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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we continue with the “new normal” under the COVID-19 lockdown it seems there is not a great deal to report. Event after event has been cancelled and I have sat at home in splendid isolation. Odd as it is I must say that the way the great majority of Australians has responded to the restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic has been an example to the world and must be a source of pride to us all as we navigate our way through these perilous times.

The restrictions are a right pain but they have succeeded in containing the spread of the virus in Australia and will see us return to “normal” a lot earlier than other countries who have not exercised the same restraint shown by Australians. The restraint is particularly apposite for a large number of our members who fall into the elderly group. Sadly, our senior members are the most likely to be afflicted with the virus and all of us should be on our toes to ensure that those we love are kept safe.

As you all know the usual commemorations on ANZAC Day were cancelled and this, again, brought out the Aussie gift for innovation. Our Patron, Peter McGuinness, circulated a number of us with a message regarding the ceremony scheduled for the Australian War Memorial and “threatened” that there would be a questionnaire afterwards. An encouragement to attend or risk dire consequences. For the first time in living memory I was out of bed before dawn on ANZAC Day, watched the telecast from the AWM and then stood on my veranda with a lighted candle listening to the trumpeter from the AWM play the Last Post. I could hear, but could not see, one of my neighbours doing something similar, with their version of the Last Post one bar behind the version I was listening too. It was a very moving ceremony and was followed, at 10.00am by a similar event from the ANZAC War Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney where Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC, Governor of New South Wales laid a tribute and gave her ANZAC Day Address. In adversity, Australians paid fitting tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice and all those who have now gone to their rest.

Wednesday, 13 May brought news of the passing of Association Life Member Mrs Marjorie Flack, widow of PTE Norman Charles Flack, 2nd/19th Battalion AIF. Marjorie was a very active member of the Association and was a valued source of information on happenings in South Western New South Wales. Marjorie had been in indifferent health after suffering a couple of heart attacks and, while appearing to be recovering well passed away peacefully in the early morning of 13 May at the age of 86. Marjorie was farewelled at a private ceremony in Hay on Saturday 16 May. Regrettably, due to the current restrictions, neither Bob Pink nor I were able to attend her funeral.

As you will see elsewhere in this edition, we have obtained additional copies of *THE GRIM GLORY* from our overworked printer in Tasmania. They are available from Merchandising and if anyone has not read this history of the deeds of the men of 2nd/19th Battalion AIF I can really recommend it. It is unlikely we will commission another reprint so I strongly suggest that you get your order in early.

The Queen’s Birthday Honours List brought news of recognition, with the Award of a Medal in The Order of Australia to Association member (and former Platoon Sergeant at Leeton) Mark Hoskinson. Mark was recognised for service to his community and to primary industry generally. Recognition that is well deserved and I am sure greatly appreciated by the residents of Kikoira.

I had hoped to resume the Pozieres Day Commemoration at St Barnabas’ Uniting Church in Woollahra and expand this very important ceremony, carried out for many years by The Association of First Battalions, to add the valiant men of 19th Battalion AIF to the commemoration. Sadly, there is insufficient time, with some lockdown conditions still in place, to plan this activity so it will, reluctantly have to be postponed until 2021.

I can assure you that 1/19 RNSWR have been in the forefront of military support to the civilian population – firstly with Operation Bushfire Assist and then with Operation COVID Assist – over the past six months and we are very grateful for – and proud of – their contribution to keeping our fellow Australians safe in what has been a very trying time.

As the restrictions on movement and socialising are being lifted I exhort all of our members to appreciate that the COVID-19 virus has NOT been eradicated, and that may not happen for some time to come. Please be sensible, listen to the advice from our medical experts, maintain social distancing and other preventative policies to ensure that Australia does not join countries like the United States of America and Great Britain with a death toll in the thousands.

Finally, I expect that there will be a further relaxation of restrictions by October and I would like to see a large roll up to Orange at the Annual Reunion Weekend giving us the opportunity to reminisce about “how I spent the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown”.

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

Roger Perry

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WELCOME TO THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER



LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRIPHARN TEKI

1st/19th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment



Tripharn Teki was born on the 2nd February 1981 in Wanganui, New Zealand. His family moved to Brisbane in 1993, where he completed his education at St Patrick's College. He enlisted into the Queensland University Regiment in December 2000, graduating into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps in early 2002.

Tripharn Teki was posted to Queensland University Regiment as Platoon Commander, Training Support Platoon, where he was responsible for their conduct and training. He also instructed on a number of First Appointment Courses. In 2004, he was posted as a Platoon Commander in Charlie Company, 25th/49th Battalion, the Royal Queensland Regiment. In addition to his Platoon Commander responsibilities, he continued to instruct on the FAC and attended Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR in Singapore as a Company Second-in-Command and the United Kingdom Liaison Officer.

In May 2005, Tripharn Teki was posted to 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment, as the Second-in-Command of Alpha Company. In 2007, he was posted as the Second-in-Command Charlie Company, 4th/3rd Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment. During this posting, he acted as the Officer Commanding Charlie Company (6 weeks), umpired on Talisman Sabre attached to the United States Army, and deployed on OPERATION ASTUTE as the Second-in-Command of Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. During the deployment he oversaw the operational activities in the period shortly following the assassination attempts on the Prime Minister and President of East Timor. He regards this experience as being the most demanding and rewarding period in his career to date.

Tripharn Teki was then seconded as an analyst to the Defence Intelligence Organisation, where he conducted all source analysis and reporting to the National Security community. In 2010, he was posted as an instructor and Platoon Commander to the Sydney University Regiment. He focused on increasing the number and quality of graduating officers, resulting in a large rise in graduates including a Sword of Honour, and a Queen's Medal recipient. In 2012, he was posted as Officer Commanding Alpha Company, 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment, where he oversaw the Company's implementation of the Army Reserve's new role under Plan Beersheba.

Tripharn Teki completed the Operations module of the Australian Command and Staff College – Reserve course where he finished with an overall result of a Distinction. He then attended the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College, where he graduated in 2017 after receiving the highest grade in his syndicate, and was recommended for immediate command. He has since completed a Master of Defence Studies through the Canadian Royal Military College. In 2020, Tripharn assumed command of 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment and immediately began supporting Operation Bushfire Assist.

Tripharn Teki has graduated from the Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Bachelor of Information Technology in Software Engineering. He also graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a Master of Project Management. He has worked in Information Technology Management for over fifteen years within the Australian Public Service and private industry. He currently works as a program manager delivering large ICT projects within the Department of Defence.

Tripharn Teki is married to Libby, an epidemiologist working for the Department of Defence, and has a nine-year-old son Matthew and a five-year-old daughter named Sarah. His leisure activities include spending time with his family, reading and attempting to relearn the piano. He also holds a 3rd Dan black belt in Taekwondo and instructs multiple times a week.

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WELCOME TO THE NEW REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR



WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE COREY DICKSON

1st/19th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment

Warrant Officer Class One Corey Dickson was born in Brisbane on the 25th of July 1976. He attended Clontarf Beach State High School graduating in 1993.

On the 12th of July 1994, Warrant Officer Dickson enlisted in the Australian Regular Army and after completing recruit and initial employment training was posted to the 2nd/4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. His postings as a rifleman and junior non-commissioned officer included the 2nd; 3rd and 4th Battalions of The Royal Australian Regiment as well as the Land Command Battle School, Canungra and Training Command – Army, Rehabilitation Wing. The balance between his core role as an infantryman and the diversity of the latter two appointments set him up for success later in his career.



During his time as a senior non-commissioned officer and warrant officer, Warrant Officer Dickson has continued to be employed in a diverse range of appointments with postings to the 3rd and 8th/9th Battalions, The Royal Australian Regiment; Motorised Combat Wing, School of Artillery; 31st/42nd Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment, 1st Intelligence Battalion and the Australian Defence Force Academy. Each of these postings has come with significantly different roles, experiences and challenges that have all been rewarding in their own right.

With a broad range of experiences, he has been fortunate enough to experience, Warrant Officer Dickson has a number of career highlights. As an infantryman, deploying on numerous operations in his primary role as a section commander in Iraq, platoon sergeant in Timor Leste and Afghanistan and then as a company sergeant major in Iraq have all had a profound impact upon him. Similarly, the opportunity to instruct on training teams in the Philippines, Malaysia and Afghanistan combined with the experience of working with Army's Defence Export Organisation on the sale of the Bushmaster Family of Vehicles in the United Kingdom have all been excellent experiences. The common highlight of all these experiences has been the opportunity to engage with foreign military personnel and organisations gaining an insight into different operational and training methodologies.

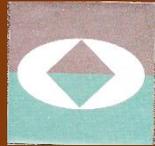
Warrant Officer Dickson's honours and awards include: Australian Active Service Medal with East Timor, Iraq 03 and International Coalition against Terrorism Clasps; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Australian Service Medal with Timor Leste Clasp; Operation Service Medal Middle East Region; Defence Long Service Medal with First and Second Clasps; Australian Defence Medal; United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor Medal; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal with International Security Assistance Force Clasp, United States Army Commendation Medal and the Infantry Combat Badge.

In addition to his operational awards Warrant Officer Dickson has been awarded the following individual commendations. The Soldiers Medallion for Exemplary Service for his dedication to duty at the Land Command Battle School Canungra. Land Commanders Silver Commendation for the execution of his duties as a Section Commander in Iraq. A Training Command Army Silver Commendation for his work with injured soldiers at the Trainee Rehabilitation Wing. A Joint Task Force 633 Bronze Commendation for his dedication in support of the soldiers of the Force Protection Company in his capacity as the Company Sergeant Major on Task Group Taji Rotation One. He has also been awarded the United States Army Meritorious Unit Citation as part of the United States Army, Fourth Infantry Division while deployed with the 205th Coalition Advisory Team Afghanistan.

Warrant Officer Dickson is married to Nicole and has a 13 year old daughter Charlise and a six year old son, Quade. His interests include rugby, touch football and travelling with his family.

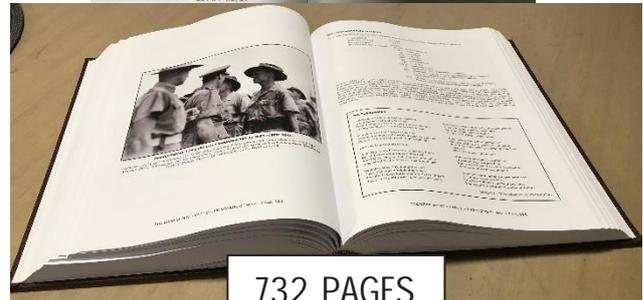
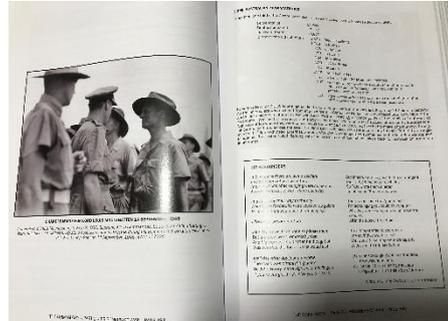
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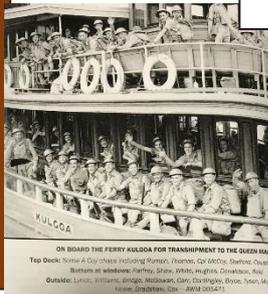


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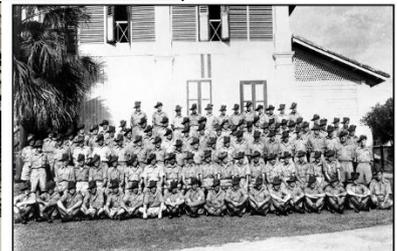
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COMING EVENTS 2020

SAT	15 AUG 2019	1045h	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY <i>TO BE CONFIRMED</i>	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 <i>TO BE CONFIRMED</i>	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	Coat & Tie - Decorations & Medals
22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION DINNER WEEKEND – ORANGE NSW					
FRI	16 OCT 2020		ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND	The Association has reserved 30 rooms at the MERCURE HOTEL which adjoins the Ex Services Club Bookings Tele: 02 6362 5611 Email: hb038@accor.com	
SAT	17 OCT 2020			PLEASE MAKE YOUR BOOKINGS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT (CUT OFF DATE IS 01 OCTOBER 2020)	
			ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB 231-245 Hanson Street ORANGE NSW 2800	The Format of the Weekend will include on Fri evening 16 OCT 20 MEET & GREET	
				Saturday 17 OCT 20 Morning WREATH LAYING at Romani Barracks	
				Afternoon PRESENTATION: "LEMNOS – WWI" by LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS MBE OAM RFD ED	
				Afternoon ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Evening FORMAL DINNER	
WED	11 NOV 2020	1045h	 REMEMBRANCE DAY	SYDNEY GENOTAPH TBC	Decorations & Medals Refreshments after Service at the Combined Services RSL 5-7 Barrack St SYDNEY

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MAJOR GENERAL DR Iain Geoffrey SPENCE, CSC, RFD

By courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel John Howells, OAM, RFD, (Ret'd)

Major General Dr Iain Spence CSC RFD passed away Friday 28 February 2020 after a long illness at around 1500 hours at Claire Holland House in Canberra surrounded by his loving family including his partner in life, his wife of 44 years, Chris. Iain served 40+ years in the Reserve rising through the ranks to command 12/16 HRL then go on to greater things. Iain was also one of those who worked tirelessly with John Haynes to deliver the National Boer War Memorial. I took the opportunity to write to the family on behalf of the RNSWL Association.



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Dear Chris and Family,

With Sympathy
Major General Iain Spence CSC RFD

On behalf of the Royal New South Wales Lancers' Association please permit me to offer our sincere condolences at the loss of your husband and father Major General Iain Spence CSC RFD.

Many members of the Association like myself crossed his path in our military careers.

He was a colleague of mine. An attendee at the. RAAC TEWTs in the late 1980s when I was on the TEWT management staff. Then when Iain was) young and brilliant Captain, he was a student when I was CO/CI Senior and Intermediate course RCSC 2 Trg Gp in the early 1990s shortly before I retired from the Army. Later we both served on the committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association. At that point, I was most impressed to see how far my former student had progressed.

Many fond memories.

All the best.

John Howells OAM RFD
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd)
Secretary
Royal New South Wales Lancers' Association

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It is with great personal sadness I inform you that my old friend MAJGEN Dr Iain Spence passed away yesterday afternoon after a long and bravely fought battle with cancer. Iain and I met in the mid 70s when he came to my home town of Bathurst to teach at my old school, St Stanislaus' College. He and I were both Sergeants at the time. We shared a place together and I was best man at his marriage to Christine. This photo was taken of us on ANZAC Day in Bathurst, 1976. Iain graduated from 26 Course OCTU and eventually became the Commanding Officer of the unit that he joined as a recruit, 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers. He went on to higher commands and an illustrious military career.

Regards

Michael Cassin



From the March 2020 Journal of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association NSW Inc

TRIBUTE BY *Tony Larnach-Jones, Former Secretary & Public Officer NBWMA Inc*

MAJOR GENERAL Iain Spence CSC, RFD (1953-2020)

Major General Iain Geoffrey Spence was born in Edinburgh (UK), in 1953, emigrating to Australia with his family as a teenager in 1970. He completed his schooling at Armidale High School in 1971 and a degree at the University of New England (UNE), subsequently becoming an academic. His military career has had particular emphasis in the regimental and training streams, although he also had considerable recent staff experience in the Canberra environment. Major General Spence spent most of his regimental career in 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers, interspersed with training, overseas, and staff postings. He enlisted in 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers in January 1972, serving in the armoured crewman stream until commissioned into the Royal Australian Armoured Corps on graduation from the Officer Cadet Training Unit, Ingleburn in 1978. As a Captain, and while studying for his PhD at London University, he served for three years with the Royal Yeomanry (Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve), as Assistant Adjutant and then Intelligence Officer. This posting involved several major exercises in Germany. On his return to Australia, Major General Spence held three sub-unit commands in succession: New England University Company (Sydney University Regiment) and then both A and HQ Squadrons 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers. In 1991 he spent a year as a Staff Officer (Grade 2) at Land Headquarters, working on an analysis of collective training within Land Command.

Promoted Lieutenant Colonel in December 1993, Major General Spence served in a variety of instructional and command positions. These included postings as Senior Instructor in Tactics and then Chief Instructor at the Command and Staff Wing of the 2nd Training Group. Prior to command of 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers from 1997-1999, Major General Spence completed the 54/96 Joint Services Staff College course. In 2000, post-command, he was an Instructor at Command and Staff College. Promoted Colonel in 2001, Major General Spence served as Commandant, Regional Training Centre NSW and then as Colonel Projects/Assistant Commander HQ 2nd Division from 2003-2005. Promoted to Brigadier in 2006, he commanded the 8th Brigade for three years, during which it was mounting HQ for OP TESTAMENT and the first 2nd Division deployment to OP ANODE. Although the 2nd Division has 6 Brigades, in 2007-08 8th Brigade provided 24% of all its deployments. In 2009 Major General Spence served on HQ Training Command-Army/HQ FORCOMD. He was posted as Director General Reserves-Army in January 2010, playing a major role in developing the Reserve aspects of Plan BEERSHEBA, for which he received the Conspicuous Service Cross. In 2011 he became the Regimental Honorary Colonel of the 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers, his beloved home Regiment, a position he held until 2019, when ill health forced him to stand down. (Continued on page 7) In 2013 Major General Spence was appointed to lead Project SUAKIN, the Australian Defence Force's whole of workforce project

Major General Spence was appointed Head of Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division and promoted to Major General in January 2014. On completion of that posting in December 2016, he worked in his capacity as CDF representative on the National Boer War Memorial Committee to complete the memorial and plan and execute the dedication ceremony. From June 2017 to April 2018 MAJGEN Spence worked as part of the team professionalising the Capability, Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG) Workforce and on developing an overarching Defence education strategy for military technical and capability management. In 2018 due to ill health Major General Spence retired from the Australian Army to concentrate on getting better. Unfortunately, despite a long, hard fight, he succumbed to his illness and passed away peacefully on the morning of 28 Feb 2020. Major General Spence was an Associate Professor at UNE until he took early retirement in 2010. He has a BA (Hons) and Dip. Ed. from UNE and a PhD from University College London. He was a military historian, originally specialising in the ancient world but later in his career focussed more on modern military history and defence/security studies. He was the author of *The Cavalry of Classical Greece* (Carendon Press, 1993) and *A Historical Dictionary of Ancient Greek Warfare* (Scarecrow Press, 2002) and joint editor of *Conflict in Ancient Rome, The Definitive Political, Social, and Military Encyclopedia* (ABC CLIO, 2016) as well as articles on ancient military history, the Boer War, and the Australian way of war. Major General Spence is survived by his wife and soul mate (since 1975) Christine, three adult children and five grand children. The Boer War Memorial Project CDF support was requested by RAACA in 2007 with the

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result that Brigadier Iain Spence RFD was appointed as the CDF representative in March 2009. One of his first tasks was as a member of BWM International Design Completion in 2010. From Design Completion Brief - 28 January 2010 Brigadier Iain Spence RFD, BA (Hons), PhD, Dip.Ed, Grad Dip.StratStuds, JSSC, FRHistS, was the Chief of the Defence Force's representative on the Executive Committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association.

A previous CO of the 12/16th Hunter River Lancers (which carries the 'South Africa' battle honour on its guidons), he commanded the 8th Brigade from 2006-2008 and then posted as Assistant Commander to HQ Forces Command. In civilian life Brigadier Spence was an Associate Professor at the University of New England, where he taught ancient history. He also taught and researched modern military history and has published on the Boer War of 1899-1902. Iain Spence then provided LTCOL Thompson AALC to advise and support the NBWMA Inc in its application to be registered as a Charity for taxation purposes and to gain DGR status for donations to the construction of the memorial. This took some time to be approved and also for later, the renewal of the DGR status. Ian Spence's follow up into the other Federal Departments assisted the approvals.

After many refusals by Defence, he assisted in the release of \$ 1.8M from Defence to support the Project. Iain as a Sergeant in HRL In 2014 MAJGEN Iain Spence gained approval for the NBWMA to be assisted by a ARES Project Manager, MAJ Steve Bain. The construction of the memorial could not have proceeded without this Project Manager who remained in position until after the dedication of the memorial in 31 May 2017. MAJGEN Spence was an essential part of the planning for and execution of the Dedication Ceremony. He was the Master of Ceremonies on the day, 31 May 2017. From the time that Iain Spence was provided to the NBWMA Project, he was an active member of the Executive Committee and always provided sound advice to avoid some the radical and time wasting suggestions from various quarters. In summary, I do strongly believe that the NBWM Project would never have been completed without the participation, advice and influence of Iain Spence.

Major General Dr Iain Geoffrey Spence CSC RFD was farewelled at All Saints Anglican Church, AINSLIE, ACT on 11 March 2020 followed by interment at Gunghalin Cemetery, Mitchell ACT and a Wake at Duntroon House, DUNTROON, ACT.

A memorial service was also held in the grounds of the Gaza Training Depot ARMIDALE on Saturday 28th March 2020 followed by refreshments in the Gaza Composite Mess.



NX7296 BOMBARDIER David (Dick) Clifford PAYTEN, OAM,

2nd/6th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery AIF
President of the 7th Australian Division AIF

We were much saddened to learn of Dick's passing on 1st March 2020 in his 98th year. Late of Chester Hill, Dick was born at Dubbo NSW on 30 March 1921 and was the dearly beloved husband of Mary, who pre-deceased him on 11 July 2006. Loved father and father-in-law of Jenny & Paul, Lyn & Alex (deceased), Sue & Ian, and Rod & Judy. Adored grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 26 and a good mate to many extended family and friends. Dick was farewelled at St John Mark Anglican Church, Chester Hill, 7th March 2020.

Diggers pride keep him marching at 98

Our thanks to Lawrence Machado of the Daily Telegraph for the following article

DICK Payten OAM is looking forward to catching up with his old army mates, swapping tales and swigging some beers after this year's ANZAC Day march in the city. The President of the 7th Division Association recently celebrated his 98th birthday and will be wheeled in the parade by one of his 26 great grandchildren. The Chester Hill local, a much-loved resident at Advantaged Care at Georges Manor, has a sharp memory, especially when reminiscing about how he met his wife Mary, who died of cancer a few years ago. He also recites several poems from memory, including the moving *Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels of the Kokoda Track*, and gives presentations to schools during the lead-up to ANZAC Day.

"I have been taking part in the parade since it began and have not missed a single one though I didn't expect to be here so long," Mr Payten said. "I have a lot of pride in the march, though it is very sad when you remember the special mates you had and have now gone. Those days it used to bring a tear to me. "People at the march give you a grand reception and I appreciate them, it is a real pleasure for us to take part in the march, because of this. "I am disappointed the march does not pass the Martin Place memorial any more as that was special and the crowds cheered us. "Yes I will enjoy a few beers after the parade and catch up the few remaining members of the Division." Mr Payten had four children with his beloved Mary, whom he married in 1944, and nine grandchildren. He uses the mobile phone, has many visitors and a disarming smile. Mr Payten, originally from Dubbo, joined the Australian Army in 1941, when he was 20. He served four and half years in different regions, including the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo. "When Japan entered the war, the 7th Division was brought home to prepare to go to New Guinea and I had my 21st birthday when we landed in Adelaide on March 30, 1942," he recalled.

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"THE KOKODA POET" Tribute to Dick was published in the NSW RSL "Reveille" of January 2019 and our thanks to Steve Meacham for the story and Chris Elfes for the photos.

To many, David Clifford Payten OAM ("call me Dick"), President of the 7th Australian Division AIF Association, is known as 'the Kokoda poet'. Three years ago, at 94, Dick made his debut at the 2015 Poetry Olympics, reciting a New Guinea adaptation of Eric Bogle's 1990 song *The Gift of Years*. The young audience went wild - a delight for the normally steadfast Dick, one of the last surviving Kokoda veterans. Yet Dick's most poignant poetic performance was delivered over the grave of his "oldest mate", Arnold Darling, at Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby in 2012. "I grew up with Arnie in the Eumungerie district of Dubbo," he explains. "We both joined the Army in 1941 and went to the Middle East on the Queen Elizabeth." The two mates were separated in Palestine. Both eager for action, Dick turned down officer training to join the 2/6th Field Regiment of the 7th Division, while Darling joined the 2/33rd Infantry Battalion. When Prime Minister John Curtin withdrew Australian troops in 1942 to defend the nation against the threat of Japanese invasion, both found themselves on the Kokoda Track. Artillery was "absolutely useless" at Kokoda, Dick admits. "My 11 Battery hauled two 25-pounder artillery guns up to Owers' Corner, where the track starts. We saw some action, but we weren't effective in that terrain.

When the 14th Battalion had to withdraw, we were placed in a defensive position in case the Japs broke through." Dick found himself ferrying wounded Aussies from the track to the hospital in Port Moresby. One afternoon he asked an orderly for a list of patients. "I saw Arnie's name and went to see him. He'd had four bullets in him, but they were only able to get three out. We were overjoyed we were still alive. Arnie was confident he'd recover." As Dick left, he told his friend, "I'll see you later." Sadly, he never did. This is why Dick was so ecstatic to return to New Guinea in 2012, with his local Labor MP Jason Clare and Scott Morrison, to plant a poppy at each headstone and recite the Kokoda adaptation of Bogle's lyrics: *Well, old friend, here I am. I told you I'd be back. And as usual mate, I'm bloody late. It's 70 years down the track.* Darling never really recovered. "He went home, got married and wouldn't go back," Dick explains. "Eventually he gave himself up and was sent back to New Guinea." He only lasted four days. He was one of 120 men of D Company who had been waiting for hours for planes to transfer them to the highlands of Wau so they could join the assault on Lae. "An American Liberator, loaded with fuel, loaded with bombs, clipped palm trees and crashed. Arnie was among those who died," says Dick. His grave records that Lance Corporal AW Darling was 31 when he died on 7 September 1943. The now 97-year-old Dick is hard to keep up with. These days he lives in an aged-care facility near Bankstown. Our interview is constantly interrupted by phone calls. This evening he'll be out "past midnight" for a Kokoda Foundation fundraiser, followed by another function tomorrow. His room is a mini shrine to both his military and marital accomplishments. Behind him is a striking portrait, painted as a fundraiser for the Kokoda Foundation, which was handed to Dick by the purchaser after the Kokoda veteran recited his favourite poem. His campaign medals are kept "under lock and key, of course".

Then there are photos of the boyish Dick, trying to pose as the 21-year-old he claimed to be when he signed up - despite looking 17 at most. Pride of place goes to a wedding photo, taken in February 1944, of Dick and his late wife Mary, who had the patience to turn up a third time after he'd stood her up twice for a blind date under Sydney's Central Station clock. When they finally met, for half an hour, on a crowded Number 17 platform, they promised to write. "As the train was puffing, the station master waved a flag. Through a loud hailer he said, 'Come on, young people. Boyfriends, take your girl and give her a cuddle and a kiss. It'll be a long time before you see her again.' So we did." So what's Dick's most valuable item? A quilt that was organised by the couple's four children for his and Mary's diamond anniversary in 2004. Mary didn't discover until after their wedding that the nuptials were almost postponed because Dick was plagued with dengue fever, collapsing as he tried to board the ship home for their wedding against the doctor's orders. Dick remembers other horrors from WWII. "We lost more at Buna than we did on the Kokoda Track," he points out. 25-pounder artillery guns became more useful on the beaches than they'd been in the impenetrable mountains. He describes hauling the guns from the barges at low tide, across the soft sand into the jungle, as the joint Australian/US forces pushed towards Lae. The closest Dick came to death was in the Battle of Mount Tambu in 1943. One night, the unit was warned that the Japanese might have sent a raiding party through the jungle to attack them. As a signaller, he finished his communications shift around lam and returned to sit on his stretcher bed. As he filled his magazine an officer raced over and reprimanded him for making too much noise, ordering him to retreat to a slit trench. "I got halfway when the laps opened up. They could have been four yards [3.7 metres] from where I'd been sitting. I went to the ground and crawled to the trench. The gunfire went on all night. Just prior to daylight we were running out of ammunition. Then I saw an officer get up to launch the final attack to capture the guns. I moved, and he saw me. But I got him first. Within five minutes they were gone. left all their gear behind, and all their dead."

BRONTE'S KOKODA PILGRIMAGE:

On 15 August, Bronte Pollard - who served in the Royal Australian Navy in 1982-90 as a Leading Seaman - was at Sydney's Martin Place Cenotaph for the annual Victory in the Pacific ceremony. He and his son Jake were due to walk the Kokoda Track, fulfilling a father-and-son pledge. "When Dick recited the poem, it really touched me," says Bronte. "I introduced myself and said, 'I'm going to Kokoda and would love to read that poem at your friend's grave'. Dick handed it to me, even though it had his grocery shopping list written on the back." Bronte and his son walked the track in September. "It's unforgiving, but we were only walking in daylight, and no one was trying to shoot us." Before the trek, a Dawn Service was held at Bomana War Cemetery. "We found Arnie's grave. I read the poem and planted a poppy," Bronte says. Bronte was also on a family pilgrimage for his uncle. "He fought with the 2/10th Battalion at Buna and died in Borneo just before the end of the war."

THE SILENT SEVENTH



The 7th Australian Infantry Division was the second formation to be formed in the 2nd AIF. It initially had the 20th and 21st Australian Infantry Brigades, formed respectively in May and July 1940. They called themselves "The Silent Seventh" because although they did more than their fair share of the work other Units often got the lion's share of credit. The 7th were often overlooked by the media of the day. Both brigades were sent to the Middle East in October 1940. The 19th Brigade was designated to join this division on the division's arrival in the Middle East but left it in November 1940, for the 6th Division. The 18th Brigade would later join the division on its arrival in the Middle East from England. But this division also underwent other changes. The 20th Brigade was transferred in January 1941 to the newly created 9th Australian Infantry Division, which was formed in the Middle East on 18 December 1940. To take its place, the 25th Australian Infantry Brigade was moved from the United Kingdom in March 1941 to complete the 7th Division. The 25th Brigade was created in England in June 1940 from extra troops attached to 18th Brigade. Various corps and army troops began to form after this division was raised.



The 7th Division left Australia in October 1940 for the Middle East. Over the next two months, the 7th was concentrated in Palestine. It was slotted for a move to Greece to help in the defence against Axis invasion, but instead moved into defensive positions in the Western Desert. Parts of the Division under the command of Major General Allen crossed into Syria and fought a hard won victory in the campaign against the Vichy French. 18th Brigade excelled itself as part of the defence of Tobruk. With Japanese invasion of Australia imminent, the Division was recalled home. Elements of the Division (2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion, 2/2 Pioneer Battalion, 2/2 CCS, 2/6 Fld Pk Coy and 105 Gen Tpt Coy) were diverted to Java. They fought a defensive campaign against overwhelming Japanese odds and were only forced to surrender after an early capitulation by the Dutch forces there. The Division moved to New Guinea and established headquarters in Port Moresby.



Picture: Matthew Vasilescu

The timely arrival of the Division in New Guinea helped to halt the Japanese advance. 21st Brigade fought a bitter campaign of attrition on the Kokoda Track, until replaced by 25th Brigade who slowly forced the Japanese northwards. 18th Brigade and other Australian units inflicted the first decisive defeat of the Japanese on land in World War 11 at Milne Bay and then at Buna and Sanananda in January 1943. 21st Brigade and the militia 39th Battalion won a costly victory at Gona in December 1942. George Vasey took over command of the Division in October 1942, until his death in a plane crash in 1945. Major General Milford then took over command until the end of the war. In 1943, the Division was airlifted from Port Moresby to Nadzab in the Markham Valley. After an advance on Lae, the Markham and Ramu Valleys were soon swept clear of Japanese troops. A bloody campaign in the mountains of the Finisterre Ranges followed. 2/9th were at Shaggy Ridge in 1944. They took over from the 2/16 in January. The 7th Division returned to Australia in triumph. The troops trained in the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland, preparing for the push to clear the Japanese from the Pacific Islands. In July 1945, the 7th Division invaded Balikpapan in Borneo against stiff opposition. The Japanese were relentlessly pushed back, until 15 August 1945 when it was announced that the war with Japan had been won. The 7th Division's war was over. A total of five Victoria Crosses were awarded to the 7th Division.

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MRS Marjorie "Marj" Betty FLACK



We were much saddened to learn of Marj's passing on 13 May 2020. Marj was born on 14 January 1934 and was the beloved wife of NX35752 PTE Norman Charles FLACK of 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF who predeceased her on 16 December 1990. Late of Hay NSW, Marj had endured three hip replacements over the years and recently visited her Doctor in HAY NSW and was diagnosed as having suffered a heart attack and was immediately moved to Griffith Hospital for further treatment. Whilst in Griffith Hospital she suffered a fall resulting in another heart attack. After a further week's stay at Griffith Hospital she was deemed fit for discharge and returned to her home in Hay and appeared to be progressing well until sadly passing away in the early hours of 13 May 2020.



Last ANZAC Day Marj & Norm attended prior to his passing

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree,
I keep hearing a voice that says,
"Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes
we're together again."

- Author Unknown

Marj is survived by her loving family – Loved Mum of Julie and Phil, Cath and Lizzie and Jose. Loved Nan of Lynette, Clive, Janelle, Steven and Mardi. Loved Great Nan of Dylan, Wyatt, Seth, Ethan, Taylah, Broc, Lola and Charlie. Loved Sister of Beverley (dec), Barb, Ron, Doreen, Lorna and Gary and was farewelled at a Graveside service at the Hay Lawn Cemetery on Saturday 16th May 2020. The Service was conducted and the Eulogy delivered by Nicky Edwards with the Poems "Nanny's Poem" and "Missing You" being read by Lynette.

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Ronald Leslie STEWART

Ronald was born on 16 September 1949 and sadly passed away on 16 May 2020.

Ron was the first son of Jean and Dick Stewart. Dick served with 2nd /19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF in Singapore where he was captured by the Japanese and was taken Prisoner of War.

Ron attended De la Salle College Kingsgrove attaining his Intermediate Certificate. He played Rugby League for the school, then later for Narwee Colts where he met most of his lifelong friends.

After leaving school he started an apprenticeship at Garden Island Dockyard. He became a Master Shipwright & Boatbuilder, he later went on to become a highly respected Draftsman in the Ships Drawing Office at Garden Island. He attended Sydney TAFE to gain his Naval Architect Certificate. His career turned to teaching apprentice Shipwrights at Sydney & later at Newcastle TAFEs. Upon early semi-retirement he built & worked on boats around Lake Macquarie for many years.

In 1972 he married his "childhood" sweetheart, Deidre Barrow. They had 2 children Tracey & Todd, both of whom enthusiastically attended ANZAC marches & in later years were able to partake in the annual reunions, much to the pleasure of the aforementioned grandfather (Dick).

Sadly Tracey passed away in 2012.

Ron & Dee have 4 grandchildren, Chloe, Jessica, Billy & Stephanie & 2 Great grandchildren, Mahalia & Clancy. He is survived by Deidre, Todd & his 2 brothers John & Glen. He was a favourite uncle to both their children, who always loved going & staying on Ron & Dee's farm.

Ron passed away quietly after a long battle with dementia, he will be sadly missed by his family, workmates, family friends and I think anyone who ever had the honour of making his acquaintance. He was farewelled at the Newcastle Crematorium on 26 May 2020.

Our thanks to Ron's brothers Glen for the above Tribute and John for the photos.



Ron, John and Glen

265144 CORPORAL Brian Leonard O'DONNELL **A Company 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment**

Advice of Brian's passing at Wagga Wagga on Friday 13th March 2020 in his 66th year was recently received with sadness.

Brian enlisted in the Army Reserve with 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment at Ingleburn NSW on 30 July 1981 where he served for the next 30 years.

His adeptness and acumen for weapons handling was recognised early in his service and he was subsequently a prominent and highly valued member in the Annual Royal New South Wales Regiment's Skill at Arms Competitions which were consistently won by 1st/19th Battalion RNSWR for many years.

Such was his professionalism he was later selected to represent Australia at the Canadian and British Rifle Shoots.

Loved father of Michelle, Christopher (dec'd), and Linda and loving grandfather of his grandchildren. Loved brother of Frank, Julie McNeil (dec'd), and Lauren Blyton.

Brian was farewelled at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Junee on 27th March 2020 followed by interment at the Junee Lawn Cemetery.

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Patricia Alice (Nee Lambert) GERHARD

Association member Howard Bye advised with sadness of Patricia's passing at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital on 11 April 2020 in her 99th year. Beloved wife of 2167443 (NX56110) CPL Raymond Francis GERHARD, 8 Division Provost Company AIF who had a close association and service with 2nd/19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF during the Malayan and Singapore Campaign and as a prisoner of war,

Much loved Mother and Mother in Law of Mary Ann and John Kitchen, Paul and Laurie, Christine and David Simmie, Mark and Slavica, John and Luke and Janine. Cherished Nanny to her 17 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren.

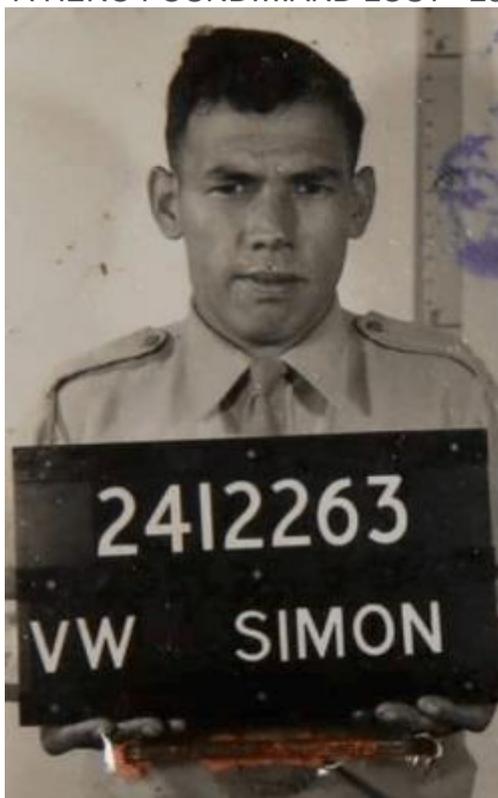
Patricia was farewelled at a private service of prayers held on 16 April 2020. Our thanks to Victor's niece Larissa Simon in advising of his passing and sending the following tribute:



2412263 PTE Victor William SIMON
1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment
D Company, 6th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment

The Manning Community News

A HERO FOUND....AND LOST 26 MAY 2020



Victor Simon, a Worimi man, born in Taree, whose family comes from Forster, fought in the infamous battle at Long Tan Vietnam, serving in 12 Platoon, Delta Company, 6RAR and was 21 years old.

Private Simon, D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was awarded a citation for gallantry. A small Battalion of Australian soldiers trapped in a rubber plantation and vastly outnumbered by Viet Cong, held the enemy at bay in a victory which became a turning point in the war.

Victor returned home to Sydney and got on with life, as a fruitless war staggered to a close.

He died from cancer in March, his beloved wife, Beverley at his side. A few weeks before he died, Victor was honoured with a Quilt of Honour, a tribute which recognises our past and present military members' service, dedication, and sacrifices made on behalf of our country.

The honouring of Victor in his hospital bed in Sydney was a great thrill for him. When Walter Robinson from 21 Engineer Support Troop Vietnam Veterans, and Stan Allan, Manager of Quilts of Valour, Australia (also a Vietnam veteran) dressed in suits and wearing their medals came in to present him with his quilt, it brought tears to Victor's eyes.

'But he was thrilled,' said Beverley. 'It was such a wonderful surprise.' Said Walter Robinson, 'We were so glad to have found him and to be able to honour him. It was sad to see

this soldier hero in such pain, but we were glad we were able to honour him with his wife and grandsons present.'

A modest man

Like so many Vietnam veterans, Victor never talked much to his family about those war years, except to his mates. Victor worked as a cable joiner, and was a keen golfer. 'Victor always seemed so happy go lucky. But I know from his family, that he suffered terribly and had awful attacks when he first came back from the war,' said Beverley, from her home in Matraville, Sydney. Eight years after his return from Vietnam, Victor met Beverley at the club at Yarra Bay, La Perouse, 'Where we used to go for a dance and a drink,' reminisced Beverley. 'I was a single mum with two little boys. A year later we got married and Victor raised my boys as

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his own.' They had a daughter, Victoria, who lives close to her mother in Sydney. Victor's sister Barbara and the rest of his family are still in the Forster/Tuncurry area.

From Taree

Victor ('Vic') Simon was born in Taree to Toki and Joyce Simon in 1945. He was raised on the Tobwabba Reserve by his parents and his grandparents – 'Ma' Tilly Simon and Robert 'Barney' Simon. The family moved to Sydney in the early 1950s, firstly near Hyde Park, then Merrylands and finally Matraville. Victor attended Maroubra Primary School and South Sydney Boys High School. 'Victor's parents left Forster and went to Sydney looking for work when Victor was five years old,' said Beverley. 'But Forster was always home and where we went for holidays,' said Beverley.

Family Tradition



Vic and Beverley
on their Wedding Day

When Victor finished school, he got a job in a printing factory. One day, he came home and announced he had joined the army. He was only 19. Victor went to Holsworthy Military Barracks in South-Western Sydney, then Kapooka – an Army recruit training centre south-west of Wagga Wagga. Kapooka, in the local dialect means '*place of wind*'. Then he went to Puckapunyal ('Pucka') Training Facility and Military area base in central Victoria.

And from there, Victor went to Vietnam and was one of 108 ANZACs who fought in the Battle of Long Tan.

In a letter Victor sent home to his mother after that battle, he wrote:

"I received your letter about four days ago but went directly out on an operation. By the time you receive this letter you would have known what went wrong. I am OK, but not fighting fit anymore. I saw that many VCs it wasn't funny. Our company moved out on the 18th, when we came across 12 Viet Cong. So we followed them and walked straight into a regiment of VCs. So you can see the odds, we had near a hundred blokes and the VCs had near 1500. Our two forward platoons got trapped: one of the platoons got out, but one was still trapped. Well, they sent my platoon in to get them out. We were about there,

when fire came from all directions. We were surrounded and fought solid for four hours before reinforcements arrived. You should have heard the yells when the APCs came in with "A" Company inside. When the VCs saw them, they pulled back. I let out a yell that could be heard back in Australia. The next day we swept through the area, we captured a lot of weapons, all machine-guns. We got congratulations from "Old Holt" [the Prime Minister] and our general and the Yank general too. We came back to camp yesterday, and we were treated like kings. Blokes from other companies coming up shaking our hands. Last night we had free beers for two hours. I can go on writing about this for hours, but I don't think you want to know about it. I am glad to see camp."

Victor's family has a strong tradition of military service. His father and Uncle both served in the Second Australian Imperial Force. His father was one of the famed Rats of Tobruk, and his uncle was a POW in Changi, Singapore.

"Danger Close"

Last year a movie 'Danger Close' was made about the Battle of Long Tan. 'They asked Victor if he'd do some publicity and talk about the real events,



Victor with his quilt of Honour in hospital with wife Beverley
and two grandsons, Shane and David

but he preferred not to. But he did love a yarn and a beer with his mates,' said Beverley. 'It was a great thrill for him when he was invited to Parliament House for a preview screening of the film with all the dignitaries,' said Beverley. 'Sadly Victor died during the Pandemic so there was only ten family allowed at his funeral. I wanted his ashes scattered back up at Forster,' said Beverley, 'but during the coronavirus that wasn't possible. And Victoria wanted him in Sydney, so he's buried in Botany Cemetery so we can visit him.'

Sometimes you may pass by a stranger sitting in the sun having a beer with a mate, and not know you are passing by a hero.

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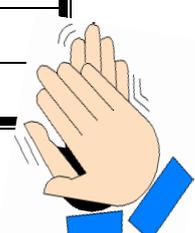
It is a pleasure to once again acknowledge the generosity of the following members which is gratefully received. Our Thanks folks !

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MRS	Beryl	IRWIN
MS	Felicity	JESS
MAJ	Ken	McKAY
MAJ	Reg	NEWTON
MR	Glen	STEWART

NEW MEMBERS

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

MAJ	Grahame	HALL, RFD, ED, JP	KOTARA EAST NSW
MS	Lynne	PORTER	WATERFORD WEST QLD
PTE	Bruno	CAMPAGNER	INVERELL NSW
PTE	Garry	NOBLE	NFP



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OUR BEST WISHES TO MEMBERS

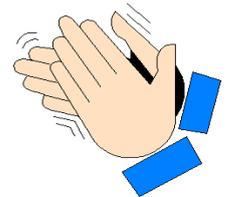


MAJOR Bryan SCHAFER
recovering after recent
successful surgery and is
well on the mend!

and PTE David RING who is also well on the mend after
recent successful cardiac surgery



CONGRATULATIONS



to the following recipients who were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2020
MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA General Division

Mark Charles HOSKINSON, AFSM, Kikoirra NSW for service to Primary Industry and the community
Mark was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours in 2018, and the Commendation
for Brave Conduct on 17 March 2010. Mark served as the Platoon Sergeant 1/19 RNSWR at the Leeton Depot.



CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

Colonel Mark Christopher WELBURN
For outstanding achievement as the Chief of Staff of the 2nd Division



CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Patrick WARNER
Meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One, Individual Training of the Headquarters 2nd Division



TO:
Martin & Helen HANSON
who celebrated their
DIAMOND WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
ON 18 JUNE 2020

Celebrating

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Years...

DEFENCE NEWS

DEFENCE NEWS

By Captain Zoe Griffyn

18 May 2020

1ST/19TH ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

Reservist ensures logistics are on track

Sergeant Parvinder Singh, of 1st/19th Royal New South Wales Regiment.

Photo: Corporal Sagi Biderman

Army reservist and NSW Trains shift manager Sergeant Parvinder Singh is making sure everything is on track during Operation COVID-19 Assist.

Sergeant Singh, the 1/19 Royal New South Wales Regiment (RNSW) Quartermaster, is deployed to Canberra as part of the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the pandemic response.

The Bathurst local's duties include the day-to-day logistic needs of the Joint Task Group (JTG).

"I assist with purchasing, procurement registers, travel and the movements of material," Sergeant Singh said.

"My most important role is making sure troops get fed - no one is a good soldier on an empty stomach. I keep tabs on how much food we need and are using and how we manage distribution."

Sergeant Singh's role also includes forecasting how much material is needed for tasks. This planning plays a critical, if sometimes unnoticed, part of any operation.

"Logistics is a quiet role. When you do your job well and everything goes smoothly, no one thinks about it. But if something goes wrong, everyone knows about it," he said.

Sergeant Singh credits the leadership skills he has learnt through the Army for enhancing his capability as a people manager at NSW Trains.

"I've used the learning from my Army courses in my civilian role to help me develop my own team," he said.

"I handle the total governance of my crew members. This means looking after my team's needs, performance, health and safety.

"I also act as a peer support volunteer. This is an important role because crew members see things they'll never forget. Support plays a big role in minimising negative impact on the individual.

"I am more mentally prepared, especially in uncontrolled situations, because resilience is something we learn as part of the Army."

I've used the learning from my Army courses in my civilian role to help me develop my own team.

Like most reservists, the skill transfer between Army and civilian work goes both ways for Sergeant Singh.

"From my civilian side, I am a people manager so I need to engage with people at different levels. I use these people skills in the Army to create a network of different levels of ranking, which is essential to do my role well," Sergeant Singh said.

"If you have the people skills you can connect with anyone, regardless of rank."

Sergeant Singh's role in Operation COVID-19 Assist allows him to give back to the community.

"I feel proud when we are called in. I'll do anything to help," he said.

He would not be able to give back to the community without the support from those around him.

"The support my family has provided me is amazing," he said.

"I want to say a big thanks to my wife and my family for supporting me every time. They stand by me and help me out, even with packing."

NSW Trains has a strong history with Defence and employs many reservists and ex-Defence members.

"Being part of the Army also helps me engage and communicate with ex-military members who are now working in the civilian world," Sergeant Singh said.

He's also appreciative of NSW Trains' continued support for his Army commitments.

"NSW Trains is a supportive employer and I have been there almost 12 years," he said.

"I'm thankful to all my managers. During Operation Bushfire Assist I had to leave quickly because I was called out. They helped me and we worked together."



DEFENCE NEWS

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By Captain Zoe Griffyn

18 May 2020

1/19 ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT

From quarry to green when the nation calls

Corporal James Sutherland of 1/19 Royal New South Wales Regiment in Canberra during Operation COVID-19 Assist.



Photo: Corporal Sagi Biderman

For the second time this year, Army Reservist, Corporal James Sutherland of the 1/19 Royal New South Wales (RNSWR) Regiment is back in Canberra from Orange, NSW, to support his nation in a domestic operation.

A leading hand by day at Hanson East Guyong Quarry, Corporal Sutherland is a section commander as part of the Defence Forces' Operation COVID-19 Assist.

Corporal Sutherland is managing a team of reservists whose tasks include assisting ACT Health with contact tracing to understand COVID-19's spread.

"I'm part of a group that assist's the civil community with monitoring personnel who have come into contact with anyone who has tested positive to the coronavirus," Corporal Sutherland said.

"I ensure my team of eight maintain health standards and are ready to deploy on 24 hour notice tasks to aid the community."

Corporal Sutherland has been a reservist for seven years after serving full time with the regular Army's 1RAR.

Over the past 12 months, he has served in Afghanistan as a section commander on the Quick Reaction Force and in Canberra for Operation Bushfire Assist.

"My wife jokes that I've been home for only two-and-a-half of the last 12 months," Corporal Sutherland said.

He believes his military experience has set him up for civilian work.

"The key to both has been the ability to manage people, expectations and personalities. Though in the civilian world, there are a lot of different personalities compared to the similar traits many serving members have," Corporal Sutherland said.

"From my time in the Army, I'm used to helping and being in a leadership role. I find that if you lead by example, others will follow what you do, which is important for the job that I'm in."

Major Mark Whitfeld, a Company Commander in 1/19 RNSWR is full of praise for Corporal Sutherland and applauds the backing provided to reservists by their employers and families.

"As an officer commanding, I'm grateful for the support of employers like Hanson because we could not do this seamlessly without them. For our soldiers to perform their reservist duties knowing that they have the hearts and minds of their workplace behind them, makes a world of difference. The same goes for support from families," Major Whitfeld said.

Corporal Sutherland is grateful for the support of his wife and children also.

"I'd like to thank my wife, Miriam and kids. Miriam has given me up to the military for nearly 12 months and I can't thank her enough. She gives me support and runs the house like nothing is different, which allows me to focus on the task at hand."

Moving Army forward

Sgt Sebastian Beurich

AFTER five years as Army's Indigenous Elder, and as he approaches his 80th birthday, Uncle Roy Mundine is stepping back from official duties, leading to the appointment of Aunty Lorraine Hatton. This came as something of a shock to Aunty Lorraine, who was so nervous when she received the letter she had her husband open it. "I know it's a very prestigious position, so I was extremely honoured the Chief would entrust me with this appointment," Aunty Lorraine said. "I've known Uncle Roy for a long time and he's such a lovely man, so I have some big shoes to fill, but I look forward to the challenge."



Army's new Indigenous Elder, Aunty Lorraine Hatton, is honoured to be entrusted with her new appointment.

Aunty Lorraine served 20 years as an operations signaller and radio operator in RASigs, before retiring in 2007 as a WO2. While the role of Army Indigenous Elder focuses on engaging both soldiers and

'I think it's the combination of my Army career and my involvement with community that will allow me to do the role of Indigenous Elder well.

— Aunty Lorraine Hatton, Army Indigenous Elder

Indigenous communities, it's also about advising CA and storytelling to soldiers. "Education is a key perspective, but not just that; it's about culture and history too," Aunty Lorraine said. Her work includes

mentoring young women for the Preston Campbell Foundation and she is patron of the Indigenous Youth Mobility Pathways Project, helping young people from remote locations attend school. Aunty Lorraine is also the chair of Queensland's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander memorial for veterans and serving members.

"I think it's the combination of my Army career and my involvement with community that will allow me to do the role of Indigenous Elder well," she said. The appointment coincides with National Reconciliation Week, seeking that all Australians further their education on history, culture and shared achievements.



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EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY

Our thanks to Bob & Linda Colligan for the photos



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From: Former Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Gary BELTRAME RFD, JP

16 May 20

As we are spending our 'Corona' isolation cleaning up, we came across the which may be of interest to you.

I remember it well and it was a great day ! Stay Well.

Gary



Mr Max Willis helps his brother Sir Eric at the Town Hall and, above left, marchers in George Street.
PHOTOGRAPHS BY NICK MOIR

The Sydney Morning Herald

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1998

A march of pride for men and women of the Reserves

By JUDY ADAMSON

Rain threatened, a chill wind blew, and some could not move as fast as they used to, but the estimated 7,000 men and women celebrating Reserve Forces Day were not going to let anything spoil their march up George Street yesterday.

"Someone at [Sydney City] council said, 'What if it rains?' and I told them, 'We're soldiers, we march rain, hail or shine,'" said the NSW secretary of the National Servicemen's Association, Mr Matt Walsh.

"This should have happened years ago. Everybody's rapt about it."

Celebrations were held across the country to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Citizen Military Forces in 1948, and to recognise the contribution made by Defence Reserves over the years.

An informal army reserve known as the Militia operated in Australia from around the turn of the century. However, after World War II there were fears about further conflict in the Asia-Pacific region, and the Federal Government formalised the voluntary force to keep the skills of returned soldiers honed, and to train new ones.

Since 1948 more than 1.2 million men and women have served part-time in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Many marching yesterday wore their old berets or uniforms, while others opted for jeans, but the enthusiasm of present and former Reserves was obvious.

"It's a recognition of the service and comradeship that we all enjoyed – we made a lot of friends in the Army," said Mr Mike Thackray, a civil engineer and retired captain with 23 years in the Reserves, who marched with his friend Mr Anthony Gaskell, an architect.

Like others in fields such as forestry, roads and railways, their expertise was harnessed and developed in the Reserves.

Mr Gaskell said he had never felt much of a connection with Anzac Day, but Reserve Forces Day was something to which he felt he belonged.

The NSW Opposition Leader, Mr Collins, who has served in the Army and Navy reserve for 34 years, was in full uniform yesterday.

"It's a lifetime commitment, and I think that's true for a lot of people here," he said.

The Governor, Mr Gordon Samuels, who took the salute from marchers at the Town Hall, said the day would be long remembered, being the first time present and former reserve members, and those who served with Militia units or on National Service, "have had the opportunity to show pride in their service and to receive public recognition for it".

Timut and Adelong Times

By Jeff Hanson - January 7, 2020, 3:42 pm

Bill and Joan Fogarty's house was destroyed by the Bugtown fire on Saturday afternoon.



The Bugtown fire, which had the Adaminaby community at risk on Saturday afternoon, is still currently listed as an out of control fire with the Rural Fire Service.

The RFS updated the Bugtown fire to emergency level on Saturday afternoon, with the front burning to the north west of Adaminaby and spreading quickly.

The fire itself was at one stage 1000 hectares in size, and with a north-easterly helping it along, there were grave concerns for the community of Adaminaby.

Despite the work of NSW and ACT ground crews, who were supported by RFS water bombers, some properties have reportedly been destroyed.

Former firefighter and Nationals MP Peter Cochran, who spent three hours in the air on Saturday with a helicopter provided by Terry Snow and Christopher Knight and their

Canberra helicopters business, detailed the ferocity of the fire front.

"It was catastrophic and just so intense, like nothing we have seen in this area before," Mr Cochran said. "Once the fire got on the run on Saturday afternoon, nothing was stopping it; it didn't matter how many planes or ground crews we had, nothing was stopping that fire."

Cochran, a former fire control officer with years of experience fighting bushfires, detailed some of the known property loss, but explained it could have been far worse without the combined efforts of emergency agencies.

"The fire went past Nungar Plains and destroyed multiple buildings, including Bill and Joan Fogarty's home, the Heatherbrae homestead, along with other sheds, including a woolshed," Mr Cochran said.

"We had two separate local brigades and the ACT government had some crews working there and I assisted them there in getting a dozer in.

"Every effort was made by the RFS, Fire and Rescue, National Parks and other agencies to contain the fire and the damage would be a lot worse without these teams on the ground and in the air." The self-proclaimed bushwhacker, laughed-off reports that the Bugtown fire had burned 19953 hectares, a figure that was released by the RFS at 10am on Monday.

"I would suspect it would be four times bigger than that, if not more," Mr Cochran said.

Mr Cochran also warned that the fire was still burning in an unpredictable fashion, and could get worse in the coming weeks, or even months.

"Remnants of the fire is still burning in a massive area and we could see this fire continuing until March or April," Mr Cochran said.

Mr Cochran was gobsmacked by the lack of fire reduction methods utilised in the area, blaming both residents and the government for ongoing neglect.

"Absentee landholders must be directed and forced to perform hazard reduction on their properties and crown land isn't adequately resourced to perform hazard reduction in the national park," Mr Cochran said.

"There is no doubting that these higher fuel loads on properties and in the national park have caused such intense fires.

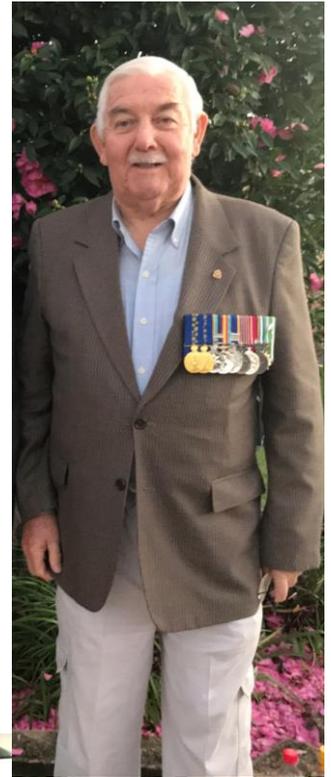
"This isn't just the current government's fault either, this has been an issue for the last 40 years and if we do not address hazard reduction in this area, these fires will only get worse in coming years."

A frustrated Cochran believes the only way these fires will be extinguished is by rain and good luck.

"Unless we get substantial rain, we are going to face these fires reigniting in a big way," Mr Cochran said. "It could be a tough period for local communities with the risk of fire still very real." The RFS still have the Bugtown fire at advice level and ask residents to continue monitoring conditions and know what they will do if fire threatens.

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ANZAC DAY 2020 A QUIET CEREMONY IN A QUIET CUL DE SAC!



DIGITISED SERVICE AT LANE COVE - CONDUCTED BY LTCOL GRAEME DAVIS

Lane Cove Council's 2020 ANZAC Day Digital Service



LANE COVE REMEMBERS
ANZAC DAY
DIGITAL SERVICE

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020
TUNE IN AT 7:25AM

www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/AnzacDay

Lane Cove Remembers Audio Guide

Did you know the names of more than 20 streets and places in the Lane Cove area have been named after people who have a connection to World War I? While you get in your daily walk, why not check out the Lane Cove Remembers Audio Guide and learn all about these important names?

Keep an eye out for the red poppy that has been fixed to street signs and locations featured in the guide.

To access the guide you can download the free **ci TRAVEL** app via the Apple, Google and Windows app stores or download from the **ci TRAVEL** website. To find the guided walk, search 'Lane Cove Remembers' once in the app to discover text, audio, images and QR's leading to guide you along the walk.

When outside, please remember to keep yourself and others safe by following current Government advice on social distancing and self-isolation. More information on local changes due to COVID-19 is available [here](#).

And don't worry, if you aren't able to get out and about you can still access the audio guide without visiting the locations via the **ci TRAVEL** app.

Make your own ANZAC Biscuits

ANZAC Biscuits are delicious and easy to make for people of all ages. If you're looking for something fun to do this week at home by this classic recipe provided by Lane Cove Council.



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ANZAC DAY 2020

Thanks for the info. I just went to the end of my drive, put up my wreath, light my candles and turned the c.7 live stream on. Thought of you and the boys, will be having a few rums later on the back verandah. *Les Fordham*



Bob - Tumut RSL sub-branch decided we would do our best to commemorate ANZAC Day as normally as possible so we have teamed up with our local community radio station fm 96-3 to conduct a virtual ANZAC Day dawn service at 6am and the main service at 10-30am sticking as much as possible to the normal service. This service will be broadcast into our wider region that has been hard hit by the bushfires and now we have the plague! Our service will have a distinctly 1/19 influence with the guest speaker LTCOL Maree Derrick and the involvement of MAJ Ken Fitzgerald, Lindsay Dobbie a couple of serving members and myself *Regards, Robert WATSON*

CHAPLAIN STEVE AND MAJOR CATHY NEUHAUS CONDUCTED AN ANZAC DAY DAWN CEREMONY



Fred POWER 2/19 Battalion AIF of Sussex Inlet NSW—was interviewed on Radio on ANZAC morning and delivered a brilliant account of the gallant service of the Australians in Malaya and Singapore



**ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE**

25th April 2020



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Commencing at 0530 h
Welcome
ANZAC Requiem
Opening Prayer (Psalm)
Scripture Readings
Chaplain's Address
Prayer for Peace
A Prayer for those who suffer because of war
For those who serve now
Prayer of Remembrance
The Lord's Prayer
Laying of Wreaths
Ode
Last Post
Minutes Silence
Reveille
Benediction (Psalm)
National Anthem



Association Member David RING visited War Graves at the Palmdale Cemetery and the Gosford Cenotaph on ANZAC Morning and laid tributes to the Officers and Men of the 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF



ALLARA ST CANBERRA DEPOT SOLD OFF AFTER 20 YEARS



Geocon buys Allara Street site for \$24m

Lucy Bladen

CANBERRA developer Geocon has purchased a prime city site at 70 Allara Street for \$24 million.

The 7640-square-metre block on Allara Street has unrestricted residential uses and is zoned for offices, retail and a hotel. The building has a height control limit of 25 metres and a 96 metre frontage to London Circuit.

Geocon did not reveal any plans for the site, but managing director Nick Georgalis said the "blue-chip" block would be redeveloped with a "landmark building".

"Positioned just a stone's throw from Lake Burley

Griffin, the site allows for a range of development opportunities focused on residential, with some mixed commercial," he said.

"The development will offer views of Lake Burley Griffin from the city, including an unrivalled scope of the lake to the east."

Mr Georgalis said if approvals move as expected, construction will start next year.

The site was previously owned by the federal government and was home to the Werriwa Training Depot. Army reserve units and cadets used to be based at the site. Most of the block is taken up by a car park.

Geocon beat out nine other bidders for the Allara Street site, selling agency Savills Australia said. Savills ACT managing director Andrew Stewart said the site was underpinned by its location and that it allowed for a variety of uses.

"Stage one of the Capital Metro Light Rail, the planned Civic to Woden Light Rail stage two route, ACT Law Courts and the new ACT government headquarters. All of these projects are located within a 10 minute walk of 70 Allara Street," he said.

"No gross floor area restrictions will ensure Geocon can create a landmark

Geocon has purchased a former Defence training depot on Allara Street. Picture: Jarrin Toderas

design and maximise the final development yield.

The Allara Street acquisition came as Geocon released plans for the redevelopment of a site in Giles Street, Kingston.

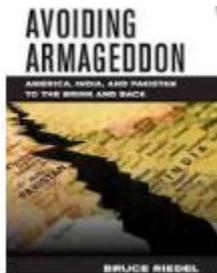
Mr Georgalis said the site was purchased earlier this year for \$5.65 million.

Pre-development application community consultation for the project on the Kingston site, which formerly housed a Commonwealth Bank, has opened this week.

There are 106 apartments proposed in an eight-storey building, as well as ground floor commercial tenancies and basement parking.

AVOIDING ARMAGEDDON: From the Great War to the Fall of France 1918-40

BOOK REVIEW



Jeremy Black
Bloomsbury, 2012, 304pp
ISBN: 978-1-4411-5713-3

Reviewer: JOHN DONOVAN

Professor Jeremy Black has written a very interesting book. Unfortunately, his writing style buries the analysis in complex sentences and paragraphs.

Black presents a strong argument for parallels between the present day and the period between the two World Wars, with low-level conflicts underway around the world during both periods. Statesmen between the wars would not have found credible the idea that the 'war to end all wars' had achieved that Utopian objective. From 1919 until 1939, internal and international conflicts were endemic in the vast area between the Rhine and the Pacific Ocean, and south to North Africa and the Indian Ocean. In Latin America, as well as internal conflicts, the Chaco War was a major international conflict.

As Black demonstrates, using the Second World War to judge the correctness or otherwise of British military policies between the wars ignores reality. For most of the period British forces were focussed on events in British colonies, or on protecting those colonies from attack, not on a resurgent Germany or an aggressive Japan. The Indian Army, for example, which was criticised by reformers between the wars, performed the tasks required of it effectively.

Black shows that 'as the number of "players" in [a] conflict rose, the notions of a clear-cut definition of military forces, and of war as the prerogative of the state, were put under severe strain', as now. The objectives of specific conflicts, and the actual opposing sides, were often obscure. This is familiar now, as is the importance of tribalism in Afghanistan.

The correct balance in armies between men and machines was not as clear between the wars as hindsight might suggest, nor was the appropriate balance between protection, firepower and mobility. The end of dominance by the battleship was not obvious when carrier

aircraft were flimsy biplanes. Claims by air power enthusiasts between the wars were not borne out by events, and military power remained hostage to economic fortune. Lessons from the Great War experience aimed to ensure that another major war would not be fought like the Great War, not that there would never be another world war.

As Black reminds us, Hitler was a political failure in the 1920s, with the 1923 Munich *putsch* being promptly suppressed. In the 1920s Germany was planning against a Polish invasion, not to conquer Europe. The Soviet Union was contained, and France was the dominant land power in Europe. The British, Dutch and French empires retained control of their territories, largely using locally recruited forces. The Islamic world then, as now, caused much difficulty.

Reviewing the early campaigns of the Second World War, Black concludes that the German forces were not prepared for a *blitzkrieg* in 1939, but learned from the Polish campaign. The German Army remained largely dependent on railways and draught animals for mobility, and infantry and artillery provided essential support to its armoured spearhead. The quality of German tactical and operational leadership was not matched by strategic acumen at the highest level, and early German success owed much to errors by Poland, France and Britain. Given time and experience, other armies learned to defeat *blitzkrieg* tactics.

Black concludes that 'variety and unpredictability, the importance of the Far East, and the significance of civil wars', major themes between the World Wars, are again important. In this context, he sees the rise of China complementing the development of China's modern identity in the civil and international conflicts of the 1920s and 1930s. Black sees parallels between the issues facing Britain then and those facing the US now, including difficulties with allies and the influence of 'small wars' on military development.



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*.

CONDUCTING COUNTERINSURGENCY:

Reconstruction Task Force 4 in Afghanistan



Conducting Counterinsurgency

RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE 4 IN AFGHANISTAN



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This is the second in the Army History Unit's Australian Military History Series, which has

been added to the Campaign Series and the Combat Support Series of short, well illustrated, books on aspects of Australian military history. All three series provide excellent introductions to the Army's history. Some are genuine 'condensed books', being edited versions of full-length books, aimed at a different readership.

The authors (all named David, can Goliath be far away?) use 'the experience of Reconstruction Task Force 4 (RTF4) ... as the basis for ... analysis' of the principles of counterinsurgency. They do not claim that the operations of RTF4 were 'textbook examples' of those principles, but 'emphasise the value of the principles ... in understanding responses to the insurgency'. They have succeeded admirably in this aim.

After detailing the principles of counterinsurgency and providing a summary of the Australian military commitment to Afghanistan, the authors discuss the principles as they were applied by RTF4. These are discussed in three chapters, each covering a group of principles.

One chapter covers the political aspects of counterinsurgency. The differences between Afghan and Western societies are emphasised, leading into a discussion of the major cultural issues that faced RTF4. Members of the task force had to work at the local level, discovering quickly that the influence and relevance of the national government were limited.

The local population actively resisted some developments desired by the central government (such as new police stations, which they saw as means to enforce taxation, rather than elements in an impartial rule of law). Members of RTF4 found aligning funding to local needs was essential to avoid waste of money and effort, but experienced frustration when the definition of 'need' was set by the central government, or even by authorities outside Afghanistan.

The waste of a million Euro on a failed solar lighting system was an example of poor alignment between local needs and the ambitions of some aid organisations, as were hospital latrines built in a location locals did not consider appropriate. The batteries installed for the lighting system failed in the extreme climate, while the latrines were demolished once payment was made!

An important chapter emphasises that counterinsurgency is not primarily a military activity, but requires a comprehensive approach. RTF4 members saw weaknesses here, one commenting that 'coalition partners weren't working together for a common aim'. The final chapter on counterinsurgency principles focuses on the reality that insurgents exist among the people. RTF4 noted that when the Taliban were not receiving support, they could blend back in, re-starting active operations once conditions became more favourable. This made assessment of progress difficult.

Physically and morally isolating the insurgents is essential, but was not a primary role of RTF4, which built infrastructure to support the Afghan government, while providing its own security. Construction funds, however, could be used to attract potential insurgents to take up regular employment on construction projects. For this approach to work, a balanced force is required, under the mantra 'Clear, hold, build'.

The key lesson in this book is the need to temper theory (the principles of counterinsurgency) with reality (the physical, cultural and military environment in which counterinsurgents are operating). Without this, the probability is that the counterinsurgency will not be successful.

Two interesting aspects of this book are the comfort that the Army has with using unit-level combined arms task forces, and the degree of integration of female soldiers into units that, if not in the forefront of battle, are deployed into areas where the probability of face-to-face combat exists.



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FRONTLINE

The sudden quietness gave a strange peace, but the scene around us was no longer familiar, as if from outside Nature something strange had settled on it.
For it was all over now.

THE END

Thus concludes Herb McNamara's epic and valued 190 page account of his and his comrades service during the Second World War. It commenced being serialised in the quarterly "Frontline Journal" Newsletter of the 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment Association and 2nd/19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF Association in March 2005 and ran for 61 issues.

Our thanks to Reginald B. Newton, son of Lieutenant Colonel Reginald W.J. Newton, MBE OAM ED who kindly passed on a copy of Herb McNamara's manuscript and Herb's relatives Don and Alicia Oxford who kindly donated Herb's photograph below



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Herb's inscription on the first cover page of his manuscript reads:

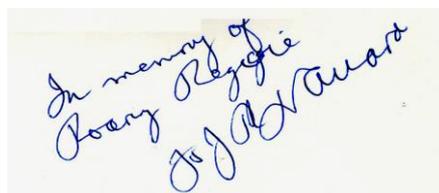
*Years ago it was fashionable to dedicate
a book with the words:
"To.... but for whom it would never
have been written"
With the same words, but in a rather
different sense, I dedicate this book to
"Roaring Reggie" Newton
and "Doc" Hinder.*



OFFICER COMMANDING
HQ COY 2/19 Bn AIF
NX34734 MAJ (Later LTCOL)
Reginald William James
NEWTON MBE OAM ED
Photo courtesy of
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REGIMENTAL
MEDICAL OFFICER
2/19 Bn AIF
NX76302 CAPT
David
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Photo courtesy of
Mrs Laurice Hinder



In memory of
Roaring Reggie
to J McNamara

FRONTLINE DOWN MEMORY LANE



Anzac Day 1946. A glimpse of the past.
All things bright & Beautiful.
C.M.G(Jack) Cox; Jim Howard and
Bill Loughrey. What



Bill Loughrey & Sandy Howard



(Photo courtesy of LTCOL Gary BELTRAME)

Here is one from the archives. It is the State Funeral for LTCOL Charles Anderson VC, MC on the 17th November 1988 in Canberra ACT. The Pall Bearers are COL Tom Crawford, LTCOL Terry Irwin, LTCOL Bob Martin, COL John Jackson, LTCOL Joe Benton and LTCOL Gary Beltrame. Found it going through some old files and it brought back so many memories. Interestingly, because area had so many 2/19 Bn fellows around I drove Capt. Frank Beverly down for the funeral, and Cliff Farlow from Hay. Frank was OC A Coy during the retreat down the Malayan Peninsular and a good mate.