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To what better use can a regimental sword be put?

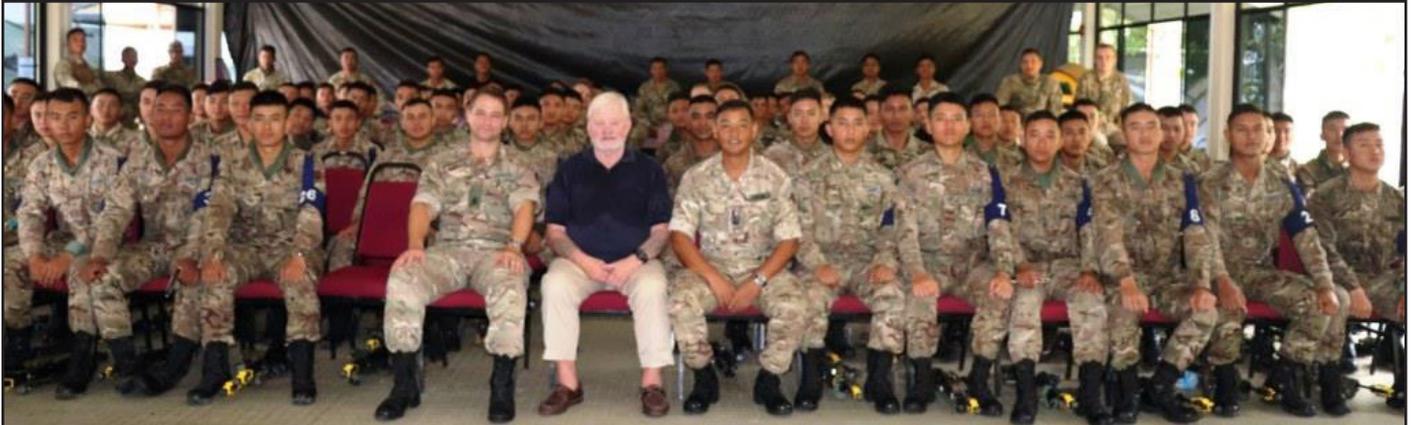
Around 80 friends watched as Col. Peter Scott DSO Retd dexterously wielded a borrowed sword to cut his cup cake birthday cake at his 90th birthday party.

Among the guests were his daughter and son-in law Deborah and Robert Davidson from Canberra and son Gary Scott from Italy.

The well attended happy occasion was held the RAR Club Rooms, a very suitable military environment.

Large groups attended from 3rd Battalion, Legacy and friends.

More pages 8 and 9.



Junior Leaders Course, 2 Royal Gurkha Rifles, Brunei, 25 March 2019. Every year some 25,000 individuals in Nepal volunteer for Gurkha service and only 200 are accepted after a rigorous and complete selection process. They may not be considered SF but they are pretty special by my estimation and behave accordingly. These 50 young men aspiring for the rank of L/Cpl and Cpl are outstanding young men who will serve the British Crown until the day they retire.

Kaatar Hunnu Bhandu Marnu Ramro - Better to die than to be a coward. Very proud to be among them.

Mike Von Berg MC OAM.

Remarkable experience with much admired Gurka warriors

“A great experience spent with a wonderful bunch of Gurka warriors I have admired from afar for many years.” writes Michael von Berg after his trip to Brunie in March.

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Michael’s story continues on pages 5 and 6.

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**Commemorative March Group 9
RAR & ASASR - Overview**

Saw needs for veterans in prison - now working to provide them

**From Chris Tilley (pictured)
Custodial / Recreation officer
Mobilong Prison
Department for Correctional
Services**



What is VSG?

The Veteran Support Group (VSG) pilot program has been running at Mobilong Prison, Murray Bridge, since November 2017 and provides support to incarcerated Veterans in South Australia.

We aim to instil values of pride and honour through identification as a veteran in order to continue to be a positive and prosocial contributor to the wider



community and ultimately reduce reoffending.

Why set up VSG?

Veterans often enter the prison system with limited or no community and family connections.

Our aim is to increase relevant connectivity to help them gravitate toward the veteran community, as opposed to the criminal community.

Veterans make up a small percentage of the SA prison population (3.35%), however they can have some substantially complex and unique needs such as military post-traumatic stress symptoms.

We aim to fill some of these needs/gaps, or provide the resources and networks for the veteran to do so on

completion of their sentence.

As a Correctional Officer I am constantly professionally engaged with members of the criminal community.

One common admission is that regardless of support rendered, offenders are released back into their old communities, largely with negative influences, which is the major contributing factor for reoffending.

There is a significant advantage to the Veteran, and the people of SA, if they are able to re-join the veteran community.

How VSG supports Veterans

VSG runs weekly group meetings and introduces Veterans to Ex-Service Organizations (ESOs).

Services include employment, housing, rehabilitation, legal, counselling, family support and connections to the veteran community.

We focus on achievable goal setting to work through challenges, as well as positive wellbeing and resilience.

VSG future

The VSG program is currently expanding to further assist veterans in all SA prisons as well as those on community based correctional orders such as home detention or parole for instance.

We aim to form ESO partnerships to continue to provide mutual support and assist our veterans to continue to be positive members of the wider community.

About me

My name is Chris Tilley and I served in the Australian Army as an infantryman between 2004 and 2012 in 3RAR and Australia's Federation Guard. I deployed to East-Timor in 2006, again in 2007 and Afghanistan in 2008.

I am now a Custodial / Recreation Officer at Mobilong Prison and a member of the SA Veterans Advisory Council. I started VSG in response to seeing several veterans in need in the prison system, including some mates who I've served with.

During this time I've been heartened to see the eager willingness of ESOs to help our incarcerated veterans and welcome them back to our community.

I am committed to assisting our veterans to continue to be positive members of the wider community and be proud of their service.

Once a soldier, always a soldier.

3rd National Service Intake 1969

GET-TOGETHER

in Adelaide for those lucky men
who departed

Keswick Barracks SA on
Wednesday 10th July 1969

This is the 50th Anniversary of that
fateful day.

Those interested please contact
P J (Robbo) Roberts 0413 613 436

Members,

Have you recently changed your email address because you have got a better deal from a service provider or switched to an NBN plan?

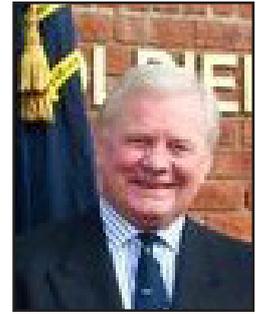
If so, can you please advise the Membership Officer of your new details by email to:

royal.australian.regiment.sa@gmail.com

which will enable us to keep you in touch with the Association's upcoming events

Carol van der Peet
Membership

FROM THE COMMAND POST



There has been much comment, white noise and conjecture in relation to the Draft Productivity Commission Inquiry into compensation and rehabilitation for veterans which was tabled earlier this year, and although there are areas of some discontent within the report, it's not all bad.

The view of the RAR Association at National Level is that it is a draft - we are still in periods of consultation and although some of the suggestions within the report are rejected outright, we see the "inquiry" more as an opportunity than a hindrance.

For example any suggestion that DVA is "not fit for purpose" and be abolished and replaced with some form of "commission" is rejected.

Not because DVA is considered to be perfect, because it is not, but the "veteran centric reform" program has made major improvements so why would you "throw the baby out with the bathwater"?

Our DVA may not be perfect but you can be assured within the "five eyes" Defence communities the Australian DVA model of care is one of the finest in the world. We all have our peculiarities, idiosyncrasies and cultural differences but the model of care for veterans should be fairly common across this group of allies - but it is not and in many areas Australia leads the way.

That doesn't mean we can't do better and this "inquiry" gives us the opportunity to continue to provide information and recommendations to the Commission and DVA to make DVA more effective and meaningful to younger veterans in particular.

With the continuing advancements and improvements in DVA IT technology and online registrations, claims and processing there will be a lot less frustration and resentment at this level and one can see the entire "business model" of DVA and the way it works will

change without it affecting any legal entitlements.

We need to start looking more at the overall "wellbeing" of veterans and their families and there is much which can be done to improve it as a whole-of-life strategy.

I don't wish to go into a 25-page submission we have contributed to as an Association and as a part of the ADSO (22 members of the Alliance of Defense Services Organisations) but one point we do wish to make is that the Commission as economic rationalists have completely ignored or misunderstood the "uniqueness of military service" where their comments seem to align a warehouse man or woman with a members of the ADF and in our case an infantryman or woman with very little difference. I would respectfully say that a warehouse person does not go to work every day expecting to be seriously wounded or killed, which can happen in an active service or training environment. Most importantly a warehouse person does not expect to have to kill another human being as a part of their job description and therein are two major differentials and that is not meant to be disrespectful to any warehouse person or any other worker in the workforce but it's the reality of "the unique nature of military service" and hopefully in time will be enshrined in legislation as a part of a Veterans Covenant.

Let us all now keep our eyes on the wheel and see how this all progresses.

I urge you all to read the article on this subject by Mr. Weller who, as an individual, has every right to express his concerns and views.

- Michael von Berg MC OAM

President's Report 15 February 2019

1. Have resigned from the South Australian Veterans Advisory Council.
 2. The ADSO is in the process of being incorporated and heavily involved in the incorporation, structure, constitution and governance issues. We are currently seeking some names approval from ASIC but whatever name we then choose will have "veterans and families" incorporated into the name.
 3. 26 November 2018 – attended the Premiers Town Hall meeting at Torrens.
 4. 2/3 December 2018 – DVA Canberra – Mental. Social, Health discussions.
 5. 10 December 2018 – Farewell Dining Out Night, Paul Graham CO 7RAR
 6. 14 December 2018 – Annual General Meeting – Virtual War Memorial
 7. 14/15 January 2019 – DVA Canberra = Productivity Commission Discussions
 8. 24 January 2019 – VAC Meeting re PC Report
 9. 30 January 2019 – PMAC telephone hookup meeting re the PC Report
 10. 6 February 2019 – Telephone hookup with RARC re litigation funding
- Brunei is a tiny nation on the island of Borneo, in 2 distinct sections surrounded by Malaysia and the South China Sea. It's known for its beaches and biodiverse rainforest, much of it protected within reserves. The capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, is home to the opulent Jame'Asr Hassanil Bolkiah mosque and its 29 golden domes. The capital's massive Istana Nurul Iman palace is the residence of Brunei's ruling sultan. Population: 428,697 (2017), World Bank Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan. Currency: Brunei dollar = 1.04 Australian dollar. Official language: Malay.

Gurka motto: BETTER TO DIE THAN TO BE A COWARD

“Kaatar Hunnu Bhandu Marnu Ramro” - “Better to die than to be a coward” is the motto of the Gurkha and with 26 Victoria Crosses awarded to this band of warriors over the last 200 years of service to the Crown it certainly puts this motto into some sort of perspective. My knowledge of the Gurkha has previously been through military history books, television documentaries, British ex-Gurkha Officers stories I have listened to and considerable folklore and history which have been doing the rounds throughout the military fraternity for many years.

Never having had any exposure to the Gurkha, when the request was made for me to engage with the 2nd Royal Gurkha Battalion and some members of the Royal Brunei Land Forces in areas of some experience I didn't hesitate in accepting this request and fantastic opportunity.

If anyone in December 1965 as a freshly graduated 2nd Lt had said to me that one day I would be engaged in presentations on jungle warfare to the Gurkhas I would have said that they were unhinged, .

Yet here I was in 2019 given the opportunity to do just that. I had the pleasure of coaching the current Commanding Officer of 2 Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, Lt Col David Pack MBE in rugby 22 years ago before he was admitted to The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the UK.

Over the years we have remained in touch. I saw him graduate and then be accepted into the Gurkhas to where he is now, the CO of one of the Gurkha Battalions and, most importantly, also the Gurkha Garrison Commander in Brunei.

The Gurkhas, at the request and costs of the Sultan of Brunei - have had a military presence in Brunei since 1962. The country is a major oil producer and of considerable international strategic and commercial importance.

This sort of explains the how but not the reason of my invitation which needs some further explanation.

When you are invited to speak to the Gurkhas who have won eight Victoria Crosses fighting in the jungles of Burma and Borneo it's a bit intimidating standing in front of them to speak about jungle warfare in which they made their name in WW2. But that is what was asked of me.

As a relic of lived experience that in most training environments includes jungle warfare schools, not many, if any, have that lived experience of fighting a war in the jungle.

Before the Infantry can overcome the enemy, they must overcome the jungle and be very comfortable in being uncomfortable in what is a very testing and demanding environment where excellent leadership, maintenance of morale, concentration and mental toughness are the margins of victory.

The Gurkha and so many other armies have been heavily engaged in the Middle East and perhaps much of their jungle warfare experience has waned somewhat to where they are now very keen to reconnect and once

again be masters of the jungle where they have excelled previously.

There were three jungle warfare presentations to various levels of command:

First was the Junior Leaders Course and staff - 50 students to be qualified for L/Cpl and Cpl - where on completion of the presentation the course was shipped out into the jungle in torrential rain and hopefully they will pretty soon get comfortable in being uncomfortable;

Second was the Jungle Warfare Division where I was met by the OC who briefed me on the JWS and its role, which I found very impressive indeed.

This is the Jungle Warfare School for the British Armed Forces, but it has very strong international relationships where students and instructors could be from any of the allied armed forces including Australia.

My presentation to some 25 students was well-received, but post session over a beer was the most stimulating when having a good chat to a Brit Royal Marine SBS, a Dutch Special Operations NCO, a Gurkha 22 SAS Operator and another from 22SAS and of course the OC.

These were all very experienced operators with a wealth of knowledge and after their recent war fighting experiences in different climes they were very keen to get into the jungle.

Lastly, the presentation on Jungle Reconnaissance Patrols to Officers and NCOs of the Gurkha Battalion and Royal Brunei Land Forces rounded out the Jungle Warfare presentations the following day and on completion I was invited into the soldiers mess for lunch.

The CSM of B Copy was my host where I sat at a round table with about a dozen young men with the youngest just 17, having just completed his recruit training at Catterick Barracks in the UK where the Gurkhas have a presence. This young lad was self-assured, very happy to have a chat and most importantly with an infectious sense of humour.

Two other very important subjects were also presented to all Gurkha officers and senior NCO's - Morals and Ethics in Modern Warfare, which has had considerable press both in Australia and overseas; and Mental Health and Resilience, where the Brit Army is experiencing similar issues with both serving and recently discharged veterans.

Both presentations resulted in considerable and healthy dialogue, which hopefully may establish a relationship between the Gurkha and Trojans Trek.

Although I had a marvelous time and was extremely well looked after by my hosts the trip did not start well due to my suitcase disappearing and not reappearing for four days. Yes, you read it right - no change of clothing or toiletries unless I went out to buy some, which I did.

But in the Far East a 2X Golf Shirt is really made for what would be a medium in Australia, which created further hassles ... it was as if “Mr. Michelin Man” had been poured into blue rubber, the colour of my new golf shirt. Thankfully, the boys gave me some rugby tops

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and shirts and the Officers Mess has a daily "Dobie" (laundry) service so all ended up well until my case was traced.

Needless to say I won't be flying with the domestic carrier who was responsible for getting it on to Royal Brunei Airlines. An appropriate rather terse letter has been sent and still awaiting their response.

If anyone is contemplating a trip to Brunei, Royal Brunei Airlines is dry expect for water and juice. The country is dry and governed under Sharia Law, but thankfully there is a NAAFI, a diggers boozier on base and both the WO/Sgt and Officers Messes serve alcohol.

In addition you are permitted to drink in your own home and that is where I was invited one evening after rugby training for a curry and beer night. The not drinking in public rule is strictly observed by all officers and men (and many Shell Oil Company employees) out of respect of local laws and customs, and most importantly the Sultan of Brunei, who is the ultimate host.

This experience has rounded out my military experiences, of which there have been many and not all pleasant, but in this case it has left me with very positive views and respect for the Gurkha in the time spent with them.

I am just so impressed in the quality of the individuals and their attitude towards soldiering. From the Officers, NCOs to the soldiers, I have been just so impressed where this light infantry battalion could, I am sure, accept almost any challenge within its purview.

I have learned so much from my driver, Shyam, who was allotted to me, and now much more than a driver. He is a mate. Shyam has been in the Gurkhas for 22 years and he is still a happy Private. He has three children, a boy and a girl attending The Duke of York boarding school in the UK and a little seven-year-old boy at home with him and his wife in Brunei.

He has just been proudly promoted to Lance Corporal and Guard Commander of the British Gurkha Camp in Kathmandu where, by the time we read this, he will have relocated.

Our Army could learn something here where 90% of the tutorial and boarding fees for both of his children are paid by the British Government.

He will be in Nepal for three years and then retiring to the UK were Gurkhas now have residency rights and rightfully so.

There wouldn't be many happy Private soldiers in the

Australian Army after 22 years' service, but here is Shyam perfectly happy and through his attitude highly regarded by all.

Putting all of this into perspective, there are 25,000 applicants to serve in the Gurkha from Nepal annually and only 200 are normally accepted after a rigorous and hard selection process which covers all schools subjects, English as a second language and numerous physical tests before acceptance. A 0.008% acceptance rate, which has been raised marginally this year as the Brigade is keen to establish another Battalion.

My last day with the Gurkha and leaving them was, for me, quite emotional.



Left: The Khata ceremony with the RSM WO1 Lakhbahadur Gurung after putting the Khata around Michael's neck then shaking hands.



Right: Michael receives a print of 2 Gurkas in the jungle from CO Lt Col David Pack MBE.

The RSM of the Battalion honoring me with a "Khata" ceremony and the CO presenting me with a wonderful framed print of two Gurkha soldiers in the jungle with the appropriate brass plaque, followed by a curry night and copious quantities of beer, preceded (of course as you do in the tropics) a couple of solid G&T's.

I can now see and understand why an Australian, Major Dan O'Connor, Company

Commander of A Company, dropped out of Duntroon as a young man to apply for The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst so he could serve with the Gurkha and he is loving it and doing a great job.

I just can't get over that his nick name is "Dingo", which in Australia has different not-so-flattering connotations. But I can assure you Dan is none of that and along with Captain David Carter the Intelligence Officer, they were marvelous hosts.

In conclusion, to see the respect of the chain of command and to each other as individuals, the way they march around the barracks, salute almost everything that moves but always with a smile on their face, the quality of the questions and comments and a sense of humour are memories I will treasure.

And in another time, another army and another set of circumstances I would have been proud to serve with them – although I may have struggled with their marching pace of 140 paces per minute. I have been so taken with them, their culture, their religion, and their attitude to life that to learn more Denise and I will probably take a trip to Nepal next year.

This is a part of the world we have never been to and keen to take up my driver Shyam's offer of a good home cooked curry at his married quarter in Kathmandu. A great experience spent with a wonderful bunch of warriors who I have admired from afar for many years.

Battle of Hat Dich 50th Anniversary commemorated

OPERATION GOODWOOD DECEMBER 1968 TO FEBRUARY 1969



*Commemorative Address by Laurie Lewis AM Patron
RAR Association and veteran of Battle of Hat Dich*

HAT DICH SPECIAL ZONE

This was a special zone used to establish bases (including resupply facilities). It was an important base area and logistic transit area located to the north west of Nui Dat and south east of Saigon. From this location it also posed a threat to logistic areas such as Long Binh. It also dominated Route 15 and provided a major link to the Ho Chi Minh Trail. In 1968 the enemy established Military Region 7 (MR7), which caused considerable concern to US HQ. In December 1968 1ATF launched "Operation GOODWOOD" (this was a poor name to choose). Prior to "Operation Goodwood", the following action had been initiated against the Hat Dich:

August 1966: 5RAR

August 1967: 7RAR Including the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha

July 1968: 1, 3 and 4RAR.

SUPPORT FOR OP GOODWOOD

ARMD

C SQN Located at FSPB "Julia"
Defence of "Julia"
Inf units as required
Recon and ambushes on river systems

**A SQN Protection of convoys and route security
Securing LZs**
Casualty evacuation
Defence of Julia

ARTY

102, 104 and 161 Btys located at FSPB "Julia"
A Bty 2/35 (US) 8" guns at FSPB "Julia"
Prep bombardment of LZs and enemy positions
Covering fire for attacks, etc
Close defensive fire
Cut off missions on enemy withdrawal routes
H and I missions
Illumination

ENGR

Combat Engr Teams to each bn
Mini Teams to Armd units
Demolition of enemy installations
Helicopter Pads
Destruction of en assets

AVN

161 Recce Flt
H13 to each bn

Cessna for direct spt to bns
Arty observation and close visual recon

US
Lt Fire teams
DUSTOFF

US Air CAV
Tp lift including heavy fire support

USAF
Preplanned air strikes
Immediate air strikes

RAAF
Iroquois troop lift
DUSTOFF
Resupply
Fire support

HAT DICH Enemy Order of battle

274 VC Regt
74 NVA Rocket Regt
D67 Engr Regt
84 Rear Svc Group

CASUALTIES

En KIA	274 (by body count)
	39 (possible)
En WIA	45
En PW	17
Own Losses	
KIA	22
WIA	112

INFORMATION FROM CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS

During 1968/69 2509 Aust troops killed. 5 Aust Bn had lost its combat effectiveness
On 10 and 12 December 4 VC Bn killed one platoon of enemy on each day
On 19 December 20 Australian troops killed with mines

POST OP GOODWOOD

Hat Dich remained a logistic base of critical importance despite the following action against it:

6RAR Op Laverack and Op Burnham
9RAR Op Hat Dich
5RAR Op Camden and Op Kings Cross

RAR Op Nathan and Op Cung Chling

BATTLE HONOUR

As a result of the success of the sustained attack on enemy forces during OP GOODWOOD the Royal Australian Regiment was awarded the Battle Honour



**The
catafalque
party, flag
orderlies
and
chaplain
all came
from
the 1st
Armoured
Regiment.**



Guests at 90th birthday represented



Left: Colonel Donald Beard with Infantryman Editor Penelope Forster. Above: Jan Forbes, Don Hawking, Don Stewart, Russell Campbell and Patrick Forbes. Right: Maria Capriulo, Jeff Barrett and Carol Van Der Peet. Below: Peter with Penelope Forster and Alanna Mitchell.



Ian and Dawn Phillips.



All Suburbs Catering staff with platters of finger food for guests.



Dr Donald Beard with his wife Margaret.

The Peter Scott story

FRANCIS PETER SCOTT was born at Elsternwick, Victoria, and educated at Brighton Technical and Caulfield Grammar Schools. He entered Royal Military College, Duntroon, as a Cadet in 1946, later graduating as a Lieutenant into the Australian Infantry Corps.

In 1949, he was posted to Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force and in the following year served with the Third Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) on operations in Korea as a Platoon Commander and Intelligence Officer.

He was Mentioned-in-Despatches for his Korean service.

Promoted to Captain in 1952, he served in several units in Victoria before attending the Command and Staff College in Quetta, Pakistan, in 1958.

Staff appointments as a Major followed, including a regimental posting to 4RAR at Woodside.

After graduation from the Command and General

Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and became an Instructor at the Australian Staff College, Queenscliff, Victoria.

In 1969, he assumed command of 3RAR at Woodside, SA and complimented the Battalion for its operational tour of South Vietnam in 1971.

For his service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, US Army Commendation Medal and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

The following year, he was appointed Military Assistant to the Army Minister (initially Mr Andrew Peacock, then Mr Bob Katter).

After promotion to Colonel in 1973, he was based for the next two years in Islamabad, Pakistan, as Australian Defence Attaché to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

While on leave in Cyprus, Turkey invaded, and Peter and his wife Gwenda were evacuated to the UK.

Peter's interests over the years



Above: Peter with his birthday cake.

Top right: Blowing out the candles watched by his daughter Deborah.

Right: Geraldine Penglas in left hand corner, Peter Scott addressing the guests, Gary Scott, Deborah Davidson, Des Ross and Robert Davidson taking photograph.



Pipe Major Des Ross with Geoff Banks and Peter Lynagh in rear with Meredith Lemon leaning over the table.



L to R clockwise: Cath Hogben, Liz McDougal, Jean Cameron, Jill Tinga, Pauline Mc Donald, Geraldine Penglas, Wendy Davies, obscured are Margaret McArthur, Joyleen Brougham, Marj Leo and Jean Edwards - a group of Legacy widows and friends.



Bottom left then clockwise: Neville Cooper, Lloyd Stevens, Don Beard, Jo Bouchier, Geoff Banks, Max Lemon, Barbara Banks, Merideth Lemon, Lorraine Hawking and Margaret Cooper.

The Peter Scott story

Upon his return to Australia, he served as Commander 2nd Military District, based in Sydney, and then as Deputy Commander of the 3rd Field Force Group in Victoria. A senior personnel staff appointment in Canberra concluded his 37 years Army service, and he retired there in 1983.

For the next five years he served as the Army representative on the RSL Conditions of Service Committee. While in Canberra he studied at the Canberra School of Art, and later became the President of the Art Society of Canberra.

1990 saw a move to McLaren Vale, SA and later that

year he was inducted into Adelaide Legacy's South Coast Group, where he served as Chairman in 1995. He was President of Adelaide Legacy in 2000.

Peter led the planning team for the National Conference of Legacy Clubs held in Adelaide in October 2003. In September 2003 he again assumed the appointment of President of Adelaide Legacy.

Peter and his wife Gwenda (deceased 2011) have two children, Deborah married living in Canberra and a son married and living in Italy. They have two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY 2019:

Commemorative March Group 9 RAR & ASASR - Overview



Group 9

Group 9 consists of the RAR Association SA and the Australian SASR Association SA.

In recent years we have marched together behind the Vietnam War associations and we cover all conflicts which both Regiments have served in.

Progress with Planning for Adelaide ANZAC Day Commemorative March

The ANZAC Day Committee meets every month during the year except December and January.

Planning is on schedule with complications arising with the North Terrace tramline extensions and most recently the Festival Plaza construction works which has caused damage to King William Road near the Pathway of Honour.

The final plan - called Orders of the Day - will be issued by the RSL SA in early April 2019 and information from those Orders of the Day relating to Group 9 will be included on the RAR Association SA website.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Outline Format for Group 9

Below is some information for members:

A. Assembly Area: This will be the same as in the last few years on the eastern side of Pultney Street between North Terrace and Rundle Street.

B. Order of March:

i. RAR President's Party.

ii. 1 RAR.

iii. 2 RAR.

iv. 3 RAR.

v. 4 RAR.

vi. 5 RAR.

vii. 6 RAR.

viii. 7 RAR.

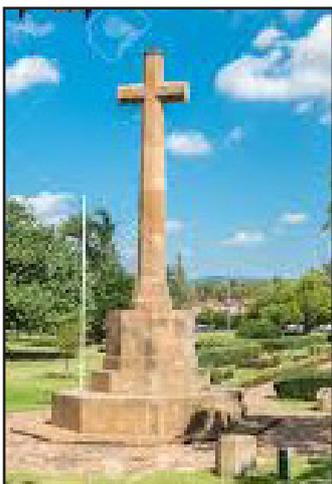
ix. 8 RAR.

x. 9 RAR.

xi. 2/4 RAR.

xii. 5/7 RAR.

xiii. ASASR.



Note: Not shown is the Order of March of the band/s and the Group 9 Vehicles.

C. Step Off Time: We need to be in position to Step Off at 10.05 am.

D. Descendants and Flag Marshals: Unless designated as Flag Marshals and are carrying war dead flags AKA NOK Flags or association banners descendants must march in the later groups at the rear end of the March. To be eligible to march in Group 9 a person must have served in the Australian Defence Force i.e. a veteran; not necessarily a war veteran.

E. Further Details: Further details will be advised as they come to hand and posted on the RAR Assoc. SA website.

Other Information

Car Parking on the Parade Ground: There will be very limited car parking available on the Parade Ground. Requests for car parking should be addressed to the Ceremonial Manager RAR Assoc. SA; Adrian Craig as.craig9rar@bigpond.com by 2 April 2019 via unit associations with very good justification.

Transport for disabled veterans

There will be transport for disabled veterans. There will be a limited number of vehicles to assist veterans who cannot use higher vehicles such as Land Rovers. Requests for transport should be addressed to unit associations.

Dress Code for Veterans

The Adelaide ANZAC Day Commemorative March is as it states; a commemorative march to honour our war dead.

Hence as a mark of respect to our war dead, veterans who are marching are requested to wear a coat and tie with authorised decorations, citations and medals.

Non-veterans in the March

Non-veterans may march in Group 9 if they are carrying a banner or war dead flag (NOK flag).

Other non-veterans are not to march in Group 9 and if they wish to march they should do so in the appropriate Descendants Groups towards the rear of the March.

Again as a mark of respect to our war dead non-veterans should be neatly attired and may wear authorised decorations, citations and medals on the right breast.

Reunions

The RAR Assoc. SA will have their Reunion in the front of the Lion Hotel, Melbourne Street North Adelaide.

Information on other reunions will be posted on the RAR Assoc. SA website.

Updates

This article will be posted on the RAR Assoc. SA website and updated as needed.

- Adrian Craig, Ceremonial RAR Assoc. SA

THE MEMORIAL

We tried, we tried, Oh God, we tried
So we could be here too
And walk around remembering
And look for names we knew
Our lives were lost so far away
Upon a distant shore
But we are here in memory
As you read our names once more.
Remember us, Remember us,
Although we're truly gone
Remember us, as we once were.

Memories recalled at 70th Duntroon graduation ceremony

Colonel Peter Scott visited the Royal Military College Duntroon on 11 December 2018 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of his graduation.

Below is the flag station with commemoration stones on either side engraved with the names of the Graduates who have been killed in action from all wars.



This memorial includes the names of Ian Mathers and David Paterson who graduated from Officer Training School Scheyville for service in Vietnam.



Commemorative stone includes the name of our Lt John Wheeler.

On the left General Sir Phillip Bennett, AC KBE DSO who was the mortar platoon commander in 3RAR in Korea at the Battle of Kapyong and CO 1 RAR in Vietnam and Colonel Peter Scott DSO IO 3RAR during The Battle of Maryang San and CO 3RAR in Vietnam. We were best man at each other's wedding.



From left: Lt Col Patrick Forbes MC ED, MC on the Hook with 2RAR, Colonel Don Beard AM RFD ED, RMO 3RAR at Kapyong and Colonel Peter Scott DSO, IO 3RAR during Battle of Maryang San in Korea and CO 3RAR in Vietnam



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Three distinguished gents on Australia Day. Scott, sloping arms; Forbes, presenting arms and the old fellow in the middle - being a Medical Officer, not sure what he is doing. A left-handed second phase slope or a left-handed shoulder arms, Ah well - what could be more Australian than an Australian flag on a Hills Hoist?

Commemorative Service for Battle of Suoi Chau Pha

A Combined 7 RAR birthday and commemorative service for the battle of Suoi Chau Pha was held at the "Horseshoe Lines", Edinburgh.

Members of the 7RAR Association SA attended the Battalion's combined function which included presentation of efficiency awards, promotion of junior NCOs and presentations to inter-Regiment competition winners and place-getters.

Having just decided to wind up the Incorporated State (SA) 7th Battalion RAR Association, it was agreed we should make a presentation to the Battalion which was a tangible reminder to the current and future soldiers of the original formation of 7 RAR at Puckapunyal in 1965 for Australia's commitment to the Vietnam War.

The theme was to be of "Conscripts and Regulars" acknowledging the experienced Regular soldiers component which came from 3 RAR and the Conscripted soldiers from the "Selective Service" change to the Commonwealth National Service Act.

The legislation which was changed to allow a selective service draft to send Conscripts to active service outside of Australian territory was made by the Liberal National Party with the support of the Democratic Labor Party of Australia.

A bronze figure of a Vietnam war era RAR Battalion rifleman was selected as clear recognition of the seamless homogeneous service and sacrifice of those "Conscripts and Regulars" throughout the rifle sections and some junior NCO's and Subalterns was engraved on the base.

During the presentation speech the soldiers of today's 7RAR were informed of the deeply divided nation which Australia was at that time, particularly during the second tour.

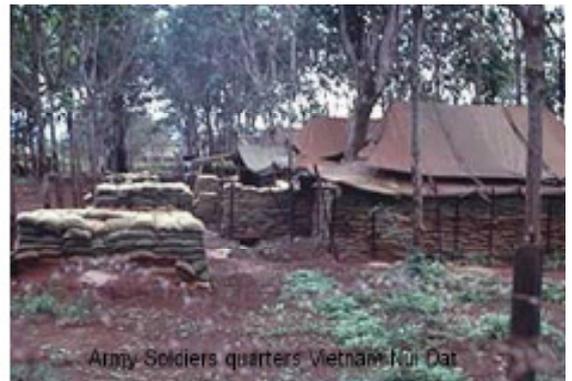
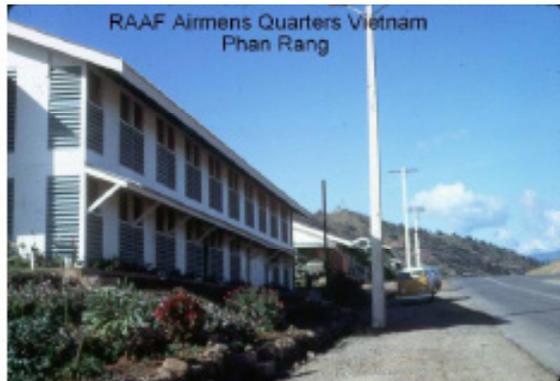
However, it was also made very clear that the professionalism and leadership of the Australian Army most particularly that of the RAR had been responsible for what was in large a triumph of comradeship and esprit de corps which has remained with those who served for all time.

Judging by the interaction between the old Pigs and the current generation that soldierly camaraderie we all know is alive and well. Michael von Berg our President has commented on more than one occasion that fighting in the War in Vietnam would not have been possible without the wonderful support, courage and service of our National Servicemen

Duty First,
Bob Whinnen.

Minor Discrepancies between RAAF & Army

I am aware many of you believe there were slight disparities in the way in which the defence service treated the different services while serving in South Vietnam. I believe I may be able to highlight to you by showing a couple of pictures taken while serving in the country which may dispel malicious rumour once and for all.



After comparing these photos it clearly shows that both services were shown equal treatment. Therefore silencing the rumours which have been around for years!



From Ron Blood, Secretary/Editor of 4RARA's newsletter Scarlet and White

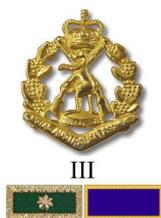
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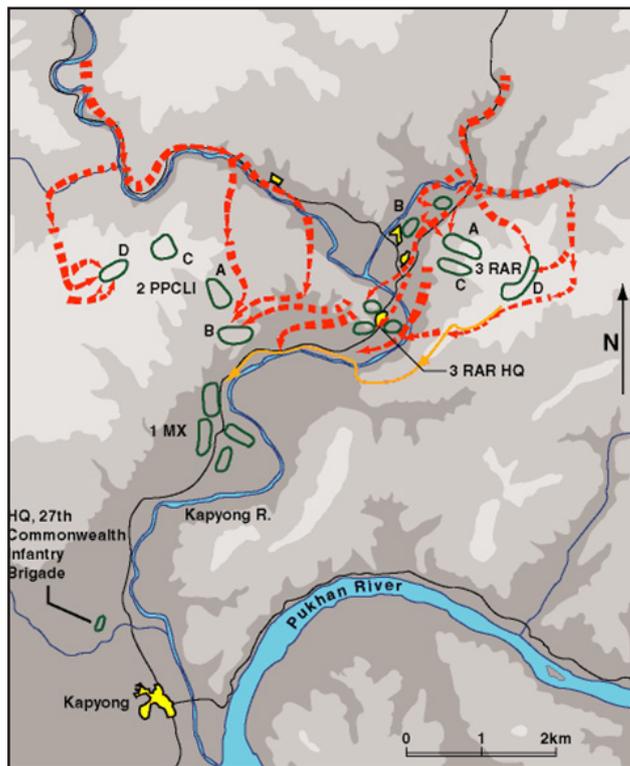
Check out the Royal Australian Regiment Association's website on
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Commemorative Service 24 April 2019 for Korean War 1950-53 including the Battle of Kapyong

On Wednesday 24 April 2019 3 RAR SA will conduct its annual Kapyong Day Commemorative Service in the RAR Association SA clubrooms at Linden Park commencing at 11am. Following the success of last year - with expansion of the Service to include the whole of the Korean War 1950-53 - we will continue that theme this year with the title of the Service reflecting the change. A light lunch will follow the Service. Except for principal guests there is no need to advise of attendance before the Service.



- Adrian Craig, Ceremonial 3 RAR SA



3 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, South Australia.

“Invite You”, All members of the RARSA and friends to join us at the RAR Clubrooms Sunday 26th May 2019 13 Beatty Street, Linden Park 1230 hours for a 1300 hour start

Our Fabulous Quiz Masters will be:- Nev, Kyle & George.

Lots of Games Prize donations by Members & friends



Maximum of 8 persons per table, this can be arranged on the day.

To reserve a table in advance please contact:- Neil Nichols by :-
Phone or Email 04880 50810 - 08 8359 6536
Neilnichols1946@gmail.com

Table per person \$8.00
BYO Plater or plate for your table
Bring plenty of gold coins for games
The bar will be open for those who would like a cold drink, and the Kettle on for the coffee & tea drinkers

All funds raised will be for the benefit of the members of the 3rd Battalion, RAR SA
The association have provided Banners across Australia, as seen on Anzac Day
Upgraded Banners with addition citations for Coral—Balmoral

And funds raised from now on will assist with our 50th Anniversary in Canberra in 2019

SUPER ASSISTANCE: Supacat, a successful UK based company which now operates in the defence industry field in Australia, is committed to partnering with Australian industry and delivering development, production and support programs with Australian partners under the Supacat Team Australia banner. Therefore it was not a huge step for the Australian Managing Director to seek ways in which the company could become involved with innovative Australian initiatives related to the military. Hence the potential for a relationship with the Trojan’s Trek Foundation was formed. To cement the relationship, Chairman, Moose Dunlop OAM, travelled to Sydney to address the company’s annual dinner on October 24 last year. As a consequence, Supacat has offered to assist the foundation in its continuing role of rebuilding the psychological health of damaged veterans.

FROM THE BATTALIONS

3 RAR

After a very busy year of 50th Anniversary events this year the tempo has dropped slightly.

We continue to conduct monthly lunches at the Lord Melbourne on the third Friday of the month.

Our AGM was conducted at the Lord Melbourne Hotel on Sunday 24 March 2019.

We will be conducting a Quiz Afternoon in the RAR Association Clubrooms on Sunday 26 May 2019. Changing the time from the evening to the afternoon was popular in 2018 as many veterans do not like driving at night.

We will be conducting our annual graveside gathering at Centennial Park for Alan Cooper and William Thomas in the morning of 26 May 2019 at 10am. Both were killed during the enemy attacks on the night of 26 May 1968 with Alan at FSB Balmoral and Bill at FSB Coral.

On ANZAC Day we will be having our post-March Reunion at the Lord Melbourne Hotel in Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.

In October 2021 the Battalion will be conducting a Return to Australia (RTA) Reunion for our Second Tour of Vietnam in Canberra with planning already underway.

**Adrian Craig, Treasurer
& Ceremonial 3 RAR SA**



8 RAR



The National AGM was conducted at the Morphett Arms Hotel, Morphett Road Morphettville. A reasonable gathering (by our standards) attended and apart from the technical difficulties all appeared to go well.

After the meeting we enjoyed a nice meal and pleasant fellowship. My congratulations to all members elected to the Committee and I look forward to working with you over the next twelve months.

Long Hai Day on 28 February 2019 also saw a good attendance.

Once again Catherine Lambert and the Terrace Singers did a magnificent job in making our simple service something very special.

After the service we adjourned to the Hackney Hotel for Lunch.

Most who attended were so impressed with the meal and atmosphere that we have booked the same venue for our ANZAC DAY Lunch.

The next Committee meeting is at 1000 hrs on Friday 5

9 RAR

Late 2018 to late 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of 9 RAR's Tour of South Vietnam (20 November 1968 to 28 November 1969 plus travelling time before and after).

During the Tour the Battalion lost 35 men.

In January and early February we conducted seven 50th Anniversary Commemorative Services related to Operation Goodwood:

At Centennial Park on January 5 for Jeffery Duroux, on January 7 for Allan Graham, on January 19 John Cock and Harold Musicka and February 14 for Peter Chant.

At the Murray Bridge Cemetery on January 18 for Reginald Phillips.

At the Ardrossan Cemetery on January 20 for Bruce Plane.

On 5 March 2019 we conducted a commemorative service at Centennial Park for Grantley Scales killed on Operation Federal.

In July we will be conducting commemorative services for Richard Abraham at the Whyalla Cemetery on the 6th and Bruno Adamczyk in the Catholic Section of Centennial Park on the 12th. Both were killed on Operation Matthew.

On ANZAC Day we will be meeting for the post-March Reunion in the Lion Hotel, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.

To finish of the year of 50th Anniversaries we will be conducting a Return to Australia (RTA) Reunion in Canberra 27-29 November 2019.

Adrian Craig, 9 RAR SA Rep



Ed Czerwinski, Gavin Power, Jim Stopford, Dennis Broadbent, Graham Harris, Des Milde, John Kelly, Fred Manno, Kym Growden, Ted Forward, Adrian Coles and Paul Stanton at the service.

April 2019 at the Torrens Parade Ground, Memorial Room. Hope to see you on ANZAC DAY. Please let me know so that we can sort out details with the Hotel.

**Ted Forward
President SA Committee**

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FRIDAY NIGHTS APRIL -- AUGUST 2019			
		MEAL	BAR
APRIL	5	Greek Theme Dinner	Adrian C
	12	Light meal	Bob W
	19	GOOD FRIDAY	CLOSED
	Thursday 24	KAPYONG DAY	3RAR
	26	Light meal	Kara
MAY	3	Light Meal	Jeff
	10	Family Friday 3 course meal	Bob W
	17	Light Meal	Wheels
	24	Light Meal	Adrian C
	31	Light meal	Spike
JUNE	7	Light Meal	Kara
	14	Family Friday, 3 Course Menu	Bob W
	21	Light meal	Jeff
	28	Light meal	Wheels
JULY	5	Light Meal	Adrian C
	12	Family Friday, 3 Course Menu	Bob W
	19	Light meal	Spike
	26	Light meal	Kara
AUGUST	2	Light Meal	Jeff
	9	Family Friday, 3 Course Menu	Bob W
	16	Light Meal	Adrian C
	23	Light meal	Wheels
	30	Chef's Choice, 2 Course Menu	Spike

New Bar Manager needed

As Chris Shannon has stepped down from his position as Bar Manager to take on the position of Vice President at Northfield RSL Sub-branch we are looking for a responsible person to fill the position on a voluntary basis and other personnel to assist on the roster.

If you are willing to assist please contact the Club Manager Spike on 0412 644 749.

Infantryman criteria

- Articles and photos are always welcome. Email to President Michael von Berg at mvb@michaelvonberg.com and Editor Penelope Forster at penelopeforster01@gmail.com for consideration.
 - MUST:** Copy in 10pt Word. Photos separately as jpgs. Subject line for article and photos should match. Always include the word Infantryman plus one or two words
 - Phone Nos: (08) 1123 4567 - four numbers then space then four numbers. Mobiles XXXX XXX XXX - four numbers (space) three numbers (space) then three numbers).
 - Numbers: 1 to 9 in words one, two, three etc. then 10 onwards in numbers. Also 1st, 2nd etc. Dates must include the day of the week.
 - Dates: Saturday March 10 - but when year added Saturday 10 March 2018 so numbers don't clash
- Thanks - Penelope Forster, Editor