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Remembrance and a Grateful Nation

Attending the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November 1918 at our memorial on North Terrace and the rededication of the Dardanelles Cross, was a very moving and poignant period of reflection where so many things run through your mind at a personal level which may be special to you personally but in reality probably quietly shared by so many others and what this special occasion means to different people.

In my own case most certainly the poor souls from Australia who perished in WW1 and WW2 and the many mates lost in Vietnam and the wonderful young warriors of recent conflicts who are still at war.

We as individuals and as a nation must never forget the sacrifice of

these young men and women for over the last 100 years of all wars and in particular the loss and suffering of their families which is the real tragedy of war.

We as a nation, in my view, have done a pretty good job in looking after our veterans and their families of all wars through some great institutions and Government agencies compared to other nations. But this doesn't mean we can't do better or provide more to support our veterans and families. Based on recent announcements, inquiries and studies on various issues and subjects we can only get better.

When I think of Remembrance I certainly think of the human losses and suffering but I also think of this wonderful nation which this sacrifice has left for us and of which we can be very proud.

It gave me and my family a new start post WW2 which tore my country of birth and family apart. I still recall as a seven-year-old walking through the bombed out streets of Hanover to see my maternal grandfather. I can still recall the smells of wet burnt wood and brick dust of so many

totally devastated buildings and the faces of pessimistic and dejected people, my grandfather included.

Albeit a beautiful hot 40c summer day on arrival in Melbourne in 1950 on our way to Bonegilla migrant

camp up near Albury. The sky was clear, the sun was shining, the trees were green, the flowers were out and no putrid smells of war. What a wonderful contrast and what a relief to be well away from the remnants of an unnecessary ravaging war.

That is what in part I think of. I love this country and due to my birth and relationships I could live permanently anywhere in the UK and Europe and the USA. But I choose to live here because

of my love of country and I can certainly appreciate and respect our indigenous brothers and sisters love of country.

Perhaps culturally more deep seated and ingrained than me but we both share the love of country. It's worth fighting for and you can relate to the many young men and women who did just that over the last 100 years but sadly

lost their lives in the process but left us and so many other migrants a land of hope and opportunity. For that we are all extremely thankful.

The other thing I think of is the futility, waste and suffering of war, in particular my own and my families' experience. When you tally up the human cost of WW1 and WW2 including military and civilian casualties at about 120 million, that is nearly the population of Japan or five times the population of Australia today. That statistic we don't see on any wall; it's hidden and out of sight but when you reflect on that figure it's a solemn reality check on the human cost of war.

What part the Kaiser winning the Cowes boat race in 1896, in defeating Edward the VII had in WWI we will never know and the unfair Treaty of Versailles post WWI which led to the German Nationalists both seems to have a very strong human element to war and its consequences and today we are still at war based on religion, ideology, geopolitical and resource strategies which is very disappointing. Continued page 3



The President of the Royal Australian Regiment Association, Michael von Berg OAM, wishes Committee Members, volunteer helpers, their families and friends and friends of the Association a Happy Festive Season and a fulfilling New Year. He expresses sincere thanks to all those who have supported the work of the Association and the upkeep of the clubrooms and looks forward to continued support and attendance at events during 2019.

A Veteran's Covenant and the Uniqueness of Military Service in the ADF

What makes the demands of service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) “unique” when compared with the requirements of other careers in the Australian workforce? Subsequent public discussion on the question of uniqueness of ADF service has become clouded by a range of views and to an extent side-tracked by other interest groups that have tried to equate ADF service with employment in the Police and other emergency services organisations. While there are aspects in common between service in the ADF and service in the police and emergency services, there are also fundamental demands placed on Military personnel that makes ADF service unique from that required of police and emergency services personnel.

The first unique aspect of ADF service is the requirement for individuals to surrender their basic human rights under Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 to which Australia is a signatory. Surrender of this basic human right is not demanded of any other Australian occupation. Secondly, ADF personnel are required when ordered, and without question, to take up arms and defend Australia from its enemies using lethal force at the risk their lives and wellbeing. Moreover, failure by ADF personnel to comply with such orders or to act dishonourably in the face of the enemy makes them liable to severe criminal sanctions – again, this is a unique aspect of military service.

The concept of an Australian military accord or covenant flows from an understanding of this uniqueness and the objective is to set out the mutual obligations between the Nation and its servicemen and servicewomen. The RARA believes it will help promote greater awareness and understanding within the general community of the demands placed on ADF members, as well as the community's expectations of the ethos and standards demanded of them. It would also place on public record the Nation's enduring obligations to those who serve and have served in the ADF. It may be that the vehicle (covenant) to achieve these objectives may not be a formal covenant as such, but in pursuing our aims in supporting the serving and former members of the ADF the RARA has come to the conclusion that there is a real need to place on record in the parliamentary sphere, the Nation's enduring obligations to its service personnel and in turn their obligations to the Nation in some sort of balanced record.

At the moment there is no consolidated record of either community. The imperative to do this is driven by a number of factors:

- The increasingly multi-cultural nature of our society with growing numbers of recent immigrants coming from societies and countries where military forces are more identified with oppression of the population than with maintaining the safety and security of the population;
- The need for the ADF to reflect the makeup of the community with attendant need to source recruits from more diverse ethnic backgrounds; and
- To provide a more widely understood platform to retain community support for the men and women of the ADF and counter the ongoing (but probably inevitable) negative press reports of abuse within the ADF itself.



The profession of arms is a noble and time honoured profession but in society overall there seems to be a feeling that the defence of the nation is something that is prosecuted over the despatch box in Parliament, rather than the thousands of young men and woman who protect this nation through boots on the ground, sometimes in the most arduous and dangerous conditions. In the year of the 100th anniversary and commemorations of the landing on Gallipoli it is appropriate to recognise all of the members of the ADF and the uniqueness of their service.

Thankfully now on a bipartisan basis the Parliament of Australia will enshrine a veterans covenant which not only is a compact between veterans and serving personnel and the Parliament but a compact with veterans and the community at large and all of the opportunities it presents for

employment, sport, volunteerism, study and re-entering a civilian environment.

Our young veteran men and women have so much to offer and all that they need is a chance to re-enter the civilian workforce which is the most important element of a successful transition and a happy and productive life moving forward.

The covenant will not be the be all and end all silver bullet, but it will be an enormous psychological morale booster for our young veteran men and woman knowing that the nation cares. The RARA is extremely proud that we have been a part of this process for some seven years and now extremely thankful that the whole of Federal Parliament is now supporting this initiative.

- Michael von Berg MC OAM

FROM THE COMMAND POST



This year, the Year of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, brings to a close four years of World War 1 commemorations, which commenced with the Landings at Gallipoli in 2014.

A time to remember, reflect and respect those who were lost in that terrible war and to this present day where our young men and women are still fighting a war. Not perhaps as significant in the sheer numbers of loss of life but no less devastating for the families and loved ones of the 41 killed in the Middle East and 261 wounded many very seriously.

This year also is the 70th Anniversary of The Royal Australian Regiment with significant commemorations held around Australia with the major commemoration held in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial.

By world military history standards we are a very young Regiment, but the youth of our Regiment in no way diminishes the incredible role the Regiment has played throughout the world in wars, conflicts, peacekeeping, disaster relief internationally and domestically and still at war today.

We have an incredible reputation that we can be very proud of from the bitter cold of Korea, to the oppressive and difficult jungles of Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam, to the desert sands of Iraq and back into the extremely hot and cold mountainous regions of Afghanistan and everything in between.

Talk about a flexible all-terrain fighting force. And now through 2RAR (Amphibious) we have the seaborne function for an all-round capability. I am sure everyone is as proud as I am in having had the honour to serve in The Royal Australian Regiment.

Enjoy the birthday celebrations and continue to support The Regiment and “keep the spirit alive”.

ONE OF OUR FINEST IS BEING “SUED” - SUPPORT NOW

A letter from RAR national -
Trevor Dixon <rar.assn@gmail.com>
website: rarnational.org.au

Members, Act now and send this information to your mates. National President Mike von Berg MC OAM is being sued for standing up to false claims of valour on your behalf, protecting the honour of The Regiment.

We have all seen and heard the wannabes who, not satisfied with their actual service, exaggerate their war stories.

After receiving calls and emails from the people who were on the operation in question, including being decorated for their actions, the National President advised in writing the truth of the matter.

Defending the truth costs money and so far the cost has been about \$50,000 and the well is nearly empty. We need your help NOW to prevent an injustice due to lack of funds.

If you can spare \$50 or even \$20 go to www.rarasa.org.au to make a donation. Left over funds will be invested for delivering Veteran Welfare so not a cent will be wasted! Duty First “Lest we Forget”

With all of the commemorations and commitments and a few side issues its been overall a pretty full-on year and we could not do what we do without the support of an incredibly hard working committee and the many strong supporters and volunteers who offer to help out when help is needed.

Rodney and his powers of persuasion, Spike who is forbidden to climb ladders, Chris who ensures our beverages are at optimal temperatures, with Carol chasing membership renewals there is nowhere to hide, Jim keeping the paperwork flowing, Mike the “keeper of the keys and purse” keeps us all in check thankfully, Adrian keeping us all in step – sort of, Lynn and her very accurate minutes and keeping Rodney in check, Colin providing his culinary delights, Ken and his schools and club history activities, and Laurie as always for his wise sage.

To the Battalion Associations, Veterans SA, Burnside Council, Members of Sturt and Waite, DVA and our suppliers, thank you for your support throughout the year. To Jeff, Tim, Neil, Mal, and our other helpers thank you. In conclusion a special thank you to Fred Fairhead for the outstanding research and analysis he has done in the publication of A Duty Done which in the current financial climate has kept us afloat. Without that support we would have been struggling and for that we are all extremely thankful.

I hope you all have a very happy, spiritual and safe Christmas and New Year. - Michael von Berg, MC OAM



Remembrance & a Grateful Nation

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Walking through the many war cemeteries in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and elsewhere you see many Christian and Orthodox Crosses, Stars of David, the Crescent Moon and Star, and so many other religious or cultural symbols or none at all.

You have to ask if these individuals of various religions are resting in peace and harmony in this war cemetery, why can't we emulate that for the living?

That is what Remembrance means to me.

Remembering the fallen, the legacy and love of country, the waste of war and what we can do in our own small way to prevent it.

- Michael von Berg, MC OAM

Life in Retirement

At our October committee meeting it was suggested it would be beneficial to write a bit of a brief as to what is involved in my role as the Chairman and National President of the RARA and what else I am involved in in my retirement.

This may explain my constant travels and why from time to time I am not propping up the bar on a Friday night.

My various and sundry or support roles in some form of order are as follows:-

- Recently re-elected to the board of the RARC for the next three years – my last term by choice.
- Member of The Royal Australian Regiment Council – CO's, RSM's HOC and Col. Commandant.
- Member of the Ex Service Organization Round Table (ESORT) of DVA in Canberra. This body meets four times a year including Federal Budget briefings and a Defense Briefing annually principally in the area of transition and the ESO bridging the gap between ADF and DVA. Principal objective to improve the delivery of services to veterans from DVA.
- A foundation member of The Alliance of Defense Service Organisations (ADSO). This is a voluntary group of 22 ESOs working in a collaborative manner to try to present one strong voice to the Government. I am chairing this group which meets the afternoon before an ESORT meeting the following day to get a general collective view on a particular issue we wish to table at an ESORT meeting. Working together in this fashion gains us more traction at political level based on numbers and speaking as one voice.
- A member of The Prime Minister's Advisory Council for Veteran Mental Health. This Council meets three times a year in Canberra and this my second term of three years ends in Dec 2019. Concentrating on strategic issues only the Council advises the Minister and the Prime Minister on mental health issues as it applies to both serving and ex serving members. Principal strategic concentration currently is on transition and all that it pertains and suicide and self-harm. Employment and further education are two other focuses.
- A member of The Strategic Governance Board of the Advocacy Training and Development Program (ATDP). Overall oversight of advocacy training and accreditation which is going through a major change and considerable turmoil amongst the older advocates where proper training and accreditation is paramount for insurance and liability purposes. This group meets in Canberra four times a year.
- Member of the Veterans Advisory Council (VAC). Last term.
- A member of the recovery of the

MIA from Korea where as Chair of the RARC an oversight where we have delegated Roger Wainwright, a foundation director of the RARC, to attend the meetings at Defense in Canberra. Through our input and the support of the NOK we have come a long way in the last three years and now, very pleasingly with the relaxation of some tensions, we are able to search and probe for known remains in the DMZ where access has never been permitted. Still a long way to go but the NOK are very encouraged.

- Engaged in considerable sensitive case management in assisting both serving and veterans who are struggling with suicide ideation and have engaged in self harm. Have been involved in helping families in Courts of Inquiry and Coronial Inquiries in the case of those that have died by their own hand. A members and responder to "RAR Overwatch" – a great concept and it works.
- Submission - ANAO Audit to examine whether the Department of Veterans' Affairs is efficiently delivering services to veterans and their dependents.
- Submission - Productivity Commission Inquiry - Compensation and Rehabilitation for Veterans.
- Submission - Senate JSCFA Committee's Inquiry into Transition from the ADF.
- Submission – DVA Scoping Study to Improve Veterans' Advocacy Services.
- Chair of the Committee for the Baker Gordon T20 Memorial Trophy to be competed for by RAAF and Army annually as a fundraiser for the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation. Held at Payneham Cricket Club this brings together members of the ADF, the Defense Industries, Veterans, ESOs and the general community for a very worthwhile cause.
- President of The South Australian Rugby Union. Putting back into a game that has given me great enjoyment over many years and made lifelong friendships.
- Ambassador for The Virtual War Memorial. A fantastic concept which deserves our support.
- Regular guest speaker at Battalions throughout Australia and at the School of Infantry.

This is probably enough for the time being but none of this would be possible without the wonderful support of Rodney as Vice President and the rest of the committee and most importantly a wonderful partner who knows and understands what this all means to me and supports me all the way. Another benefit is I meet some great people along the way who also want to make a difference and how you can learn from each other without letting egos get in the way.

Hopefully now it may be understood why I am AWOL on the odd Friday night.

Cheers - Michael van Berg MC OAM

Successful fundraiser for Trojan's Trek

On Sunday 28 October the annual fundraiser in the form of a charity walk for the Trojan's Trek Foundation was held on the banks of Torrens Lake opposite the parade ground. Registrations for the walk were up to expectations with over 200 attending. Sponsorships from corporate organisations were most welcome, all adding to the funds which are earmarked to support our younger successors damaged by their service. Prizes were awarded to the first male and female across the line as well as team and spot prizes to random walkers. As a most generous gesture, all winners refused their prizes, returning them to the foundation to assist in our work of rehabilitation. Moose, the foundation chairman extended his thanks to Adelaide Exercise Physiology for their great work in organising and running of the day.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS, DONATIONS, SUPPORT FOR TROJAN'S TREK

ST MARYS PROBUS LISTENS THEN DONATES

As part of the program of information sharing with the public, past trekker Glen Grant and Moose Dunlop OAM attended the St Marys Probus Club gathering at the Lutheran Church Hall at Pasadena on August 13.

A large gathering of interested members listened as the philosophy of the Foundation was spelt out by Moose.

This was followed by a first-hand description of the problems facing discharged defence force members attempting to gain employment while dealing with the military compensation system and DVA.

A number of insightful questions followed, showing the empathy of the audience. The hat was sent around and a very respectable \$320 was added to the coffers for the September trek. Our thanks go to the President and Glenda for their interest and to the members for the contributions.



KOREAN & SOUTH EAST ASIA FORCES ASSOCIATION, SA BRANCH

Missing in Action Service 13 October 2018 at Korean War Memorial Hindmarsh

A very moving ceremony was conducted by the Korean & South East Asia Forces Association of Australia Inc SA Branch at the Korean War Memorial Hindmarsh lead by President John Jarrett with Colonel Peter Scott DSO as MC. About 40 people attended comprising Veterans of the Korean War, one Family of a MIA, Members of the Korean community including a few retired officers of the Republic of Korea, Henley and Grange RSL and City of Charles Sturt.



The service followed the usual pattern with the Reverend Moon and Chaplain Margaret Clarke leading with prayers, readings and Anthems.

Wreaths and other tributes were laid by all the dignitaries and the

Catafalque party was provided by the cadets of the 2/25 Battalion, Legion of Frontiersmen.

Afterwards guests were invited to a light lunch at the Henley & Grange RSL Club rooms at Henley Beach.

The MIA list below was compiled by Ian Saunders on 31 January 2016 and provided to me early this year. Ian is the son of John Phillip Saunders who is listed as missing on 25 January 1953. Ian has also provided maps showing the last known location of our MIAs if anyone is interested. Ian is the very strong advocate for the location and repatriation of Australian remains when they are located.

Please note that the majority of MIAs are from 3RAR

and six were lost on the one operation on 25 January. Lt Geoff Smith lead a patrol divided into three groups deep into enemy territory with the first group lead by Lt Smith forming a firm base at 1000 yards, the second group lead by Cpl MacKay a further 1000 yards and the third, the snatch party lead by Sergeant Morrison proceeded a further 600 yards into enemy territory with the aim of capturing an enemy prisoner. After fierce hand to hand fighting in and around an enemy trench Sgt Morrison decided to withdraw. On this moon lit night, it was easy to identify the platoon sized enemy groups attacking Morrison's group of 18 which suffered three MIA, three stretcher cases and five WIA. The patrol was finally able to evacuate the wounded. Lt Smith's group were attacked firstly by a platoon sized group then a company sized group which resulted in Lt Smith being hit by a concussion grenade and three others MIA. Total on the one operation of six MIA including Ian Saunder's son¹. At least some 80 enemy were killed during this action.

Sgt Edward John Morrison was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his superb personal courage and leadership during this operation.

- Peter Scott



Above from left: Rev Moon, John Jarrett, President K&SEAFA, and Colonel Peter Scott DSO (MC).

Above right: : Mrs Meryl Sharp laying tribute for her brother MIA P/O Kenneth.

Right: Smith RAAF 77 Sqn with cadets of 2/25 Battalion Legion of Frontiersman forming the Catafalque Party.

Right: Colonel Don Beard AM RFD and unknown British Veteran.

Deadline for April Infantryman

The Deadline for articles and photos for the April 2019 edition is Monday 5 March. Please submit copy in Aerial 10pt. Please submit photos as jpgs separately - not included in Word documents. Email articles to Michael von Berg [m vb@michaelvonberg.com](mailto:mvb@michaelvonberg.com) and Editor Penelope Forster penelopeforster0@gmail.com for consideration.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION - KOREAN WAR 1950-1953						
NAME	SERV NO	RANK	UNIT	MIA DATE	REMAINS LOCATION	ORIGIN
ARMY: 23						
GRIFFITHS, Leslie John	3/10647	PRIVATE	1 BTN RAR	11.12.52	NK DMZ or POW	UK
KUNKEL, William Rudolph	1/1641	PRIVATE	1 BTN RAR	16.11.52	SK DMZ or POW	QLD
ROOTES, Reginald Donald	2/5124	PRIVATE	1 BTN RAR	11.12.52	NK DMZ or POW	NSW
ASHE, John Berkley	3/3706	CORP.	2 BTN RAR	28.5.53	SK DMZ	VIC
BOURKE, Edmund George	2/401173	PRIVATE	2 BTN RAR	7.6.53	SK DMZ	NSW
BRADY, Francis	4/400156	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ	UK
CHRISTIE, John King.	2514/5	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	15.4.53	SK DMZ	NZ
FOOT, T.R.	2/401322	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.5.53	NK DMZ	NSW
HODGKISSON, Joseph William	5/400181	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ or POW	WA
LORD, William Thomas Henry	2/400437	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	13.7.52	NK DMZ or POW	NSW
McKANDRY, John Lawrence	2/400919	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.5.53	NK DMZ	NZ
MURPHY, William Kevin	3/400143	CORP.	3 BTN RAR	24.4.51	SK - Kapyong	IRE
NICHOLSON, John William	2/400798	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.5.53	NK DMZ	VIC
RYAN, Laurence Bonaventure	3/37672	LT.	3 BTN RAR	13.7.52	NK DMZ or POW	VIC
SAUNDERS, John Philip	3/400868	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ	ACT
SCURRY, Arthur John	5/2103	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ	WA
SHENNON, Ronald William	1/400304	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.1.53	NK DMZ	TAS
SMITH, Francis Charles	2/35020	LT.	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ	NSW
TERRY, Lionel John	3/400376	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	25.1.53	NK DMZ	NSW
WALLACE, Thomas George	3/400430	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	13.7.52	NK DMZ	VIC
WHITE, Peter	3/400608	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.1.53	NK DMZ	IRE
WHITEHOUSE, Dennis Edward	3/10796	PRIVATE	3 BTN RAR	14.8.52	NK DMZ or POW	UK
HALL, John Rogers	5/400213	PRIVATE	R H U	3.10.52	Lost at sea enroute to Aust	WA
RAAF: 18 RAN: 2						
ARMIT, Ernest Donald.	O22221	PO	RAAF	1.12.51	NK - POW	NSW
BROWNE-GAYLORD, DFC, Mark .	O23655	FLT LT.	RAAF	27.1.52	NK - POW	NSW
CHALMERS, Peter Botley.	O35079	PO	RAAF	26.3.53	NK	VIC
COLEBROOK, Maxwell, DFM	O5895	PO	RAAF	13.4.52	NK	WA
COWPER, Lionel Henry Cadogan	O33831	PO	RAAF	30.3.52	NK	NZ
ELLIS, Donald Campbell	O21261	PO	RAAF	22.12.50	NK	NSW
GILLAN, Bruce Thompson	O33625	PO	RAAF	27.1.52	NK - POW	QLD
HALLEY, John Beverley	O5309	PO	RAAF	11.2.53	NK	WA
HILLIER, Donald	O4425	SQNLDR	RAAF	8.3.1953	NK	SA
LAWRENSON, Fred, DFC, AFC	O22005	SQNLDR	RAAF	24.12.52	NK	NSW
PURSSEY, Ian, DFC	O11561	FLT LT.	RAAF	22.4.52	NK	NSW
ROBERTSON, Douglas Merson	O5672	PO	RAAF	11.11.51	NK	WA
ROBERTSON, Donald Neil	O32536	PO	RAAF	15.5.52	NK	VIC
ROBINSON, Richard George	O22422	PO	RAAF	16.2.52	NK	NSW
SMITH, Kenneth Dudley.	O33843	PO	RAAF	8.7.52	NK	SA
STEPHENS, Geoffrey Ingram	O647	PO	RAAF	6.1.51	SK	NSW
STRANGE, Harold Thomas	A2997	SGT.	RAAF	19.3.51	Lost at sea	NSW
SURMAN, John Leonard	O32537	PO	RAAF	9.6.52	NK	NSW
CLARKSON, DFM. Keith Elwood	805 Sqn	LT.	RAN	5.11.51	NK	VIC
COLEMAN, Ronald James	805 Sqn	SUB. LT.	RAN	2.1.52	Lost at sea	VIC

- Ian Saunders 31 January 2016

FLASH BACK: Lt Col Frank Hassett's 34th birthday in Korea 11 April 1952 plus officers.

Some 3RAR officers with visitors outside the Battalion Command Post in a defensive position well after the battle, celebrating Frank Hassett's 34th birthday. Left to right standing: Lee Greville; Bill Finlayson; Peter Francis (Royal Engineers); Frank Hassett; Jim Shelton; Pat Patterson (CO, 16th Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery); David Thompson; Arthur Roxburgh; Basil Hardiman; Peter Scott (far rear); "Wings" Nicholls; John "Blank" White; RSM Geoff Hart; Tom Gibson (right rear); Harry Hind; Arthur Rofe; Bing Crosby. Front row squatting: Reg Whalley; Fred Gardiner; Claude Smeal; Maurie Pears; Roy Pugh; Angus Waring (Inniskilling Dragoon Guards). (AWM: 147775).

- From Peter Scott



Renowned artist, RSL and donors had a hand in unique memorial

A partnership between Gawler Council and the RSL Gawler Sub-Branch

In 2016, a working group was formed comprising five Elected Members, three representatives from the RSL Gawler Sub-Branch, two community representatives and Council Staff. Six members of the Working Group are former members of the Australian Defence Force.

The Pioneer Park Working Group's brief for a memorial was that it provide an important place of reflection for all of us to honour and remember the men and women who served and died for our country in all wars and peacekeeping operations.

Renowned artist Robert Hannaford AM was commissioned in early 2017 to design and develop the Memorial.

The concept design and maquette of the proposed memorial was developed and considered by the Pioneer Park Working Group and Council in June 2017. Community consultation was undertaken in July 2017.

Robert described his vision for the War Memorial as "An abstract, enigmatic form conveying the feeling of service, war, conflict and peacekeeping. The poignancy of tragedy and loss of life is conveyed in the hand's form with the bent shape implicitly creating a feeling of subtlety.

RSL Gawler Sub-Branch President Paul Little said in October 2018: "The Town of Gawler and the RSL decided to engage a different approach to a war memorial. The sculpture will be a place where a person of any religion, age, race and gender can identify with and reflect on family or lost friends.

"The hand can be given in friendship and also it can be used to comfort and to love, the hand can also console, the hand also has been used to condemn and to hurt but this memorial will show that the hand can rest and be at peace."

The War Memorial was officially dedicated on Sunday 11 November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, and the Armistice Centenary.

On 18 June 2018, the RSL Memorial was removed from Pioneer Park and relocated to the RSL Clubrooms in Gawler West. More information on line.

The Town of Gawler and the RSL Gawler Sub-Branch received significant financial support for the project, totalling more than \$170,000 in external funds.



Completed memorial in situ



Work in progress



Artist Robert Hannaford AM with his sculpture in the park

Mrs Ceremonial won Family Friday jackpot - so could you

Each Family Friday - the second Friday each month - when we have our three-course meal, we also have a Jackpot prize.

Each person purchasing a meal is eligible to go into the jackpot draw which is drawn around 7pm. The prize pool starts at \$50, increasing by \$25 if not won.

Then there are minor prizes of chocolates, wine or even a dinner for two at the next Family Friday.

We even had two lots of prizes from the Lion Hotel of a \$50 meal voucher. The hotel gave us great



Sandra Craig with her husband Adrian and Club Manager Greg Dwiar with her \$250 jackpot money

support for the Regiment on ANZAC Day.

The October Jackpot was won by Sandra Craig selecting the envelope containing the current jackpot of \$250.

Last year at the Christmas windup dinner Lynn Graham picked up \$500 in the Jackpot draw. If you want to be involved with a chance of picking up some pocket money, keep in mind our monthly Jackpot draw at our Family Friday dinner. Bookings essential.

Huey called 'Dustoff' made of horseshoes unveiled in park

On Remembrance Day 11 November 2018, Macclesfield RSL in conjunction with Sculptor, 1 RAR Somalia Veteran, Greg Hopgood, unveiled his Huey made with nearly a ton of horse shoes. Commissioned by the Mt Barker District Council for the 100th Anniversary at the end of WW1 with around 600 people attending at the ANZAC Memorial Gardens.

Using a 112-year old-hand-cranked coke forge, he carefully sculptured and created the Iroquois helicopter, commonly known as a "Huey", which is synonymous with the Vietnam War. Several RAR SA members were present for the unveiling.



Top: The Huey 771 sculptured by Gregory Hopgood (Hoppy), a Somali Veteran from 1 RAR and 5/7 RAR.



Right: Merv and Joyce Hopgood, and sculptor Greg Hopgood with Reilly, an Operation K9 Royal Society for the Blind service dog.



Left: Greg Hopgood and partner Cherie Rault and service dog Reilly.

Right: The plaque below the sculpture.



The Macclesfield ANZAC Memorial Gardens is a large native garden created to provide a place of commemoration and contemplation.

Covering two acres, the garden is filled with memorials and artworks to commemorate the service of local men and women in times of war.

A meandering walking trail has the names of hundreds of local people inscribed in the paved surface, covering periods of service from the earliest days of the South Australian colony up to the present day.

A dedicated commemorative area allows for formal and informal remembrance services to be conducted as well as a site for rest and reflection.

A unique feature of the garden is the interactive element, as it encourages veterans to become involved with the garden in practical ways to provide an outlet for those in need of a place to feel a connection and find solace.

For those who enjoy gardening to budding artists and even just to enjoy a day in the hills, the Macclesfield ANZAC Memorial Gardens is worth a visit.



From left: Kim Porter, David Barclay, Stu Ellis, Jeff Barrett, artist Greg Hopgood and Chris Bicknell.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

23 NOVEMBER 1948 – 23 NOVEMBER 2018

- By Fred Fairhead

On this day seventy years ago the Australian Army created the Australian Regiment which, four months later, in March 1948 after royal assent from HM King George VI, became the Royal Australian Regiment.

It is said that at the time, Saint George the Patron Saint of soldiers was most pleased with what he saw!

The origins of the Regiment came by the formation of the 34th Infantry Brigade in October 1945 with volunteers mainly from the 7th and 9th Divisions of the Second Australian Imperial Force serving in the South West Pacific at the end of World War Two. You should appreciate that in both World Wars Australia's Army was not based on an expanded regular army but on successive specially formed Australian Imperial Forces. I guess by the end of the second, Australia had had enough of the imperial bit and was looking at raising for the first time, a Regular Army of some substance.

The three battalions in 34 Brigade were designated as the 65th, 66th and 67th Battalions and the Brigade then moved to Japan in February 1946 as part of the British Occupation Force.

In 1947, 34 Brigade became the basis of the post-war regular army and when two of its battalions returned to Australia in 1948 attention was directed to the re-designation of these regular units.

Of course that wasn't to be as a straight forward exercise as you would like to think. There was a good deal of clamouring on about whether each of the 34 Brigade Battalions should become a separate regiment and what those regiments should be called.

It makes fascinating reading to compare what the Brigade Commander was proposing and the counter proposals from what was to become many years later the Directorate of Infantry. The former was for naming the regiments on geographic lines eg, the Royal Melbourne Regiment while the latter went for the traditional British Army approach, eg the Queen Elizabeth's Australian Foot Guards which sounds a bit like something out of the Goon Show for those of you old enough to remember it - at least they didn't pick my favourite, ie the Queen's Own Widgiemooltha Mounted Thunderboxes!

What actually happened is described in the handout provided including the design of the Regiment's badge and motto.

It is probably fair to that in its seventy years the Regiment has spent at least half of that time on operational duty where and when it was needed to support Australia's interests overseas, though it should be said that some of those interests were a bit dodgy.



Left: Fred Fairhead (left) presenting his address and (right) RARA Vice President Rodney Graham welcoming the gathering, Below: Rod congratulates the new Mayor of Burnside Anne Monceaux to the celebration, her first visit to the club.



It all started just two years into its existence when in 1950 it was committed to the United Nations' forces in the Korean War which I would like to dwell on because that baptism of fire was the making of the Regiment into what it is today ie, arguably one of the finest Infantry Regiments on the planet.

In 1950 there were only about two battalions worth of men spread across 1RAR and 2RAR which were based at Ingleburn in Sydney and Puckapunyal in country Victoria respectively and 3RAR which was still in Japan with the British Occupation Force. Australia was weary of war and conditions of service for the Army were extremely poor.

To get the necessary numbers for Korea, improved conditions were introduced for what was to be called 'K Force' when some 1000 World War Two veterans volunteered for active service in Korea. After training with 1RAR and 2RAR sufficient numbers joined 3RAR for it to serve effectively in Korea.

During the active war from 1950 to 1953, all three battalions were committed while 4RAR was raised as a Depot Battalion in Australia. Initially just 3RAR was involved but in 1952 it was joined by 1RAR which was then replaced by 2RAR in 1953. the Korean war's battlefield intensity, especially in 1950 and 1951 was on a scale similar to that of World War Two while the artillery exchanges that occurred during the defensive and patrolling war in 1952-1953 were at levels seen during both World Wars. The Korean War remains the only conventional war that the Regiment has fought in.

And it was an important war for the Regiment because the combat experience gained provided the mould for the operational spine of the new post-World War Two Regular Army, a legacy that would facilitate its commitment to the Malayan emergency shortly after with 2RAR, followed by Borneo with 3RAR and 4RAR and then of course all nine battalions in the Vietnam War. Every Battalion Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major who served in Vietnam had previously served in the Korean War.

Now something slightly controversial – is the matter of Battle Honours which I deliberately left off the handout you have. The only time one actually sees the Battle Honours, a public recognition of outstanding performance in battle, is when you are looking at a Battalion's Regimental Colour, whereas Unit Citations such as the Unit Citation for Gallantry, listed on the handout are worn by individual soldiers on the right breast.

In my view comparing Battle Honours is a bit like comparing tomatoes and mangoes – that is in the sense they are both fruit but you probably wouldn't put a tomato

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in a fruit salad – as an example let's look at the actions that resulted in one of the Korean War Battle Honours, ie Maryang San and compare it with one from the Vietnam War, ie Binh Ba

Maryang San was a battalion attack by 3RAR over five days from 3 to 7 October 1951. It was to clear a Chinese regiment from a series of defended hilltop positions and it then had to withstand battalion size counter attacks while subject to massive enemy artillery and mortar fire. The Battalion expended about one million rounds of small arms ammunition, much of it I imagine from Vickers medium machine guns including the one used by Peter Cundall of the ABC's Gardening Programme fame who incidentally turned 90 last week. Seven thousand rounds of mortar ammunition were also fired while the New Zealand gunners from Sixteen Field Regiment fired some fifty thousand rounds of twenty-five pounder ammunition in support of 3RAR during the battle. 3RAR lost 20 men killed and 100 wounded during the action while Chinese casualties were in the thousands.

It was as the Korean War Official Historian Robert O'Neill said 'the greatest feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War' while the General Officer Commanding the First Commonwealth Division went further in saying it was the finest battalion attack ever done by a British Army battalion which when you think about some of the battalion actions during the World Wars, was possibly just a tad over the top.

Though when one reviews the bravery awards for Maryang San, ie: two Distinguished Service Orders, nine Military Crosses, two Distinguished Conduct Medals and nine Military Medals – perhaps he was right. In 2018 currency = two Distinguished Service Crosses and twenty Medals for Gallantry which is an awful lot of gallantry!

On the other hand and notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the 5RAR companies especially D Company and the Armoured groups on 6 and 7 June 1969, Binh Ba was basically a company action against a comparatively much less formidable foe than faced by 3RAR, for example at Binh Ba the 1st Battalion, 33 Regiment of the North Vietnamese Army had no artillery or mortars to support it and just as well probably!

I suggest realistically there is no comparison between the

two examples except of course both involved men of the Regiment who fought with great distinction and courage on both occasions.

Vietnam was arguably the biggest operational commitment the Regiment has had and is ever likely to have – seven Battalions did two – one year tours of duty while two did one – one year tour – a total of 16 Battalion years or about 15000 man years which is a lot of years.

You can read about the Regiment's service in the seven years it was in Vietnam (1965-1972) in the book *A Duty Done* which many here tonight would have read – if you haven't, have a look at our Association website for the latest version of the Second Edition of the book which I have just finished – it is a much larger and improved version of the 2014 edition and hopefully with the support of the South Australian Government will be published early next year.

In the summary of that book I say this:

"All wars have been, and will continue to be, difficult for Infantrymen. Vietnam was extremely difficult not only because the order of battle was often askew, eg not enough battalions and insufficient armoured



From left: Tom Counce, Adviser to the Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Tony Piccollo, RARA Treasurer Mike Bevan; Mr Piccollo; and RARA Vice President Rodney Graham.

support, but also because of the nature of the enemy. Unlike Korea, for instance, where the enemy was essentially conventionally organised and easily identifiable, especially after the Chinese entered the war, in Vietnam it was totally different. The enemy was anywhere and everywhere, moving through remote jungle areas; occupying fortified base camps (bunker systems) in jungle and rugged hill country eg Núi May Tao, Núi Thi Vai and the Long Hais; and operating in and around the populated areas. It can be said in Phuoc Tuy Province at least, the bulk of the civilian population was sympathetic to the Viet Cong and to a lesser extent the

North Vietnamese Army's presence. Indeed, it should be recognised that, despite the many successes achieved by the battalions, there was little doubt the enemy always had control of the bulk of the Province's infrastructure.

The Vietnam War will long be remembered as one of the toughest fought by the Infantry soldier – there was no coming out of the line for rest and retraining as in previous conflicts and on average a Battalion spent some 85% of



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its time in-country on operations and most of that time was out in the boondocks where the threat to soldiers was ever present.

Those who served can be proud to wear the Infantry Combat Badge as do those who served with the Regiment in other conflicts.

But the story continues. Since Vietnam the Regiment has continued to serve with distinction in conflicts where hostile forces needed to be eliminated such as in Iraq and Afghanistan or contained such as in Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

While these operational deployments were not of the same battlefield intensity as occurred in Korea and Vietnam, nevertheless they were still perilous needing high levels of training and sound leadership. In addition there were operational tasks that required some unique battle skills, for example for 7RAR's deployment to Iraq in 2017 to train Iraqi soldiers the Battalion had to also send a Company to defend the trainers, ie against possible rogue Iraqi trainees turning their weapons on them— I still shake my head as to why the Australian Army was put in such a situation. But it must be said 7RAR handled the situation in the most professional way.

All of these great adventures have been at a cost. In the spiritual home of the Regiment that is the National Memorial Walk in Enoggera Barracks in Brisbane which was opened on this day twenty years ago, there are trees planted in separate areas for each conflict. Each tree has a plaque at its base to commemorate each of the 706 men from the Regiment who have died while on operational duty.

There is also a contemplation building with a wall that has etched into it all of their names by Battalion and by conflict with the bulk being from Korea (312) and Vietnam (354) the latter including 29 men from the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment who served in rifle companies attached to 2RAR, 4RAR and 6RAR in Vietnam.

Many of the Regiment's dead are buried overseas in Japan, Korea and Malaysia and twenty three remain missing in action presumed dead in Korea.

The National Memorial Walk provides a place of solace and focus within Australia to honour and to remember our dead. Importantly the Walk provides a place where veterans can visit to make a final farewell to their comrades who were killed - in say Vietnam, when often their last memory of a fallen comrade would have been seeing him wrapped in a groundsheet being hoisted up to a helicopter – there was never a chance for a full and proper farewell. The National Memorial Walk can provide some measure of closure to those tragic events.

There is no saying what the future holds for the Royal Australian Regiment - what great adventure the people who work in Canberra are likely to conjure up in their political stewing pots. But whatever it is I believe we can be confident the Regiment will meet any task it is given and we wish it well in that regard.

In closing I would like to reflect on the marvellous character of the Regiment's soldiers - that is of mateship, wry humour, courage and loyalty. These were shown by soldiers who served as volunteers in K Force, the Regular soldiers in Malaya and Borneo, the Regulars and the National Servicemen together in Vietnam and the Regulars ever since. We should have confidence that

those fine characteristics will continue - and that maybe on the right occasion we might still hear them singing - we're a pack of bastards!

Ladies and gentlemen I think it would be fair to say that seventy years on, Saint George the Patron Saint of soldiers, remains most pleased with what he sees.

Duty First



Above: Former Schools Military History Officer Ken Duthie (left) with Tony Boyce. After 10 years Ken has retired from his school visits. The remainder of the historic items he used to take to school is seen behind them.



Above left: Hailee Tucker, Marg Parks, Di Fairhead and Di Lewis. Right: Robert Kearney, Fred Fairhead and Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux.



Left: Cindy and Norm Ogden with Tim Karasoulos.

Right: Brian Custerson ex 3 RAR; Mike Hainsworth, secretary and representative for the Vietnamese Veterans Federation; and Malaya Borneo Association International Liaison Officer (Malaya) Brian Selby.



The Royal Australian Regiment

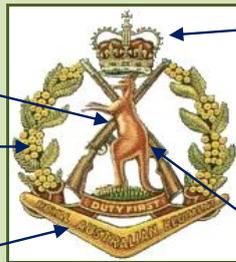
The Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) was raised on 23rd November 1948 as Australia's first regular regiment of infantry from battalions of the 34th Australian Infantry Brigade which had been sent to Japan after World War II as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF). Three battalions were raised as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Australian Regiment from the 65th, 66th and 67th Infantry Battalions respectively. The prefix "Royal" was formally granted by HM King George VI on 31st March 1949. As a new regiment, it did not adopt any existing battle honours.

The Regimental Badge (Based on a design submitted by 1RAR in 1949)

The **Kangaroo** is uniquely Australian fauna and universally accepted as an Australian symbol.

The **Wattle Wreath** is a symbolic Australian flora in bloom and a variation of the laurel wreath, which is part of many British and Australian badges.

The **Boomerang** is closely associated with the Aboriginal people and also to the tactical signs of the Second AIF from which the 34th Infantry Brigade was formed.



The **Crown** was included because the regiment bears the title, "Royal". Originally it was a Tudor (King's) Crown but is now a St Edwards (Queen's) Crown.

The **Crossed Rifles** signify the personal weapon of the Infantryman and is the weapon on issue in 1948, ie the .303 inch, Short Magazine, Lee Enfield, Mk 3.

The Regimental Motto "Duty First"

A motto for the Regiment was needed which was original, short and in English. "Duty First" seemed appropriate and was selected because, "the unhesitating and unquestioning performance of his duty is the fundamental requirement of a soldier".

The Regiment first saw operational service in **Korea (1950-56)** when 3RAR deployed from Japan in September 1950 to join the 27th Commonwealth Brigade near Pusan. 3RAR was to remain in Korea until November 1954 and from April 1952, was joined variously by 1RAR and 2RAR with 4RAR being raised as a Depot Company in Australia. After Korea the Regiment served in the **Malayan Emergency (1955-60)** and in **Borneo (1965-66)** alongside other Commonwealth forces with 4RAR being raised as a full Battalion in 1964. In 1965, 1RAR was deployed to **Vietnam (1965-72)** to join US Forces and 5RAR and 6RAR were raised and in 1966 deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Australian Task Force. The Regiment expanded to nine Battalions during the Vietnam War with all Battalions completing two, twelve months tours of duty with the exception of 8RAR and 9RAR which had one twelve month tour of duty. The Regiment's involvement in the Vietnam War ended in 1972; subsequent operational involved: **Defence of RAAF Base Butterworth (1968-1989); Somalia (1993); Rwanda (1994); East Timor (1999-2010); Solomon Islands (2003-2007); Iraq (2003-); and, Afghanistan (2006-)**.

As at June 2018, there are seven active battalions in the Regiment with 4RAR having been re-designated as a Commando Regiment and 8RAR and 9RAR linked to form 8/9RAR.

Unit Citations

Australian Unit Citation for Gallantry



Vietnam: D Company 6RAR for the Battle of Long Tan.
Vietnam: 1RAR and 3RAR for Coral and Balmoral.
Afghanistan: 4RAR for operations in 2005/2006.

Australian Meritorious Unit Citation



Afghanistan: 4RAR (Cdo) for operations with SOTG.
Afghanistan: 6RAR for operations in 2010.

US Presidential Unit Citation



Korea: 3RAR for the Battle of Kapyong.
Vietnam: D Company 6RAR for the Battle of Long Tan.

US Meritorious Unit Commendation



Vietnam: 1RAR for service with the US 173rd Airborne Brigade in 1965/66.

Vietnamese Unit Citation



Vietnam: 8RAR for the Battle of the Long Hai Hills 1969/70.
Vietnam: D Company 6RAR for the Battle of Long Tan.
Vietnam: 1RAR for service in 1965/66



**COLONEL COMMANDANT
THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**
Lone Pine Barracks,
SINGLETON NSW 2331



Colonel Commandant's Message - 70th Anniversary 23rd November 2018

As we draw to a conclusion this significant period of commemoration in Australia to mark the Centenary of the First World War with services to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice held earlier this month on 11th November, we take time today to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of the Royal Australian Regiment.

2018 has been a significant year for our Regiment. In July we commemorated the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Samichon and the Korean War Armistice, a war where the foundation Battalions of our fledgling Regiment set the standard for future generations to follow. In May we commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Battles of Fire Support Base Coral and Balmoral from the Vietnam War, including the award of the Unit Citation for Gallantry to the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment and the other Australian units involved in these battles. Our Regiment expanded to nine Battalions during the Vietnam War to meet the demand and our Battalions were commanded by veterans of Korea as were the RSMs and many of the Senior NCOs, and our soldiers excelled in the difficult terrain and conditions and conducted much of the heavy lifting during Australia's involvement in that war. We also commemorated in May this year the 25th Anniversary of the 1RAR Battalion Group's deployment to Somalia, one of the first of our more contemporary operational deployments.

However, the 23rd November 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Regiment. Our 70th Birthday provides a suitable occasion to reflect on our Regiment's rich history and achievements over the past 70 years where the Battalions of the Regiment have provided all the full-time Infantry combat capability for the Australian Defence Force. In Canberra the anniversary will be marked with a ceremonial parade with all the Colours of the Regiment on parade emblazoned with our Battle Honours and then following the parade, we will pause and reflect on the sacrifice of Corporal Kevin Cooper from the 2nd Battalion, who was killed in action during the Battle of Samichon in 1953, at the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. However, we should also pause and remember that soldiers from the Battalions of our Regiment are deployed on operations today in Iraq and Afghanistan and continue to uphold the high standards set by the previous generations of Australian Infantry soldiers who have served under the Royal Australian Regiment's motto of "Duty First."

May I take this opportunity to wish all those who have served or are serving in the Royal Australian Regiment and their families a happy 70th Birthday!

Duty First!

M. A. Kelly, AO, DSC
Major General
Colonel Commandant
The Royal Australian Regiment

23 November 2018



Queensland Second Battalion seeks memorabilia to display for posterity

Have you served or has a relative - father, brother, son, husband, etc. served in the 66th BN 2nd AIF, 2 AR, 2 RAR or 2/4 RAR?

Do you have images, gear, medals, maps, photographs, books we have a library/art room movies etc. from your

or your relatives' service in these units which form the lineage of today's 2 RAR (AMPHIB)?

Are these items sitting in boxes or a trunk not seeing the light of day, with the possibility they could be thrown out by your family then you pass on?

2 RAR Historical Collection would like you to donate them so we can thank you personally. T

The Unit served in places such as The Dutch East Indies, Japan, Korea, Malaya, South Vietnam, Malaysia, Rhodesia, Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, East Timor, The Solomon Islands, Iraq, Afghanistan and Timor Leste.

Members are not just interested in operational service but very much interested in the Battalion's daily life - exercises, sport, special activities, parades, ETVCC, BN balls, etc. during its time.

The 2 RAR Historical Collection would like you to consider donating these items for display and to be preserved as part of the collection. We would like the original slides/rolls of film/photos. However if you don't want to part with the original copies, then scanned copies (600dpi minimum) of your original digital images can be made.

Please do NOT laminate any documents or photographs as this destroys them. Remember your negatives and photos are slowly degrading. We can archive them to to slow this drop in our temperature controlled rooms. These items will be available to view and be appreciated by all who visit the historical collection on our laptop and hard drive which are constantly backed up.

Ex-members, relatives of these members, current and future members will be able to appreciate and view these items knowing they are at their home at 2 RAR.

The museum is funded by donations, sponsors and grants. If you are an individual or business which would like to be a "Friend of the 2 RAR Historical Collection" please contact me. The museum is looking to completely upgrade and refurbish the Historical Collection display in the near future.

If you would like to visit or donate to the collection please also contact me on 0419 749 198 or email 2RAR.Museum@gmail.com. so I can come to the front gate of Lavarack Barracks and escort you in.

Please share on email or Facebook on your military networks to reach as many ex-members as possible. I am very keen to get in touch with original 66BN, Korean and Malayan conflict members.

If you're a military association or group, please add



Talk in the Museum by Ex 2 RAR Veteran Colin Beahan, who served in Korea and the first tour of Malaya with the Battalion. He is a volunteer and drives in and out an hour and 40 minutes from Charters Towers to help. Here he is giving a talk to serving members of the battalion.



Many thanks - Jason Harrison, 2 RAR Museum Curator, 2RAR (Amphib), Samichon Lines, Lavarack Barracks, Queensland 4813
Second to None!



Davo, John S, Wooly, John L, me (Jason Harrison), Killer and Digger - 5 Section, 2 Platoon, 2RAR on Route 2, Phuoc Tuy Province, Vietnam. From Chapter 29 of CONTACT blogger Ian Cavanaugh's Fun Fear Frivolity series.

National Servicemen's Association SA Branch

Rose Garden Memorial Dedication 19 October 2018 and deep respect

I attended this dedication to witness the completion of the Memorial Gardens at the side of the headquarters of the South Australian Branch of the National Servicemen's Association at 41 Surrey Rod, Keswick.

The main Memorial Stone and Pathway were unveiled by His Excellency The Governor of South Australia The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, on Friday 17 March 2017.

Today I witnessed the Dedication of the Memorial Rose Garden constructed next to the Memorial Stone and Pathway.

The dedication was conducted by The Rev Dr Vern Cracknell (1st Intake 1951) and assisted by Pastor Rod Denton in front of the President Mr. John Thorne ESM and about 40 members and their partners.

The Dedication by Dr Cracknell "I dedicate this rose garden as a living memorial to those National Servicemen who gave their lives in the service of our nation, as a sign of honour and deep respect, and as a sign of continuing remembrance, in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. AMEN"

The garden was constructed with the assistance of The City of West Torren and the help of National Servicemen Don Anderson, Trevor Blood with their helpers who have spent many hours watering and tending this special garden under many weather problems.

The 25 National Pride roses each have the name and photograph of one of the national servicemen and they will be a picture when they all flowering maybe later this year or early next year.

The whole project was the inspiration of Captain Barry Presgrave OAM JP (Rtd) who has been president of the SA Branch of the NSM Association and now Vice President. Barry was also involved in the design and construction of the National Servicemen's Association adjacent to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to the National Servicemen's Association.

I have always been interested in this association because half the strength of my battalion 3RAR in Vietnam in 1971 were National Servicemen and in particular because Lt David Paterson killed leading his 8 Platoon on 20 March 1971 was also a national serviceman.

Of the 25 they were distributed as follows: 2RAR four, 3RAR four, 4RAR one, 5RAR three, 6RAR one, 7RAR two, 9RAR four, 3 Cav Regt two, 17 Constr Sqn one, 104 Sig Sqn one, 1ARU one and 1 Fd Sqn one. Errol Noack was the first NSM killed in Vietnam while serving in 5 RAR and was only 12 days on operations before he was killed. - Peter Scott

Family Toolkit

The Toolkit is series of videos which aims to inform and educate current and former members of the Australian Defence Force and importantly families and friends about mental health. The videos cover post-traumatic mental health, avenues to treatment and how best to support yourself and loved one and designed to break down the stigma around seeking help, and include input from veterans, families, and experts in the field.

https://www.boltonclarke.com.au/resources/?resource_category=veteran-family-toolkit.



70th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Regiment

Australian War Memorial Canberra 23 November 2018

I attended the parade on the forecourt of the AWM on 23rd November at the invitation of the Colonel Commandant of the RAR Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC. The weather was miserably cold but the troops on parade coped admirably.

The combined band of the Royal Military College including pipers from 3RAR and 8/9 Pipes and Drums marched onto the parade ground followed by the Royal Guard from 8/9 RAR.

Next followed the Colours of the nine battalions including the two linked battalions - **photo right**. His Excellency General The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, MC (Retd) arrived and was afforded a Royal Salute - **bottom right**. He then inspected the parade and after he departed the Colours and then the Royal Guard marched off.

The second part of the ceremony was held in the Courtyard of the AWM with the colours parading either side of the Pool of Reflection - **photo below**.

The Last Post Ceremony was then conducted and remembered the life and sacrifice of Corporal Kevin Cooper from 2 RAR, who was killed in action on 26 July

1953 during the Battle of Samichon in the Korean War.

The graduating cadets allocated to Infantry were present and after the Last Post Ceremony were presented with their battalion lanyards and other accoutrements by their new CO who in 3RAR's case was Lt Col Michael Keans.

- Peter Scott



7 RAR



The bronze statue of the Vietnam era Digger was presented to the Battalion by the National Servicemen and Regular Soliders, who were part of the original 7 RAR which was raised for Australia's commitment to the Vietnam war.

The theme was for there to be a tangible reminder of the Battalion's history in its memorabilia archive. The name of Suoi Chau Pha on the M113 APC is in honour of a battle that took place at that location in August 1967 in which A company defeated a significantly larger enemy force. - Robert Whinnen



FROM THE BATTALIONS

3 RAR

On the 5th of November we conducted our final 50th Anniversary Commemorative Service for the Battalion's first tour of Vietnam.

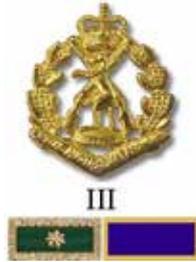
The Service was for Lance Corporal Anthony Quigley who was Killed in Action on 5 November 1968.

The Service was well attended by Tony's siblings and other family members including some from interstate as well as ex-members of the Battalion.

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers we had to cancel our October Quiz afternoon which is a great pity as they are such good fun. For the same reason we had to cancel our Christmas Function on November 25.

To make up for these two social functions being cancelled we had an un-scheduled lunch at the Lord Melbourne Hotel on November 16 and will be having another on December 21 at which Santa Claus may make a guest appearance.

Preparations have started for the Return to Australia for the battalion's second tour of Vietnam with the plan



being for it to be conducted in Canberra in October 2021 to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Battalion's Return to Australia in 1971.

- Adrian Craig; 3 RAR SA Rep



From left: Jackie Macereth, Tony's niece; Georgia Macereth, Tony's great-niece who laid the wreath; and Tony's siblings, Garry, Lee, Paul, Julie (obscured), Fran (partly obscured); and Bernadette.

6 RAR

Reunion 2020:

The National Reunion is to be held in Brisbane in 2020 from June 5 to 7

The program:

- June 5 - Meet and Greet in the Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention Centre.
 - June 6 - Reunion Dinner in the Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention Centre.
 - June 7 - Commemorative Service, General Meeting and barbecue at National Memorial Walk at Enoggera
- Registration will be opened in the New Year on the 6 RAR Association website..

Exercise Cambrian Patrol

After the success in winning the Duke of Gloucester Cup and the Gurhka Trophy, the 6 RAR team deployed to participate in Exercise Cambrian Patrol conducted by the British Army in the Brecon Beasons in Wales. The team was again successful being awarded a Gold Medal, only the second occasion on which an Australia Army team had achieved this feat. 2 RAR was awarded a Gold Medal in 2013.

After the competition the team undertook a World War 1 Battlefield Tour of France and Belgium which was funded by donations from the 6 RAR Association and the 6 RAR Foundation.

- Bill Wallace 6 RAR SA Rep.



*The 6 RAR
Cambrian Patrol
Team: CPL Joshua
Conaty, LCPL
Sam Evans, PTE
Andrew Doyle, PTE
Dylan Malycha,
PTE Nokolaj Helle-
Broe, PTE Mitchell
Rozynski, PTE
Michael Farrer and
PTE John Lock.*

FROM THE BATTALIONS

9 RAR

The end of 2018 and most of 2019 mark the 50th Anniversary of the 13 months 9 RAR was moving to, on active service in and returning from South Vietnam - 9 November 1968 to 10 December 1969.

Within 9 RAR SA we will conduct graveside 50th Anniversary Commemorative Services for our 10 war dead interred in South Australia:

January 5	Sergeant Jeffery Duroux
January 7	Corporal Allan Graham
January 18	Private Reginal Phillips
January 19	Sergeant John Cock and Corporal Musicka
January 20	Private Bruce Plane
February 14	Lance Corporal Peter Chant
March 5	Private Grantley Scales
July 6	Lance Corporal Richard Abraham
July 12	Corporal Bruno Adamczk

It is planned to conduct similar services in the states by the state 9 RAR associations.

In late November 2019 a Return to Australia Reunion will be conducted in Canberra.

- Adrian Craig, 9 RAR SA Rep



Sergeant
Jeffrey
Duroux



Lance
Corporal
Peter
Chant



Private
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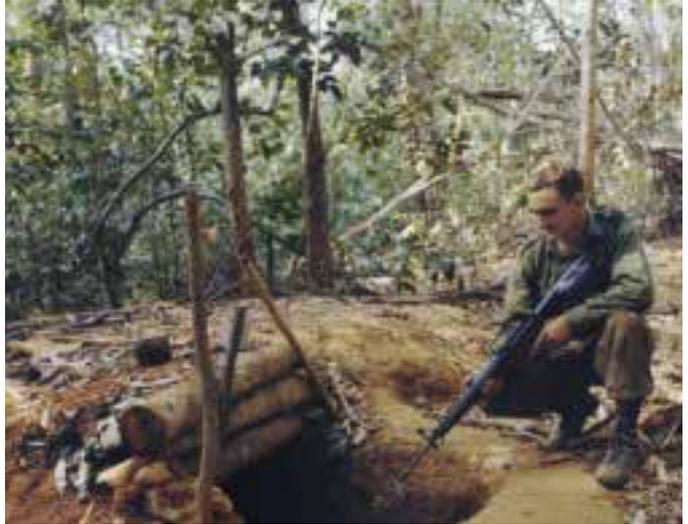


Private
Reginal
Phillips

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

In the first half of 2019 the RAR Association SA will conduct the following commemorative services at Linden Park; each commencing at 11am.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE HONOUR HAT DICH ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2019



This battle was from 3 December 1968 to 19 February 1969 in the Hat Dich Secret Zone on the borders of Bien Hoa, Long Khanh and Phuoc Tuy Provinces and fought by units of the 1st Australian Task Force.

Twenty-five Australians and one New Zealander died on the operation (Operation Goodwood) with:

- 1 RAR – 3.
- 4 RAR/NZ – 5 Australians and one New Zealander.
- 9 RAR – 14.
- SASR – 1.
- 1st Armoured Regiment – 1.
- 3rd Cavalry regiment – 1.

KOREAN WAR 1950-1953 AND THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG 24 APRIL 2019

This service will be conducted by the 3 RAR Association SA.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH ADELAIDE 2019

At this stage the details of the March in Adelaide have still to be finalised as the new tramlines on North Terrace may cause assembly areas to move.

- Adrian Craig, Ceremonial Manager

Museum and cafe do tour and coffee deal

Keswick Café in Building 54 at Keswick Barracks serves hot snacks, cakes, pastries and coffee. Follow the signs from Gate 4.

The Museum and Keswick Café have entered into a Cost Saver Deal which will give a saving of \$2.50 for adults or concession customers. The Deal combines Museum entry and coffee and cake at the Café. The Deal can be purchased from either the Museum or the Café when purchasers will be given a voucher which can be redeemed at either venue. Inclusive cost: concession \$9 and adult \$11.



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<u>MEAL</u>	<u>BAR</u>	
DECEMBER		
HAMBURGER & CHIPS	7	ADRIAN C.
XMAS DINNER	14	CHRIS S.
PIZZA	21	SPIKE
CLOSED XMAS	28	CLOSED
JANUARY		
CLUB REOPENS	11	KARA
B-B-Q & SALADS	18	ADRIAN C.
PIZZA	25	CHRIS S.
FEBRUARY		
HAMBURGER & CHIPS	1	SPIKE
FAMILY FRIDAY	8	Bob W
B-B-Q & SALADS	15	KARA
PIZZA	22	ADRIAN C.
MARCH		
HAMBURGER & CHIPS	1	SPIKE
FAMILY FRIDAY	8	Bob W
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 - Dates: Saturday March 10 - but Saturday 10 March 2018 so numbers don't clash
- Thanks - Penelope Forster, Editor