental Sergeant Major (JAN 2014 – DEC 2015) WO1 Brad Doyle at 2/4 RAR Regimental Dinner at Lavarack Barracks Townsville QLD on the occasion of the Dining Out of the Regimental Sergeant Major WO1 Jason Sten on 10 December 2019.

RSM Doyle passed on his compliments to all in 1/19 RNSWR

### FROM LES FORDHAM 30 AUG 2019

Me, (Les Fordham), Peter Reynolds, Joe Clarke, Dianne Wilson.

Nearly 26 years ago and Di Wilson has passed on

**All ready for the big 1500ft drop into Lake Liddell.**

By the way, seen the movie of Long Tan the other day Brilliant, loved it. If you remember I went to the 50th Anniversary in Vietnam and had a pic with David Sabben a Platoon Commander with D Coy 6 RAR. (I also have his book "Through Enemy Eyes")

Have a nice day day Bob, with a bit of luck Joe and I will see you soon,  
Les



# FRONTLINE

## 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION AGM WEEKEND GOSFORD

MEET & GREET FRI 25 OCT 2019 GOSFORD RSL CLUB



# FRONTLINE

## 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION AGM WEEKEND GOSFORD WREATH LAYING CEREMONY GOSFORD RSL CLUB SAT 26 OCT 19



# FRONTLINE

## 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION AGM FORMAL DINNER Gosford RSL Club SAT 26 OCT 19



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Our thanks to MAJ John RALPH and Jim HURT for their photography on the weekend which is once again very much appreciated



# FRONTLINE

## 1/19 RNSWR GALA EVENING AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL, CANBERRA SAT 23 NOV 2019



# FRONTLINE



**PERYMAN TROPHY AWARD 2019 PRESENTATIONS**  
**1/19 RNSWR GALA EVENING CANBERRA SAT 23 NOV 2019**



## THE PERYMAN TROPHY

*The trophy was instituted in April 1992, by the Peryman family, in memory of Captain Mario Lemmers Peryman, (1<sup>st</sup> October 1897 – 9 March 1991) for competition within the 1st/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, which has been a focal point of the family for many decades. The trophy is presented in an expression of thanks for the joys shared over these years. The benevolence of the bequest provides for three books, dedicated to the military arts and sciences to be awarded annually, and in perpetuity, one each to an Officer, a Senior Non Commissioned Officer and a Junior Non Commissioned Officer/Private soldier who exhibits outstanding qualities in the performance of their military duties and is symbolic of Captain Peryman's Commissioned and Non Commissioned service.*

**LIEUTENANT Matthew WALKINGTON**  
**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

**PLATOON COMMANDER AND SECOND IN COMMAND, C COMPANY,**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT**

### CITATION

Lieutenant Matthew Walkington has performed to an excellent standard as a Platoon Commander and acting Company Second in Command. He has led the transition into RIC arrangements within C Company including the development of a plan to re-structure and re-launch a new, two Platoon, Company model for C Company, to adapt to RIC manning reductions and reduced NCO capability due to operational deployments. He worked closely with the Company Sergeant Major and his peers to recast the training program, bringing this in line with Battalion priorities. Most recently Lieutenant Walkington's sustained excellence has been evident in the exemplary manner that he has incorporated highly stressful defence civilian career requirements with high tempo ACCC training, and higher duties as C Company Second-in-Command. Regardless of the challenges faced, Lieutenant Walkington has continued to act in an exemplary fashion. He has displayed judgement, resilience and insight, far beyond that expected of a second year Lieutenant. He has regularly led the resolution of training, governance, representational and administrative issues decisively and effectively. In these circumstances he has always sought counsel from the acting Officer Commanding on command matters, and used the experience and wisdom of the Company Sergeant Major and Training Warrant Officer to provide context and fact. The excellent performance demonstrated by Lieutenant Walkington is evidenced at all levels of his contribution to Army. At a personal level, Lieutenant Walkington has played an instrumental part in the continuous and successful operations of C company, which in turn has enabled the Officer Commanding's and Commanding Officer's intent during a time of major transition.

**WARRANT OFFICER CLASS TWO Corey PETERSON**  
**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

**REGIMENTAL QUARTERMASTER, BATTALION HEADQUARTERS,**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT**

### CITATION

Warrant Officer Peterson was a late posting to 1/19 RNSWR in 2018, and he was recalled from leave to enact his posting to the Battalion. It was during this recall period that he displayed the personal fortitude that has come to define his work within the Main Q store. Since posting to 1/19 RNSWR as the Regimental Quartermaster his devotion to duty has been obvious, he has worked selflessly and tirelessly to remediate the Battalion's logistics systems and processes, constantly working in his own time to ensure that he rapidly tackled the major issues. During his review of the Main Q store he identified lapses in procedure and legacy issue from years before which he remediated quickly. Warrant Officer Peterson has been a highly effective mentor to the Logistical Staff and has implemented a number of training and procedural changes to ensure that our Logistical Staff have greatly increased their knowledge and skills, posturing them for success in the future. He has engaged across 5X and FORCOMD to level the knowledge and access of his peer group to the best effect for the Battalion, which ensured a very good result in the recent Compliance check. Warrant Officer Peterson's conduct, knowledge, resolve and leadership have been of the highest order and he is conducting himself in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

**CORPORAL Nathan CARROLL**  
**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

**SECTION COMMANDER, PLATOON SERGEANT B, COMPANY,**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT**

### CITATION

Professional, personable, dedicated, hard-working – these are just some of the traits Corporal Carroll has consistently displayed throughout the year (and his career). Corporal Carroll's commitment to the Battalion and the soldiers within it is second to none. This was no more evident than when he recently stepped up to lead the Battalion's Military Skills Team. His energy and professionalism at all times provides an excellent example for all to emulate. Corporal Carroll continues to seek mastery of the profession of arms, this year being awarded the Student of Merit on his Promotion Course. Be it working behind the bar, or propping it up, Corporal Carroll leads an active mess life that has helped create a fantastic social environment across all ranks. Corporal Carroll is a good soldier, a good trainer and a good leader and most importantly a good human – a deserved winner of the Peryman Award 2019

# FRONTLINE

## BOOK REVIEW

### LEGENDS OF WAR: The AIF in France 1918

Reviewed by John DONOVAN



Pat Beale  
Australian Scholarly Publishing,  
2017, 161pp, \$34.95 ISBN 978-  
1-925588-64-4

Pat Beale has written a passionate defence of the First AIF against claims by both 'yarn tellers' and revisionist historians. He starts by disentangling the confusing terminology of 'myth' and 'legend', and dismisses 'myth' as having a religious or quasi-religious flavour not relevant to the subject. Beale considers that 'legend', a 'non-historical or unverifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical' is appropriate for his purpose.

Legends, Beale notes, 'provide a simplified explanation for complex events, ... mask unpleasant reality, ... romanticize questionable behaviour, or ... distort reality so that it conforms to a different agenda'. He reviews seven AIF legends in the context of the performance of the AIF. Beale makes the important point that the AIF should be judged by the standards of its time, not of today, reminding readers that its members were young, vigorous men from a society proud of its place in a great Empire. They were devoted to their nation, and confident in its future. He also notes that while much modern focus is on the hard times of 1916 and 1917, 1918's triumphant performance is largely overlooked.

The legend of 'Aussies, the Born Soldiers' has endured, and many Australian soldiers might have accepted it before Gallipoli, though probably not at the end. As Beale comments, while the survivors of Gallipoli might have felt an innate superiority to British soldiers, their experience had taught them the necessity for hard individual and collective training.

'Lions Led by Donkeys' and 'Fighters, not Soldiers' are linked to this legend. Some British used the latter term patronisingly, yet, as Beale demonstrates, by 1918 both the AIF and the British Expeditionary Force at large were skilled soldiers. He claims, however, that the AIF differed from the British in its emphasis on the thinking soldier at all levels.

He uses the Battles of Hamel and Amiens to show the skill and confidence gained by the AIF in all-arms tactics. Hamel was won in 93 minutes on 4 July 1918, after an extended period of special training and rehearsal. While the Allied armies took time to learn the new mode of warfare, by 1918 they had mastered all-arms tactics, and, well supported logistically, were able to advance steadily from July onwards. While the soldiers learned new tactics, their leaders also improved radically. Discussing 'Sheep to the

Slaughter', Beale notes that by 1918 the AIF had young, experienced leaders at all levels from NCOs to division and corps commanders. It had both high morale and a proud esprit de corps. It had also developed its own styles of discipline and leadership. Leaders were well known to their men, often being promoted from among them. Such confident men were not sheep to be slaughtered, nor were their leaders donkeys. By 1918, a brigade commander like Glasgow could refuse an order from a British division commander, telling him that if 'God Almighty ... gave the order, we couldn't do it in daylight'.

Beale demonstrates the inaccuracy of the 'Loveable Larrikins' legend, men undisciplined out of battle, but superb fighters when needed. He notes that while the AIF had high desertion and incarceration rates, and there were several minor mutinies during 1918, units advanced when ordered. Fewer than one in 250 men were involved in the 1918 mutinies.

That the First World War was 'A Pointless Struggle' is one of the dominant themes of modern historiography. It should be remembered, however, that the early 20th century was an era in which winners took possession of the losers' colonies and other valuables. Beale mentions the crippling terms the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk imposed on Russia. Had Germany won, it is probable that German colonial expansion would have occurred under similar terms in our region. Papua, next to German New Guinea, would have been an obvious claim, but so also would have been Australia's largely undeveloped north.

Although Amiens was recognised by Ludendorff as the Black Day of the German Army, the 'Stabbed in the Back' legend was fabricated by the German General Staff to avoid responsibility for Germany's clear defeat on the battlefield. This legend instead blamed civilians in Germany for undermining the army. A former Bavarian corporal later took up this idea enthusiastically! Unfortunately the legend was given additional force by the failure of the Allies to recognise and proclaim their victory. As Beale demonstrates, by mid-1918, the Allies had a clear moral and tactical superiority over the Germans. They pushed the German Army steadily backward from July, and had it on the ropes by November.

There are some minor editorial problems. While the lack of accents in French place and personal names, such as Pozières and Pétain, is distracting, misspelling the name of The Nek as Neck really grates. Despite this weakness, this is a book worth reading. It bridges the gap between revisionist views on the First World War and the nationalist views found in some popular histories.



John Donovan worked in the Department of Defence for over 32 years, principally in the fields of intelligence, force development and resource management. He also served for several years in the Australian Army Reserve.

## NOR ALL THY TEARS

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

*Continued from September 2019 Newsletter:*

Then they handed us some money that they said had been paid over some time ago by the Red Cross, but they had been unable to finalise it before. Then the Lolly-Lopper's Red Cross shirt disappeared from the landscape and they gave us an issue of new clothes. Red Cross excepted, the only new clothes we had seen on ourselves or anybody else since we had come to Japan. Then the Jap, quartermaster gave us one of the Lolly-Lopper's pigs, and when he heard it's dying squeals, the Lolly-Lopper flew into a violent rage and demanded to know on whose authority we were given the pig — and then he gave us another two and some fowls.

Tell me the war isn't over, said one of the cooks a couple of days later. They've just given us five year's rations of fish and two year's rations of oil. We flavoured the tea rice with the five year's rations of fish, but saved some of the oil for the next day. The cooks acquired some more oil. Then they acquired some more rice and beans and this went on and on. If the war Isn't over, said Jack, It'll be over for us. There's thirty bags of rice missing If they ever count them again. Then looking about five parts shickered and very dispirited, the Lolly-Lopper called us to parade. With the schoolmaster of Yahamane as interpreter he addressed us from a table.

I the commander of No. 1 Detention Camp wish to notify you that fighting has been suspended and during the period you have been exempted from labour outside. You are to apply this time to regaining- your health and getting your belongings in good order. It is, of course, rations, very difficult to supply rations under the circumstances, but we will do our best, so you must strictly obey the rules of the camp without riot. Of course there is no knowing whether warfare may not be continued, but if the war concludes and you are to return to your homes we will inform you immediately and protect you from possible injury' Apparently he didn't rely on the grog to supply the necessary flow of words, for Sandy secured this verbatim script of the speech from the interpreter.

They informed us that they would buy us a horse - a whole horse - for a moderate fee and also promised some cigarettes. The cigarettes came as well as some vegetables and some bread. Then they returned some Red Cross money previously commandeered for the purchase of a camp truck. These and other signs finally gave root to the certainty that we had had from the beginning, and yet we were still unable to draw any permanent happiness from the conviction. It was a certainty that was nothing but a challenge to fate to dash this

last hope to the ground and complete the tragedy. But for all that there were brief intervals when we could settle back and say with a profound assurance: It's true! The nights were beautiful. The late brief summer had come, and with no guards to worry us, we were able to sleep under the stars and stare up into the velvet stillness of the sky. It was as if the heavens themselves had settled into a quiet peace.

There was a melancholy pleasure in dwelling on the miseries that had grown onto the last five years of our lives. The childish things that had once seemed so great, the mighty things that now seemed so small. The Eighth Division. Menzies' Glamour Boys! And they were all like us now. All that were left. Prisoners waiting to be free. Five years before, under the shadow of the collapse of France, when even those who believed there would always be an England were beginning to doubt who would own it. Would the narrow ditch, a swimming distance from France, hold back the army that had rolled up the legendary Maginot line like a blanket? Would the famed British Fleet remain tied to home waters, a sitting target for the Luftwaffe while submarines cut the lifelines? Would the estimates of the German submarine strength prove as wild as the claims that their army travelled in cardboard tanks?

We did not know, but the snarls from Berlin soon made it plain that the answer was not all Adolf could wish. In a little while we had no more pressing worries than the bite of the Australian winter, the shortage of straw in our palliasses and the monotony of bully-beef hash. Then came the blow to our pride when it became known that we were to be kept in Australia; that we were "Menzies Glamour Boys" for the duration. According to our temperament, we tolerated or resented the gibes of the "fighting divisions".

We went to Malaya where there was no war and would be no war. Where the only possible enemy was the Mikado who had plainly shown what his attitude would be when he refused to follow Mussolini through to the kill. Our status of non belligerents, formerly based on rumours, was now officially confirmed. In this "glorious tropical paradise with its waving palms in the breezes," as Fitzpatrick called it, we were to languish in luxury. It was no use booing Fitzpatrick and his Travel Talks. Everyone knew. Menzies Glamour Boys had asked for talcum powder in their parcels from home.

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



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## WWII STATISTICS – US ARMY AIR CORPS

From Garry O'BREE



There is a story that an AAF Commander told his troops after VE Day: "OK boys, put some clothes on those girls. We're going home!" Be sure to look at the stats at the bottom.

Politically correct was go to war to break things and kill the enemy.

Apparently, no one worried about nose art on the bombers. -----B17 bombers BTW, more airmen died in WWII than Marines. At the bottom there are amazing stats for the Army Air Corps in WWII. Probably would not be allowed to leave the ground today Almost 1,000 Army planes disappeared en route from the US to foreign locations. But an eye-watering 43,581 aircraft were lost overseas including 22,948 on combat missions (18,418 against the

Western Axis) and 20,633 attributed to non-combat causes overseas.

In a single 376 plane raid in August 1943, 60 B-17s were shot down. That was a 16 percent loss rate and meant 600 empty bunks in England. In 1942-43 it was statistically impossible for bomber crews to complete a 25-mission tour in Europe.

Pacific theatre losses were far less (4,530 in combat) owing to smaller forces committed. The worst B-29 mission, against Tokyo on May 25, 1945, cost 26 Superfortresses, 5.6 percent of the 464 dispatched from the Marianas.

On average, 6,600 American servicemen died per month during WWII, about 220 a day. By the end of the war, over 40,000 airmen were killed in combat theatres and another 18,000 wounded. Some 12,000 missing men were declared dead, including a number "liberated" by the Soviets but never returned. More than 41,000 were captured, half of the 5,400 held by the Japanese died in captivity, compared with one-tenth in German hands. Total combat casualties were pegged at 121,867.

US manpower made up the deficit. The AAF's peak strength was reached in 1944 with 2,372,000 personnel, nearly twice the previous year's figure.

The losses were huge---but so were production totals. From 1941 through 1945, American industry delivered more than 276,000 military aircraft. That number was enough not only for US Army, Navy and Marine Corps, but for allies as diverse as Britain, Australia, China and Russia. In fact, from 1943 onward, America produced more planes than Britain and Russia combined. And more than Germany and Japan together 1941-45.

However, our enemies took massive losses. Through much of 1944, the Luftwaffe sustained uncontrolled haemorrhaging, reaching 25 percent of aircrews and 40 planes a month. And in late 1944 into 1945, nearly half the pilots in Japanese squadrons had flown fewer than 200 hours. The disparity of two years before had been completely reversed.

Experience Level:

Uncle Sam sent many of his sons to war with absolute minimums of training. Some fighter pilots entered combat in 1942 with less than one hour in their assigned aircraft.

The 357th Fighter Group (often known as The Yoxford Boys) went to England in late 1943 having trained on P-39s. The group never saw a Mustang until shortly before its first combat mission.

A high-time P-51 pilot had 30 hours in type. Many had fewer than five hours. Some had one hour.

With arrival of new aircraft, many combat units transitioned in combat. The attitude was, "They all have a stick and a throttle. Go fly 'em." When the famed 4th Fighter Group converted from P-47s to P-51s in February 1944, there was no time to stand down for an orderly transition.

The Group commander, Col. Donald Blakeslee, said, "You can learn to fly '51s on the way to the target.

A future P-47 ace said, "I was sent to England to die." He was not alone.

Some fighter pilots tucked their wheels in the well on their first combat mission with one previous flight in the aircraft. Meanwhile, many bomber crews were still learning their trade: of Jimmy Doolittle's 15 pilots on the April 1942 Tokyo raid, only five had won their wings before 1941.

All but one of the 16 co-pilots were less than a year out of flight school.

In WWII flying safety took a back seat to combat. The AAF's worst accident rate was recorded by the A-36 Invader version of the P-51: a staggering 274 accidents per 100,000 flying hours.

Next worst were the P-39 at 245, the P-40 at 188, and the P-38 at 139. All were Allison powered.

Bomber wrecks were fewer but more expensive. The B-17 and B-24 averaged 30 and 35 accidents per 100,000 flight hours, respectively-- a horrific figure considering that from 1980 to 2000 the Air Force's major mishap rate was less than 2.

The B-29 was even worse at 40: the world's most sophisticated, most capable and most expensive bomber was too urgently needed to stand down for mere safety reasons.. The AAF set a reasonably high standard for B-29 pilots, but the desired figures were seldom attained.

The original cadre of the 58th Bomb Wing was to have 400 hours of multi-engine time, but there were not enough experienced pilots to meet the criterion. Only ten percent had overseas experience. Conversely, when a \$2.1 billion B-2 crashed in 2008, the Air Force initiated a two-month "safety pause" rather than declare a "stand down", let alone grounding.

The B-29 was no better for maintenance. Though the R3350 was known as a complicated, troublesome power-plant, no more than half the mechanics had previous experience with the Duplex Cyclone. But they made it work.

Navigators:

Perhaps the greatest unsung success story of AAF training was Navigators.

The Army graduated some 50,000 during the War. And many had never flown out of sight of land before leaving "Uncle Sugar" for a war zone. Yet the huge majority found their way across oceans and continents without getting lost or running out of fuel --- a stirring tribute to the AAF's educational establishments

Cadet To Colonel:

It was possible for a flying cadet at the time of Pearl Harbor to finish the war with eagles on his shoulders. That was the record of John D Landers, a 21-year-old Texan, who was commissioned a second lieutenant on December 12, 1941. He joined his combat squadron with 209 hours total flight time, including 2 in P-40s. He finished the war as a full colonel, commanding an 8th Air Force Group --- at age 24.

As the training pipeline filled up, however those low figures became exceptions.

By early 1944, the average AAF fighter pilot entering combat had logged at least 450 hours, usually including 250 hours in training. At the same time, many captains and first lieutenants claimed over 600 hours.

FACT:

At its height in mid-1944, the Army Air Forces had 2.6 million people and nearly 80,000 aircraft of all types.

Today the US Air Force employs 327,000 active personnel (plus 170,000 civilians) with 5,500+ manned and perhaps 200 unmanned aircraft.

The 2009 figures represent about 12 percent of the manpower and 7 percent of the airplanes of the WWII peak.

IN SUMMATION:

Whether there will ever be another war like that experienced in 1940-45 is doubtful, as fighters and bombers have given way to helicopters and remotely-controlled drones over Afghanistan and Iraq. But within living memory, men left the earth in 1,000-plane formations and fought major battles five miles high, leaving a legacy that remains timeless.



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Primus agat Primas – Fortiter et Fideliter



Fortiter et Fideliter

## MINUTES

### 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY INCORPORATING 2/19 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION

HELD AT GOSFORD RSL CLUB  
ON SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019 at 1500h

#### OPENING:

The Chairman, Mr Roger PERRY, opened the meeting at 1500h and noted the apologies.

#### ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:

It was **MOVED** by Sandy HOWARD and **SECONDED** by Gary BELTRAME that the apologies be **accepted**.  
CARRIED

IN ATTENDANCE (31)			APOLOGIES (48)		
WO1	Warren	BARNES, OAM	CHAPLAIN LTCOL THE REV CANON	Colin	AIKEN, OAM, RFD, ChStJ
LTCOL	Gary	BELTRAME, RFD, JP	SGT	Rick	AVERY
SSGT	Geoff	BRADDON, OAM, JP	LCPL	Geoff	BLAIR
MAJ	Barry	CHAPMAN, ED, MB BS, FRACP, FCSANZ, FICA, FRSM, RACI.	MAJ	Allan	BRABY
SGT	Joe	CLARKE	PTE	Tony	BRAY
MR	Alan	DRINKWATER, MLO	COL	John	BRENNAN
CPL	Les	FORDHAM	SGT	John	BURNS
SGT	Ken	HARPER	MR	Bob	CANE
SGT	Sandy	HOWARD	MAJ	Harry	COLE, JP, AIMM
LT	Peter	HUGHES	WO2	Bob	COLLIGAN
SGT	Jim	HURT	LCPL	Brad	COLLIS
CPL	Dan	JOHNSTON	WO1	Kevin	CONNELLY, OAM, JP
LTCOL	Peter	McGUINNESS, MBE, OAM, RFD, ED	MRS	Hazel	COOPER
MAJ	Ken	McKAY, RFD, ED	LT	Tom	COOPER, OAM, JP
CHAPN 2	Stephen	NEUHAUS, RFD	MAJ	Glenn	CROSLAND
MAJ	Reg	NEWTON	WO2	Mick	DANIELS
MRS	Joy	NEWTON, RN, BHSc	MAJ	Graeme	DAVIS
PTE	Tony	OHLBACH	CFN	Lindsay	DOBBIE
PTE	Alan	PALMER	WO2	John	ELLIOTT, J.P.
SSGT	Mike	PASS	SSGT	George	FISHER, JP
WO2	Roger	PERRY, OAM	CPL	Tom	FLETCHER
WO1	Bob	PINK, OAM, OAM (Mil)	SSGT	Bill	FOGARTY
PTE	Roy	RAE	SPR	Allen	GIDDINGS JP
PTE	David	RING	PTE	Peter	HALL
CPL	Graham	ROSS JP	WO2	Martin	HANSON
MAJ	Bryan	SCHAFFER, OAM, JP	SPR	Allen	GIDDINGS JP
SGT	Brian	TISDELL	CPL	Charles	JENSEN
LCPL	Ray	WARDEN	SGT	Felicity	JESS, JP
PTE	Ray	WILLIAMS	WO2	Kevin	JONES
CPL	Phil	WILLMOTT	LT	Corinna	KELLY
CAPT	Dennis	ZALUNARDO, OAM, JP	MAJ	Bob	LIDDEN, RFD
			CPL	Bruce	LOYNES, FCIS, FIPA
			COL	Brian	MARTYN, RFD, psc(r)
			MRS	Ethel	MELVILLE
			MR	Bob	MIDDLETON
			WO1	Roy	MUNDINE, OAM
			PTE	Larry	NOLAN JP
			SGT	Bob	O'CALLAGHAN
			LCPL	Roger	PEARSON
			WO2	Barry	PARSONS
			CAPT	Peter	POLKINGHORNE
			SGT	Peter	REYNOLDS
			LTCOL	Geoffrey	STEVENTON, MBE, RFD, ED
			CAPT	Peter	WATT
			MAJ	Bob	WEIR
			MAJ	Charlie	WATSON
			PTE	Robert	WATSON
			SGT	Rod	YOUNG

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## FALLEN COMRADES RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

The Chairman requested all present to stand and observe a period of silence in solemn memory of Fallen Comrades, Relatives and Friends:

MRS	Laurice Alberta	HINDER	<b>20 JUN 2017</b>	Widow of NX76302 CAPT David Clive Critchley HINDER, RMO 2/19 BN AIF and Widow of NX116613 LT Leroy Robert MORGAN 4 FD REGT 2 <sup>nd</sup>
WO2	Paul Frederick	BEER	<b>12 NOV 2018</b>	41 RNSWR & Husband of WO1 Terry BEER, OAM 1/19 RNSWR
CPL	Ronald	STEER	<b>28 SEP 2018</b>	ADM Coy 19 & 1/19 RNSWR
CAPT	James Stanley	MICHELL	<b>Late NOV 2018</b>	1/19 RNSWR
SGT	Andrew Kenneth	EASTON	<b>14 DEC 2018</b>	Aslt Pnr PI SPT Coy 1/19 RNSWR
GNR	Albert	KOLBUCH	<b>25 JAN 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4th Field Regiments RAA
MRS ACWM	Mavis Joyce	KIRLEY	<b>27 SEP 2018</b>	Widow of NX72398 PTE Walter Edward KIRLEY 2/19 BN AIF
MRS	Peggy	DRINKWATER	<b>07 FEB 2019</b>	Widow of Alan DRINKWATER 19 NS TRG BN
CAPT	Dorothy Joyce	HOWARD	<b>21 MAR 2019</b>	AHQ SIG REGT Sister of NX26768 MAJ James Alexander HOWARD HQ Coy 2/19 BN AIF & 2IC 16 BN
MR	John 'Jack' Edward	TRACEY	<b>21 MAR 2019</b>	Father & Father in law to Peter & Scotia TRACEY
LT	David Charles	SANDERSON	<b>28 APR 2019</b>	1/19 RNSWR
MRS ACWM	Muriel	COOMBS	<b>22 MAY 2019</b>	Widow of NX48986 PTE Joseph Frederick COOMBS A Coy 2/19 Bn AIF
MR	Maurice Alfred	CLIFFORD	<b>13 MAY 2019</b>	Father and Father in law to Paula & Adrian SCHLIEPER
MRS	Carol Ann	GATT	<b>19 MAY 2019</b>	Wife of David GATT 1/19 RNSWR
MRS	Aloas	STEWART	<b>25 MAY 2019</b>	Wife of John STEWART 1/19 RNSWR & daughter in law of NX50551 CPL Richard Dalley STEWART B Coy 2/19 BN AIF and MRS Jean
MRS	Helen May	PARSONS	<b>15 June 2019</b>	Mother of WO2 Barry PARSONS 1/19 RNSWR
WO2	Kenneth Roy	CURRAN, OAM	<b>27 June 2019</b>	2189829 & 216926 2/11 Commando Coy AIF – 1 Cdo Coy and 1/19 RNSWR
SGT	David Leonard	WILLIS, BEM	<b>3 July 2019</b>	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 Battalions RAR, and 4/3 RNSWR
CAPT	William David	EDWARDS	<b>7 Aug 2019</b>	2 RNSWR and 19 & 1/19 RNSWR Husband of Liz
MRS	Lisa Marie	STAPLETON	<b>19 July 2019</b>	Sister of David RING
MRS	Faye Barbara June	HEDGES	<b>20 July 2019</b>	Widow of William George LAY and NX153188 CPL William Robert HEDGES 3 <sup>rd</sup> Australian Inf Bn and daughter of NX55908 PTE Victor
PTE	Glanville (Glen) Walter	SCRIVEN	<b>23 Sep 2019</b>	NX29830 HQ Coy 2/19 BN AIF - Widower of Elaine, Father of daughters Robin and Gliness and son-in-law Robert, daughter in law Jennifer, Grandfather of Sally and Jamie, Kim, Kerry and Peter, and Great Grandfather of Angus, Grace and Lilly, Bailey, Riley, Paris, Isla, Peter, Jye, Chad and Zane.
SGT	Walter Raymond	BUCKLAND	<b>18 Sep 2019</b>	1141098 1,6, & 3 RAR South Vietnam incl Long Tan 1966

## MINUTES OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB ON SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Saturday 27 OCTOBER 2018 had been circulated to all members via the Association's December 2018 Frontline Newsletter.

### MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

It was **MOVED** by Gary BELTRAME and **SECONDED** by Peter HUGHES that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 OCTOBER 2017 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### CORRESPONDENCE:

The Honorary Secretary tabled the Registers of Inwards and Outwards Correspondence since the last Annual General Meeting.

These items include the Association Newsletters, but do not include the many email messages received and sent including exchanges between committee members and the general membership. They also do not include the despatch of Association Merchandise sent out by our Merchandise Manager Ray Warden and his wife Gaye – whose assistance and exceptional contribution is again highly valued and much appreciated. The Registers were available for perusal by members.

It was **MOVED** by Joe CLARKE and **SECONDED** by Gary BELTRAME that the Correspondence Registers be **NOTED** and the Correspondence be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President advised that details of the various activities and functions, attended by him and members of the Executive, representing the Association, were contained in the Association's "Frontline" Newsletters. The Association has maintained the presence of 2<sup>nd</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF Association at all ceremonies involving the 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Division AIF. It had been a good year for the Association which

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had benefited from contributions of \$5,000.00 from the Association of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalions and \$1,155.00 from the 3 RNSWR Association which had been placed in Reserve pending a decision on what it is to be used for. We are awaiting further advice from the Association of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalions regarding their involvement in the Annual Pozieres Day Commemoration at St Columba Church Woollahra and this year's Commemoration was, with regret, unable to be conducted due to the attitude of the Parish Council and a disappointing general lack of interest from the general church community. The former Rector, Reverend Alan Russell who furnished exceptional support and assistance over many years advised that the Rector was on leave but would be retiring in the immediate future. We will contact the new Rector in an endeavour to reactivate the Pozieres Day Service.

The President concluded his remarks by advising that it was a distinct honour to be the President of 1/19 RNSWR Association which is the envy of its peers. He again expressed his thanks to all those who had made the effort to be present on the weekend and to all members of the Association for the many acts of kindness, generosity and affirmation that had been received during the past year. It was **MOVED** by Jim HURT and **SECONDED** by Sandy HOWARD that the President's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Chairman conveyed his personal thanks and that of the Association to MRS Joy NEWTON for her continuing efforts in support of the Association and tabled the following documents on her behalf:

- Statement of Receipts & Payments and Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2019
- Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2019.
- Statutory Reports by the Committee
- Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements
- Form A12 - Annual Statement.
- Certificate of Currency of Public Liability Insurance.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

2018			2019
	<b>ASSETS</b>		
20,110	Cash at Bank & on Deposit	24,636	
19,513	Stock for sale at cost	18,942	
1,000	Prepayments	819	
0	Equipment at written down value	783	
40,623			45,180
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
3,657	Subscriptions in Advance	2,942	
3,657			2,942
36,966	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		42,238
	<b>Represented by:</b>		
34,143	Accumulated earnings 1 July 2018	36,966	
	3 RNSWR Award Reserve	1,155	
	Assn 1st Battalions Award Reserve	5,000	
2,823	Add: Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(883)	
36,966	<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		42,238

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

2018			2019
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
5,144	Subscriptions	3,595	
92	Bank Interest	93	
490	Sales - Merchandise	1,133	
500	Sales - Boldly & Faithfully	898	
3,176	Donations	3,159	
10,365	Functions	11,810	
0	Special Award Receipts	6,155	
19,767			26,843
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
87	Bank Charges	72	
0	CAPEX - Purchase of Printer	904	
0	Computer expenses	165	
100	Donations	0	
550	Insurance	520	
9,593	Functions	14,282	
1,305	Postage, Printing, Stationery & Phone.	1,659	
0	Presentations & gifts	580	
1,539	Purchases - stock for sale	1,289	
0	Subscriptions	100	
575	Welfare	715	
0	Website	426	
1,571	Magazine	742	
45	Filing fees	46	
1,000	Prepayment for Gosford 2019	819	
0	Payment, to creditors		
16,365			22,319
3,402	<b>SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS</b>		4,524
16,708	Cash Book Balance at 1 July 2018		20,110
20,110	<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE at 30 JUNE 2019</b>		24,634

## STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

2018			2019
	<b>INCOME</b>		
4,879	Subscriptions	4,310	
92	Bank Interest	93	
137	Profit Merchandise sales	172	
3,176	Donations received	3,159	
0	Miscellaneous income		
8,284			\$7,734
	<b>Less: EXPENDITURE</b>		
87	Bank Charges	72	
0	Computer expenses	165	
0	Depreciation	120	
100	Donations	0	
550	Insurance	520	
1,228	Net Cost of Functions	3,472	
1,305	Postage, Printing, Stationery & Phone	1,659	
1,571	Magazine costs net of subsidy	742	
45	Filing fees	46	
0	Presentations & gifts	580	
0	Subscrip	100	
575	Welfare	715	
0	Website	426	
5,461			\$8,617
2,823	<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>		(883)

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

We, ROGER JAMES PERRY of 1/14-16 Blaxland Road BELLEVUE HILL NSW 2031  
and ROBERT JOHN PINK of 3/20 Cumberland Road, INGLESBURN NSW 2565 certify that:

- a. We are members of the Committee of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc.
- b. The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 27 OCTOBER 2018.
- c. We are authorised by a resolution of the Committee to sign this certificate.
- d. The Annual Statement was submitted to the members of the Association at its Annual General Meeting.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

  
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ROGER J PERRY, OAM  
President

  
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ROBERT J PINK, OAM, OAM (Mil)  
Secretary

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

The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.  
The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards in so far as they are relevant to the members of the Association.  
In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on page 3:  
1. Presents fairly the financial position of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.  
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.  
This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

  
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ROGER J. PERRY, OAM  
President

  
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ROBERT J. PINK, OAM, OAM (Mil)  
Secretary

31 August 2019

## 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC

### Scope

I have audited the financial report being a special purpose financial report of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc for the year ended 30 June 2018 as set out on pages 1 to 4. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

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

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards Procedures and included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates.

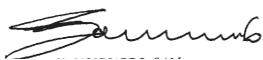
These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material aspects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations.

These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association the financial position of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

  
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DENNIS ZALUNARDO, OAM, JP  
Honorary Auditor  
31 August 2019  
1 Jacaranda Avenue  
BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153

It was MOVED by Geoff BRADDON and SECONDED by Sandy HOWARD that the Financial Statements and accompanying Reports be accepted.

**CARRIED**

It was MOVED by Peter McGUINNESS and SECONDED by Ken McKAY that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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## HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT:

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

A warm welcome was conveyed to the following 2 new members who joined the Association since the last Annual General Meeting:

CHAP 2	Stephen	NEUHAUS	YASS NSW	2582
CPL	Gary	ROSER	SEFTON NSW	2162

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

CATEGORY	LIFE	FINANCIAL	TOTAL	UN FINANCIAL	WRITTEN OFF	MAIL RTS	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1/19 RNSWR ASSN	8	183	191	48	38	3	89	280
2/19 BATTALION AIF ASSN	3	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3
2/19 BATTALION AIF ASSN ASSOCIATES	27	70	97	29	97	7	133	230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>513</b>

**DEATHS:** Sadly, 11 members passed away during the year and since the Association's formation in 1998, 290 of our members / relatives and friends have passed on.

### ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:

The Association's newsletter continues to be produced on a quarterly basis in a professional format, and the Honorary Secretary acknowledged the valued assistance of our Publisher, Flight Publishing. The Association maintains contact with other unit Associations and 90 copies of the newsletter are currently sent to the following kindred associations and organisations:

1. Association of First Infantry Battalions (3)
2. Friends of the City of Newcastle Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalions (2)
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion RNSWR and 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Battalion Association Social Group (3)
4. Association of 4th Battalions (2)
5. Association of 17<sup>th</sup> Battalions (2)
6. Ex 22 Battalion RVR Association
7. 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion NSW Scottish Regimental Association
8. 8 Division Council Association (3)
9. 2/4 Anti-Tank Regiment Association
10. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Association
11. The Australian Intelligence Corps Association NSW Branch (3)
12. UNSWR Association
13. Integrated Service Peoples Association (2)
14. Defence Reserves Association (3)
15. 14 Field Squadron Association
16. Royal Australian Ordnance Corps Association (2)
17. 3 Transport Company Association (4)
18. Royal Australian Naval Reserve Association
19. Regimental Council, The Royal New South Wales Regiment (4)
20. CO 1/19 RNSWR
21. RSM 1/19 RNSWR
22. CHIEF CLERK 1/19 RNSWR
23. OPS WO 1/19 RNSWR
24. Australian War Memorial
25. National Library of Australia
26. State Library of NSW

Additional copies are also sent the families of our deceased members and friends and 1/19 RNSWR Depots at Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo Canberra & Wagga Wagga. Newsletters are sent with application forms to enquirers throughout the year. A total of 430+ copies of the newsletter continue to be despatched each quarter. The Honorary Secretary spoke on the ever continuing generosity and the kind donations received from the membership which has enabled the Newsletter to continue to be forwarded gratis to several ill and frail associate members and families. Such gestures are very much appreciated.

### ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS:

The Honorary Secretary reported the Electronic Funds Transfer system is not without its problems – mainly due to members still not recording their names or sufficient means to readily identify their transfer/deposit into the Association's Bank account and/or failing to advise details by post or email of the date and the bank's details and location of the transaction. Members are again asked to ensure the following:

If they are making an Electronic transfer, ensure their name is provided as part of the transaction.

*If they are making a cash deposit at a St George branch, ensure that they advise the Hon Secretary by email or phone that the deposit has been made and the date and location where it was deposited.*

**CARRIED**

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Vice President Mick PASS President reported that next year's activities and prominent Commemorative Events would be published in forthcoming issues of the Association's Newsletters and our Website Manager Sandy HOWARD will also post activities as they come to hand on the Association website. The Vice President spoke on the arrangements for this evening's dinner at Gosford RSL Club.

# FRONTLINE

We had originally planned to hold the weekend functions at Wagga Wagga RSL Club which unfortunately had been fully booked out. Alternative arrangements for the weekend were sought and discussed with the Australian Rules Club at Wagga Wagga NSW however it was disappointing that they were unable to provide a suitable venue. The President pointed out that the reason for the original concept of holding the weekend at Wagga Wagga was due to 1/19 RNSWR's strongest sub unit in the Battalion being stationed there and it had been hoped that the Association's Annual Reunion could have been held as a joint event with the Battalion and so assist in forging stronger links with the serving members.

The Association had been represented at the following commemorative events since the last AGM:

10 NOV 18	FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF BATHURST BY 1/19 RNSWR
11 NOV 18	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES – SYDNEY / CENTRAL COAST
02 FEB 19	1/19 RNSWR PERYMAN AWARDS/REGTL DINNER ORANGE
15 FEB 19	FALL OF SINGAPORE - AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CANBERRA
21 APR 19	ANZAC SUNDAY SERVICES - SYDNEY / CENTRAL COAST
25 APR 19	ANZAC DAY SYDNEY AND SAIGON!
29 JUN 19	ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT CONFERENCE WEEKEND RANDWICK
30 JUN 19	RNSWR ANNUAL GARRISON CHURCH PARADE MILLERS POINT
04 AUG 19	SANDAKAN COMMEMORATION BURWOOD PARK
15 AUG 19	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY SYDNEY
18 AUG 19	VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY COMMEMORATION SYDNEY CENOTAPH
25 AUG 19	NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S COMMEMORATION INGLEBURN
04 SEP 19	BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY – SYDNEY CENOTAPH

The President thanked the membership for their support, particularly those who had travelled long distances to be present at this weekend's functions and looked forward to an increased attendance at the Association's activities and functions next year, particularly the ANZAC Day 2020 Cruise in Sydney and the Association's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND 2020. It was MOVED by Roger PERRY and SECONDED by Bob WEIR that the Social Committee's Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2019-2020

The following were elected to the positions shown. This declaration was endorsed with acclamation by all present.

POSITION	ELECTED	
PRESIDENT	Roger	PERRY, OAM
VICE PRESIDENT & PUBLICITY OFFICER	Mick	PASS
TREASURER	Joy	NEWTON, RN, BhSc
HONORARY SECRETARY/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR/ ASSOCIATION PUBLIC OFFICER	Bob	PINK, OAM, OAM (Mil)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Bryan	SCHAFFER, OAM, JP
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Bob	WEIR
COMMITTEE MEMBER & MERCHANDISING MANAGER	Ray	WARDEN
COMMITTEE MEMBER & WEBSITE MANAGER	Sandy	HOWARD
COMMITTEE MEMBER & ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN	Geoff	BRADDON, OAM, JP
COMMITTEE MEMBER	John	ELLIOTT, JP
COMMITTEE MEMBER	George	FISHER, JP
APPOINTMENT ASSOCIATION AUDITOR	The appointment of Mr Dennis ZALUNARDO, OAM, JP as the Association's Auditor for 2019-2020 was CONFIRMED	

The Chairman congratulated all on their election and thanked Sandy HOWARD for his exceptional contribution in managing the Web Site and LTCOL Peter McGuinness for his valued ongoing close support and assistance to Sandy on the recording of the Battalions' histories and the preparation of Unit History presentations at our Annual General Meetings and also by way of assistance to 1/19 RNSWR members called upon to deliver dissertations at Regimental Dinners. He also thanked all members of the Committee for their contribution and assistance throughout the year, Vice President Mick Pass for his exceptional work in organising this AGM weekend functions and Ray and Gaye Warden for their continuing efficient and valued efforts in handling the Association's merchandise throughout the year. The President also noted our debt to our Honorary Auditor Dennis Zalunardo, OAM, JP for his sterling efforts and watchful eye and thanked David Ring our Standard Bearer for his unhesitating attendance and exemplary performance at the Association's Commemorations. He reminded all members that there were still copies of the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF History "Boldly & Faithfully" for sale.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Chairman thanked Jo Ross, wife of Association member, Graham Ross for her creation of a beautifully stitched double bed sized patchwork quilt with complementary themes commemorating the end of World War I. Graham and Jo have generously donated this quilt to the Association. The unique masterpiece is valued in excess of \$2,500 and involved untold hours of painstaking work. A future heirloom! The Chairman was very pleased to announce that the Guessing Competition for the Quilt had been well supported by our Association members and Kindred Association members and had raised over \$4,000.00 – an exceptional result for Jo's magnificent undertaking and efforts on our behalf for which we are extremely grateful.

He also thanked MRS Shirley Drum for the magnificent crocheted rugs which she has once again donated to the Association for raffle prizes and to MRS Judy Hughes for her donation of the intricate Pozieres embroidery for which we were also very grateful.

# FRONTLINE

## LIFE

### MEMBERSHIP:

The President was very pleased to announce that MRS Valerie Crawford (widow of former and first Commanding Officer of 19 RNSWR Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Joseph CRAWFORD, LVO, ISO, MBE, ED) and MRS Beryl Irwin (widow of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commanding Officer of 19 RNSWR and first Commanding Officer of 1/19 RNSWR, Lieutenant Colonel Terrence Cecil IRWIN MBE OAM ED) had been appointed Life Members of the Association and he had conveyed the congratulations and approbation of all Association members to them on their appointment and forwarded to them, their Gold Life Members Badges. This announcement was greeted with hearty acclamation from all present.

The President then spoke on the outstanding performance rendered over many years by members Ray and Gaye Warden as our Memorabilia Managers and the immense support they continue to give unhesitatingly and without question.

Such service is deserving of special recognition and the President was very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ray and MRS Gaye Warden as Life Members of the Association and presented them with their Gold Life Members badges. Again, this announcement was received with hearty acclamation from all present.

## SPECIAL

### THANKS:

The President then conveyed to former Commanding Officer 1/19 RNSWR, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Beltrame, RFD, JP, the Association's thanks for delivering his very fine and most edifying and informative presentation earlier this afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel Beltrame had "volunteered" to deliver this very important segment of the weekend's activities when Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGuinness MBE OAM RFD ED had indicated he would be unable to perform his usual role this year. Peter McGuinness roundly endorsed the President's remarks and the matter was the subject of general and prolonged acclamation.

## NEXT ANNUAL

### GENERAL MEETING:

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had been "convention" that every alternate AGM be held in Orange to enable interaction with 1/19 RNSWR and the Orange Ex-Services Club who have been staunch supporters of the Association for all of its existence.

The Chairman iterated his comments from previous years that details of suggested venues should be sent to the Committee for consideration prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting and no suggestions would be considered unless the Committee had received timely notice of the proposal, with a detailed plan as to the operation of the weekend.

The President then advised that the Association's next Annual General Meeting will be held at the Orange Ex Services Club on the weekend 16-17-18 OCTOBER 2020

As accommodation at Orange NSW is likely to be at a premium on the AGM weekend, members are especially reminded to make early bookings for their accommodation to avoid disappointment.

The following is the Outline Plan for the 2020 AGM weekend at ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB:

<b>MEET &amp; GREET FUNCTION</b> ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB	1800-2130h	FRI 16 OCT 20
<b>WREATH LAYING</b> 1/19 RNSWR ROMANI BARRACKS	1030h	SAT 17 OCT 20
<b>PRESENTATION BY</b> LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS MBE OAM RFD ED ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB	1400h	SAT 17 OCT 20
<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB	1530h	SAT 17 OCT 20
<b>REUNION DINNER</b> ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB	1800h for 1900h	SAT 17 OCT 20

### CO-ORD ARRANGEMENTS

Association Vice President Mike PASS will liaise with Orange Ex Services Club to arrange accommodation reservations and the booking of facilities and rooms and catering arrangements for the functions at selected venues.

### CLOSURE:

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1541 H.

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CHAIRMAN

DOWN MEMORY LANE



PICTURED AT THE KIEV FUNCTION CENTRE PENRITH NSW FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLOURS OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT ON 13 AUGUST 1972

L to R: SGT Peter DELAMONT, LT Wayne WRIGHT,  
Commanding Officer 1/19 RNSWR LTCOL Terry IRWIN MBE ED,  
LT Bill EDWARDS SGT John ELLIOTT