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NEW KING RECEIVED 3RAR MEMORIAL SASH



Col Peter Scott DSO (Ret'd) (left) and Lt Col Don Stewart (Ret'd) beside the statue of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the grounds of Government House, Adelaide, surrounded by tributes and the 3 RAR sash. When Peter asked Government House for the copy of the photo (above) he was advised a sash would also be sent to King Charles III. Continued page 3.

MISSING IN ACTION SERVICE WELL ATTENDED



R to L: Lt Col Forbes MC ED, Jeff Barrett President 3 RAR Old Faithful Australia Association, Group Captain Greg Weller Rep RAAF Edinburgh, Lt Cdr Gavin Colgen, Rep the Senior Naval Officer in SA, Major Phillip Kennedy Rep CO 7 RAR, Ian Parrott Assistant Commissioner of Police Rep the Commissioner, John Jarrett President K&SEAFA (not present as he had just recited the Ode), Shirley Jarrett, Reggie Martin MLC Rep the Premier of SA, Rosslynn Hartley, niece of P/O K D Smith MIA, Sabastian Hartley, great nephew of P/O K D Smith MIA, Paul Sykes and Councillor Rep Mayor of City of Charles Sturt. On the extreme right behind Lt Col Forbes is Reg (Rocky) Anock and Bill Denny OAM BM.

The Annual Missing In Action Korean Memorial Service was conducted in bright sunshine at the Korean War Memorial, Port Road, Hindmarsh, on 8 October 2022.

A large number of invited guests attended and most laid a tribute as requested by MC, Col Peter Scott DSO (Ret'd). The service was arranged by John Jarrett, President of the Korean & South East Asia Forces Association of

Australia (SA Branch Inc), assisted by Robert Grant, a Vietnam Veteran, and the City of Charles Sturt. Cadets of the 2/25 Battalion, Legion of Frontiersmen commanded by Brig. Alvin Warren provided the Flag Party and Catafalque Party. The informal Flag Party was provided by St John Ambulance Brigade Cadets from the Woodville Division with Commander Andrew Peu.

GOVERNOR ENTERTAINED VETERANS TO HONOUR KOREAN INVOLVEMENT

Her Excellency Frances Adamson AC invited the veterans of the Korean War living in South Australia to afternoon tea on Thursday 28 August to acknowledge Australia's participation in the Korean War.

There are thirteen veterans living in South Australia but unfortunately only five were able to attend - some with family members.

The other eight were Col D D Beard, Lt Col POG Forbes, Ray Aubert, Jim Stevens, Brian Jacobs and Keith Thomas, Ruth Hough (Sister in RAANC) and Peter Clarke (who served in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers on the Hook) were absent for various reasons.

Photos were taken by John Ford during the afternoon tea.



Chloe Whiley and Bruce Hall behind his wife Helen with Graham Liebelt's son kneeling, Rocky Anock, Graham Liebelt in wheelchair, John Jarrett, Her Excellency Frances Adamson, Mr Bunten behind her, Shirley Barrett and Peter Scott.

OLD FAITHFUL NICKNAME TRIBUTE TO RELIABILITY

Col. Peter Scott DSO (Ret'd) said he realised a short explanation about the 3RAR sash was necessary to accompany the sash forwarded to the King hence the following explanation was sent to the Government House staff member who took the photo.

A 3RAR sash is placed on the coffin of deceased 3RAR soldiers before their funeral service or burial. It is then handed to the family in memory of the deceased.

"3rd Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) was formed when stationed as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan in 1948/49.

"The battalion was the first Australian Army unit to deploy to South Korea in September 1950 to join the United Nations opposing the North Koreans who invaded South Korea on 26 June 1950.

"During the battalion's operations 1950/1952 the unit was given the nickname "Old Faithful" by the commander 28th British Commonwealth Brigade, Brigadier Tom Daly DSO OBE, because of its continued reliability on successfully completing tasks given to it."

A 3RAR sash was laid on the tributes surrounding the statue of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 at Government House.



Col Peter Scott DSO (left) and Don Steward outside the gates of Government House with the Hatchment on the gate. The Hatchment is a large tablet, typically diamond-shaped, bearing the coat of arms of someone who died displayed in their honour.

OUT AND ABOUT FROM USA TO SA



RARA President Michael von Berg with his partner Denise and Brook and Curtis Barber. Curtis is Denise's cousin ex-Army, Iraq veteran, now a police detective specialising in financial crime. The location was a great steakhouse in Bryan, the university town of Texas A&M, including an old historic ROTC Army Officer College with a campus of 65,000 students.



Among those who attended the Remembrance Day Service at Kensington Park RSL were (from left) James Stevens MP Federal Member for Sturt, Jack Batty State member for Bragg, Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux, Brigadier Ellis Wayland AM RFD ED (Ret'd) and Colonel Peter Scott DSO (Ret'd). Photo Taken by Luka Rinaldi, assistant to Jack Batty.

The President of the Royal Australian Regiment Association Michael von Berg and Committee Members extend Christmas Greetings to Members, Friends and those who helped in various ways throughout the Pandemic. They look forward to your ongoing support in the New Year and trust 2023 will provide all they look forward to themselves.



DRUMMING UP BUSINESS TO UPGRADE PIPES AND DRUMS



Pipes and Drums were raised in 1969 and received verbal approval to wear the dress of the Scots Guards in September 1970, which was later confirmed through Royal assent by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on 7 November 1974.

Wearing of the Royal Stewart Tartan is evidence of the unit's alliance with the 1st Battalion Scots Guards; something we still maintain closely to this day.

If you wish to provide a contribution towards the Pipes and Drums, then please do so using the bank account details below. I request you provide an accompanying email to the Adjutant with your name and details so we can appropriately thank you. I intend to publicly display sponsor's names at the Madden GC Club outside the Pipes and Drums facility.

Furthermore, if you wish to make a significant contribution and 'sponsor' an entire set of pipes or drums (approx. \$4000 each), then I intend to place a small plaque on the instruments with sponsor's names. Again, Dear Member, please don't let us see the demise of our battalions' pipes and drums.

Along with many of you I have sung the battalion's song
Our Director "Quick March of 3rd Battalion the Royal
Australian Regiment or for you

"We're a pack of bastards,
Bastards are we,
We come from Woodside,
The arseholes of the Royal Australian Infantry,
We're a pack of bastards,
Bastards are we,
We'd rather f*** than fight for lib_er_ty."

Donations to Peter Scott's bank details
- ANZ A/c of F . P. Scott BSB 015627 a/c no 5821 07472.

Peter will kick it off with a donation of \$500 so please donate generously. I will follow this up my personal donation. All amounts will be most welcome. Just indicate your name for Pipes and Drums.

*Kindest Regards Jeff Barrett.
President 3 RAR "Old Faithful"
0451 265 269*

Dear members and friends of "Old Faithful" the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment:

I have received an email from the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Johnson, and I have spoken with Col Peter Scott, Patron of 3 RAR Association, seeking assistance from you, our members and friends.

Below is a segment from the CO's email. Sadly however, the unit's Pipes and Drums are in a state of disrepair. The soldiers' willingness to learn and play remains unwavering, and their performances representing the battalion this year have been first-rate.

However, the Army no longer funds our equipment and training, and I am fearful our capacity to retain Pipes and Drums in future is being slowly degraded.

I am, therefore, seeking your support to ensure our Pipes and Drums continue to breathe life into Kapyong Lines for many years to come.

I am offering the opportunity for members of the Old Faithful family to sponsor new equipment and training resources.



VETERAN CORRECTIONAL SERVICES LAUNCHED



From left: Paul Tyson, RSL Advocate, Plympton Veteran Centre; Chris Tilley, Senior Advisor, Veteran Services, DCS; and Lea Gordon, Community and Peer Adviser, Open Arms.



From left: Jackie Bray, former Deputy Chief Executive, DCS; Chris Tilley, Senior Advisor, Veteran Services, DCS; Ian Campbell, Ex-Military Rehabilitation Centre; Darian Shephard-Bayly, Executive Director, Offender Development, DCS.

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) was excited to launch the DCS Veteran Services Pilot Program in January 2022 as part of the DCS Veteran Staff, Prisoners and Offenders Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025.



The DCS Veteran Strategy is underpinned by five principals in a whole-of-department approach:

1. Raising the profile of veteran needs: to be achieved through advocacy and support.
2. Normalising veteran service: to be achieved through education, training and awareness.
3. Connection to specialised services: to be achieved through building stronger relationships with VSAs.
4. End-to-end case management: from prison to community, to be achieved through stronger data collection and information sharing.
5. Recognising our veteran workforce: to be achieved by celebrating and engaging staff with lived experience.

This initiative started on a small scale at Mobilong Prison in 2017 as a collaborative effort with Ian "Patch" Campbell from Ex-Military Rehab Centre.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Patch and the many who have been assisting the program since its inception. Although there are far too many of you to list here, please know we are truly grateful.

We've seen some great results and broken some new ground since 2017.

Now, thanks to the acknowledgement of incarcerated veterans' issues by DCS, the program has expanded to encompass all South Australian prisons and, importantly, Community Corrections.

The DCS Veteran Services Pilot Program, as part of the DCS Veteran Staff, Prisoners and Offenders Strategy, facilitates veteran-based services for ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force who are in the South Australian Correctional system.

Together with our Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) partners, we can provide a myriad of services for offenders, correctional staff and their families.

We aim to foster the values inherent in those who have chosen to serve our nation by providing the support they need to continue to be positive contributors to the community.

Over the past year we have been implementing the program and meeting with ESOs to form partnerships.

To date, we have been overwhelmed by the support of the ESO community and Correctional staff.

As we develop our program further, our focus will be on streamlining service provision into a long-term model through continued stakeholder engagement, as well as staff and community education on veteran incarceration issues.

We look forward to achieving the potential of this program and contributing to our veterans, as well as the wider South Australian community.

It will come as no surprise that over the past four years we've found veteran incarceration is a complex and difficult issue to overcome.

Of the 100+ veterans we've encountered, many don't identify as veterans due to shame of offending, few have their DVA non-liability healthcare, and almost all indicated a need for some form of available support.

We are taking our first steps in tackling this issue.

With the support of DCS, DVA and our many supporting ESOs, we have a unique opportunity to make a difference, not only in the lives of our veterans, but also their families and the wider community.

DCS thanks the veteran and ESO community for their support.

We look forward to future collaboration and continued service to the South Australian community.

Kind regards,
Chris Tilley, Senior Advisor, Veteran Services
Department for Correctional Services

LAURIE LEWIS - TRULY GREAT AUSTRALIAN OF THE



Photo: Berry Funeral Parlour

Laurie Lewis AM was born in Armidale NSW on 25 May 1934 and died in Adelaide at about 2pm on 12 September 2022.

He was one of the greatest and most wonderful human beings who has been our privilege to know and to love. He was a gentleman in the truest sense; he was a friend and mentor to many.

He was a man who listened ... and remembered. During a group discussion at a meeting or social gathering he would nod and smile but not speak until all had spoken. Then his contribution would always be the best. His wisdom came from listening. From letting others go first and his genuine interest in and attention to what they said. This made them feel valued. He had a way of making people feel special. To be graced with his smile - that golden smile - was a blessing.

He was essentially a humble man who quietly but earnestly went about his business of leading and mentoring his subordinates and of course caring for people.

That he did this so successfully meant he had learned his trade in the profession of arms and later in life, other disciplines to extraordinarily high levels. He was thus able to give others sound advice regardless of the effort involved.

He served in the army for 32 long years and I would like to reflect on some examples of his leadership over that time.

There are two wonderful memories of Laurie's methods of teaching when he was a captain instructor in infantry minor tactics at the Royal Military College Duntroon.

In 1962 he had taken us to a pine forest in the RMC training area to learn the art of harbouring and we were told to wear marching order which included large packs containing sleeping kit. Now to keep the packs square in the barrack rooms cadets would fill their packs full of cardboard and paper. Laurie was aware of this bit of nonsense - so with a grin on his face he unexpectedly announced at the end of the days training that we would

be staying out overnight on a very cold autumn night in Canberra most of us without our sleeping kit. We learnt a very valuable lesson that night about always being properly prepared for any eventuality - which of course was his intention.

Another more personal memory was when I was the lead section commander on our final camp training exercise in 1963 in the Great dividing range south of Captain's Flat. I had the task of navigating the battalion to a rendezvous where we would be met by transport to take us back to the college. It was difficult terrain to navigate and made more so by an infantry major who was the commander, constantly telling me I didn't know where I was going.

Laurie crept up to my side and whispered something like 'don't take any notice of him you are doing fine'. He didn't need to have said that but he wanted to give me the confidence to get the job done - Laurie was very good at giving people confidence to do things properly.

I can also remember a night in 1966 when we were serving in 2nd Battalion the Pacific Islands Regiment in Wewak PNG Laurie and Di had generously hosted a dinner party in their married quarter for half a dozen subalterns, including me and Bob Sayce - I think it may have been something to do with our birthdays which were only a week apart - after a terrific evening we stumbled back to the Sak Sak officers' mess singing 'we all live in a yellow submarine', a Beatles song of the day. It was a night that illustrated to Bob and me what a kind, caring and generous couple Laurie and Di were.

We don't know much about his time as a platoon commander except that he had married his wonderful wife Di in March 1956 and for his service in Company 3rd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment in 1957 to 1959 during the Malaysian emergency. What we do know is that he was awarded a mention in despatches for his service in 3RAR. His service record tells us that it was "for services in Malaysia" probably to do with operations involving ambushing the Communist terrorists.

HIGHEST ORDER WITH COOL RESOLUTE LEADERSHIP

He was to make everlasting friendships from his service in 3RAR particularly with Max Carroll and David Rankine who many of you know or knew.

But we do know about his service in 9RAR including its tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968/69. The 9RAR Battalion book from that tour provides a compelling story about his role as the officer commanding C Company which had the motto of WTFW – the origins of which came from some obscure navigation issue. I leave it to you to work out what it means but I give you a clue that the letters “wt” mean where the ! I have paraphrased the 9RAR book as: “A special spirit existed in C company from the earliest days. That spirit was in the person of Maj Laurie Lewis who possessed the unique ability to inspire all ranks with his own sense of mission, to have them work beyond their capacity, not because the boss demanded it but because they wanted to. The knowledge he had and his high personal standards earned him the total respect from all of his men” - some of whom are here or are here in spirit. He was awarded a Mentioned in Despatches for his service in 9RAR mainly for his leadership during Operation Federal in February 1969 when his company prevented the firing of enemy mortars and rockets at the US army base at Long Binh. His citation says in part:

**“Maj Lewis has always displayed
Guy Bagot, one of Laurie’s platoon
commanders who is unable to be here
today because of illness, has reflected:**

“I will never forget Laurie’s leadership, wisdom and integrity and his impact on my life from the tender age of 17 years until recent days (59 years in all). He exuded great Kindness and care for others all his long life. An example to us all.”

John (Drifty) Rayward, who was the intelligence officer in 9RAR, recalls Laurie’s keen and dry sense of humour:

“I remember briefing him on the terrain he was about to operate in. “No worries,” said I confidently. “The vast mangrove swamp you are worried about is only of nuisance value.”

Two days later he radioed the commanding officer from the swamp and requested a personal visit by me for a face to face intelligence review.”

He ended by saying: “He’ll have no trouble walking in as he knows the swamp is only of nuisance value but get him to hurry up as I can’t last long balancing on a slippery, submerged log while the mangrove water swirls around my neck. Nuisance value be damned.”

Moose Dunlop, a previous President of the Royal Australian Regiment Association in SA, remembers when he joined the staff of headquarters 4th military district at Keswick Barracks in the early 1980s when Laurie was the Commander. Moose was trying to understand fully what his duties were and discovered the Commander, Laurie, was the only person in the building who had a firm grip on who was what and what they did. He knew it all because he was a believer in that old principle of management by walking around and talking to people. Consequently, for a number of months I shamelessly

sought his company for knowledge and advice. He was helpful and understanding and I have subconsciously thanked him for that experience for many years.

Laurie was to carry on with his high standards when he left the army and moved to the field of welfare - Janice Silby will speak more about that.

I have always understood when Laurie was a brigadier he was cleared for promotion to major general and I think he would have been the first graduate from OCS Portsea to achieve that rank.

He surprised many when he chose to take early retirement most likely for family reasons but also because his sense of integrity, always telling the truth and his caring for the welfare of soldiers was possibly not going to sit well with others in the general-caste where politics and duplicity were often the order of the day. He was much too noble a man to put up with that.

As a retired senior army officer he was one of the few who continued working for the welfare of veterans when so many of his contemporaries simply hung up their boots to write their memoirs and were never seen again.

So he chose a new life in welfare where he established a reputation for understanding the complexities of governments and turning that knowledge into the advantage for welfare groups or individuals in need.

He was publicly recognised for this work in 2006 when he was appointed a member in the general division of the Order of Australia (AM).

It was awarded **“for service to veterans as an administrator of aged care and health services, as an adviser to state and national ex-service welfare groups, and through support for charitable organisations”.**

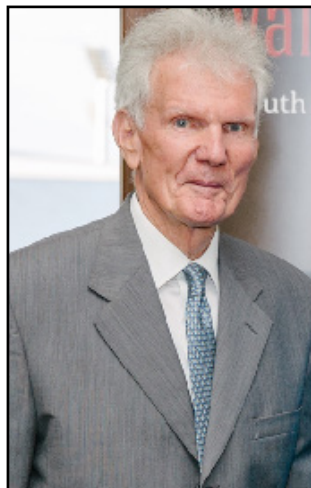
But he never lost his support for the Royal Australian Regiment and as the Patron of

the RAR Association in SA he is remembered by Michael von Berg, the Association President, as: “Laurie as the patron of the RARA in SA was a sage with incredible experience in the health, well being and aged care sector for veterans and their families. We would have many conversations on these subjects in particular issues he felt should be raised in Canberra, which I did, as a member of the national Department of Veterans Affairs Committee.

“Nothing epitomises Laurie more in this area than when I saw him in hospital while he was still capable of hearing and speaking softly. He kept saying something which Di could not understand but Laurie kept repeating it, and as I got closer he kept repeating “health and well being, health and well being”. I repeated that to Laurie and Di, and there was recognition. Here was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, a brother, an uncle and a soldier, with almost his last words telling me to not forget “health and well being” of veterans and families. “A warrior to the end”.

Laurie’s duty is done.

**He was a truly great Australian -- Fred Fairhead.
Australia and the world is a very much**



SONS OF BURNSIDE REUNITED



Her Worship the Mayor of the City of Burnside Anne Monceaux and project instigator Col. Peter Scott (retired) welcoming those who attended the ceremony .



The plaque on the existing rock was redesigned with the additional names.

The original memorial was established in 1919 when residents gathered at the junction of Alexander Avenue and Prescott Terrace to plant, dedicate and consecrate the Avenue of Honour.

The service on 4 August was supported by many students from Rose Park Primary School which is adjacent to the Avenue of Honour.

Students provided a band and choir as well as uncovering the plaques on cue by the MC Col. Peter Scott and Michelle Toft who read a brief description about each soldier. To help locate relatives of the 22 soldiers a letter was written to the Sunday Mail which was published in May 2022.

To our surprise, five relatives answered the letter. They all were very interested and became involved in the service.

FAMILY BUGLE PLAYED

One of them, Judith Locklyn, produced a bugle passed down through the R. F. Wark family and was now in her custody. She was a great niece of R F. Wark. The service was conducted in the park on Victoria Terrace near the school.

Assistance was provided by a Catafalque Party from 7RAR, a bugler, Leading Seaman Sean Hickey of the RAN who used the R. F. Wark bugle to play the "Last Post 'and Reveille' and Coordinating Chaplain 9RAR Brigade David Prior and piper Sean Hickey RAN.

The guest of honour was the SA Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Geoff Brock MP who gave the main address after Her Worship the Mayor of the City of Burnside Anne Monceaux welcomed everybody and unveiled the new plaque on the rock plinth. There was a large crowd of invited guests, a few relatives of the sons and local citizens who found the service very emotional and commemorative.



Rosa Park Primary School Band with Peter Young conducting during the Ceremony.

WITH MATES AT ROSE PARK CEREMONY



Among the invited greats were R-L Major Rupert Hindle, 2iC 7 RAR, Wing Cmdr William Black, RAAF Suzanne Moorhead, President Legacy Jack Batty, Member for Bragg Dora Iuliano, Principle Rose Park Primary School, The Hon Geoff Brock MP Minister for Veterans' Affairs Her Worship Anne Monceaux, Mayor of City of Burnside Cheryl Cates, President RSL SA Adrian Pederick MP Shadow Minister For Veterans' Affairs Chris Cowley CEO City of Burnside.

Above left : Research member Ian Fitzgerald watching a student from Rose Park Primary School unveiling one of the 22 plaques on 4 August.



Above left : Piper Caitlin Fry.

Above: One of the unveiled 22 plaques

Left: Sean Hickey, RAN sounding The Last Post on the R. F. Wark bugle.



Catafalque Party from 7 RAR.

LONG TAN ADDRESS FEATURED EMPLOYMENT OF GUNS

By Colonel Bob McEvoy MBE (pictured) at the Commemorative Service for the Battle of Long Tan Commemoration on 18 August 2022 read by Michael von Berg as McEvoy was indisposed.

I acknowledge Classmates Michael von Berg and Adrian Craig and my CO in Vietnam with 3 RAR Colonel Peter Scott.

Before I speak about the Gunners at Long Tan, I acknowledge the extreme courage and heroism of Maj Harry Smith and the members of Delta Company 6RAR their forward observer Captain Maurie Stanley in the Battle and remember their loss of 17 killed in action, and 24 wounded in action, and one member of 1 APC Squadron who died of wounds.

They sustained the fight against impossible, overwhelming enemy strength and in appalling conditions.

Today I'm going to talk about one Gunner who made a significant contribution to the successful outcome of the Battle of Long Tan and has rarely been recognised for doing so.

It was only when Brigadier Jim Townley passed away 2 years ago his role was given air-time.

Then Captain Jim Townley was 1st Field Regiment's Artillery Intelligence Officer. He arrived at Vung Tau in charge of the Regiment's Main Body on HMAS Sydney in May 1966.

He was in the first group to deploy into Nui Dat in June 1966 and with Captain Ian Darlington at Arty Tac HQ, prepared a Defensive Fire Plan to protect the 1ATF Base should it come under Mortar attack.

Captain Townley worked on this Counter Mortar (CB) Fire Plan which he based on his knowledge of the enemy 60mm & 82mm Mortars, aerial reconnaissance and ground patrol reports from forward observers and information from captured enemy VC, searching for possible targets and adding to the Fire Plan all the time.

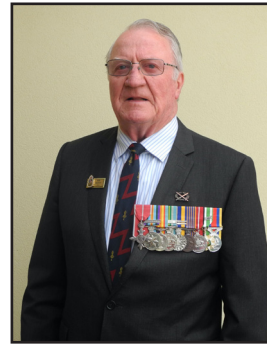
The purpose of this CB Fire Plan was to prepare firing data ready for each of the 3 Field batteries of 1st Field Regiment – 103 & 105 Field Batteries and 161 Field Battery Royal NZ Artillery, and the Medium guns of the US Army Battery to immediately engage enemy mortars, should the Nui Dat Base be attacked.

This CB Fire-Plan was updated daily by the Regiment & by the time of the Battle of Long Tan the Fire Plan had 60 Targets which were grouped in 3s and given Nicknames.

On 17 August - 24-hours before the Battle of Long Tan, at 0150hrs - the Nui Dat Base was attacked by 100 x 82 mm mortar shells - targeting the

- 103 Field Battery gun position – where 35 mortar shells alone landed and two Gunners were wounded and later medevac'd
- 161 Field Battery,
- the Engineers - one engineer troop commander was killed - and
- Task Force HQ.

On the gun positions there was obvious confusion with Gun crews having survived the mortar attack, leaping into their Boots and running through the darkness to Stand To at the guns ready to retaliate.



Mortar Reports came flooding into Captain Darlington at Arty Tac Headquarters from artillery forward observers, & infantry companies, on the Southern side of the Base, standing patrols and a special purpose OP located on Nui Dat Hill. The most important item in each report was a compass bearing to the firing position to obtain a point of intersection. It came

from 6RAR and the OP on Nui Dat Hill.

An intersection was apparent with one of the prepared targets in Townley's CB Fire Plan.

The target was engaged with 10 rounds Fire For Effect from each of the Regiments 18 Guns, drop and repeat, add and repeat so that 540 rounds of 105mm fell on the suspected Mortar baseplates within minutes. Plus the heavier 155mm Guns of the US Arty Battery fired 242 Rounds.

The mortars stopped firing & results would come later that morning when Bravo Coy 6RAR patrol was dispatched to the suspected mortar site.

At 0800 hrs, B Coy discovered:

- the first mortar position, the remains of what had been five 82 mm mortar base plates clearly severely damaged by our Artillery fire that had accurately hit the position
- weapon pits for approximately 35 men.
- Abandoned equipment, blood trails and other signs of a very hasty evacuation of the position still evident

And later they came across a freshly dug-in enemy position sufficient for 20 men and 22 discarded carrying cases for recoilless rifle rounds.

The CB Fire Plan diligently worked on by Captain Townley succeeded in eliminating the enemy's indirect firepower in the Battle of Long Tan so the VC were unable to attack 1st Field Regiment Gun Positions during the Battle and subsequently possibly saving Delta Coy 6RAR lives in the ensuing battle.

The actions of the gunners to engage the enemy with rapid accurate CB Fire while under Mortar Attack themselves was testament to their training and courage.

We should also remember that as a result of the heroic action at the Battle of Long Tan by Major Harry Smith, his Delta Company 6RAR, their forward observer Captain Maurie Stanley, supported by the Gunners, the relieving Cavalry and 9 Squadron's ammunition resupply, the enemy never again attacked the Nui Dat base.

Vale Brigadier Jim Townley AM

References:

- RAA Liaison Letter 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Ian Darlington (Ret), Battery Commander Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Regiment (1966) 103 Field Battery 1966..
- Mr Paddy Durnford OAM, Gun Sergeant.

RSL & CHANNEL 9 JOIN VETERANS' SWIM PROJECT

The days are getting longer and the temperatures are starting to rise, which means it is time to dust off the goggles and start training for the Warrior Swim Project.

There have been a few changes since last year's success.

This year it has been renamed the Henley Grange RSL Swim Project. The RSL has come on board to sponsor the project for the next few years with the view to making it a signature veteran event in South Australia.

It's going to be a bit of a grind from Jetty to Jetty on Australia Day 2023, but we'll break it up with weekly swims at Henley on Thursday mornings and the odd swim the Henley Grange Masters Swimming, who do an ocean swim on Saturday or Sunday mornings. We will also do the ocean swims which are a part of the South Australian open water series over the summer. Swimmers are always welcome.

We have a few swimmers from last year returning to go around the buoy again this year and we are always on the lookout for new swimmers.

To qualify they must be a Generation 4 veteran (Post 99) and willing to commit to the training and the South Australian Masters Open Water Swim Series and 2022-23 MSSA Channel Nine Open Water Series Calendar Masters Swimming South Australia (mastersswimmingsa.org.au).

Committee returned to office

All Committee Members were returned to office at the Association's Annual General Meeting in October.

President Michael von Berg
Vice President Rod Graham
Secretary Jim Stopford
Treasurer Mike Bevan
Webmaster Mike Bevan

Appointed Committee Positions

Club Manager	Greg Dwiar
Ceremonial Manager	Adrian Craig
Welfare Officer	Vacant
Membership	Greg Dwiar
Trojans Trek	Moose Dunlop

Voluntary Positions

Bar Manager	See Roster
Infantryman	
Co-Editors	Penelope & Bruce Forster

Battalion Representatives:

1st. Peter Le Ritche
2nd Malcolm Allen.
2nd/4th Kim Porter
3rd Jeff Barrett
4th Chris Pepper
5th Mos Hancock
5th/7th - Vacant
6th Bill Wallace
7th Robert Whinnen
8th Ted Forward
9th Mick Mummery



So if anyone knows veterans who may be interested please let them know or if you are a veteran employed by DVA, and if and want to come along and connect with your tribe, catch some sun and enjoy some of the great beaches South Australia has to offer.

Also if you are a ex-swimmer or someone looking for a new fitness challenge reach out to me at Open Arms in Eastwood and I will give you more details.

See you in the water.

Nathan Ross
Community Peer Adviser
Open Arms.

President's Report

1. Unfortunately, due to family responsibilities in the US, I was absent from 4 th Oct to 10 th Nov 22. It is unavoidable as I have executor and trust duties at this time, which due to Texas Codes, I can't reschedule.
2. I am also sadly an apology for the RARC AGM and Council Meeting over that period and Brig Stephen Dunn AM will step into the breach to chair the meeting. I will be doing a written report for Rod for RARA (SA) for this meeting and my own for the RARC Council.
3. August 4 provided a written report for the RAR Council at Singleton.
4. August 12– Attended the Don't Forget Me Cobber Luncheon for the Virtual War Memorial.
5. 18th Aug 22 – Long Tan Commemoration RARA Club Rooms
6. August 21 – Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Speech at Torrens Parade Ground.
7. 25 Aug 22 – ESORT Virtual Hook Up.
8. 26 th Aug 22 – Hosted Her Excellency the Governor of SA at a Test Rugby Luncheon in my capacity as President of Rugby SA.9. 31 Aug 31 – ESORT Virtual Hook Up
10. 1st September 22 – Attended the funeral of Private Bill Winterford MM in Clare SA
11. 6 th Sept 22 – ZOOM Meeting for ADSO
12. 8 th Sept 22 – Went and saw Laurie Lewis in RGH
13. 9 th Sept 22 – Meeting with Ian Smith at RSL to seek permission to refurbish the RAR Memorial on North Terrace.
14. September 12 – Call from Di Lewis at 1430pm advising of passing of Laurie - Michael von Berg..

Royal Australian Regiment Association Committee 2021-2022

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BAR ROSTER DECEMBER - APRIL

DECEMBER

Friday 2 Kara RAR Guest Drinks

Friday 9 Spike

Friday 16 Kara RAR Xmas Dinner

CLUB CLOSED FOR BREAK

JANUARY

Friday 13 CLUB RE-OPENS

Friday 13 Spike

Friday 20 Kara

Friday 27 Spike

FEBRUARY

Friday 3 Kara

Friday 10 Spike

Friday 17 Kara

Friday 24 Spike

MARCH

Friday 3 Kara

Friday 10 Spike

Friday 17 Kara

Friday 24 Spike

Friday 31 Kara

APRIL 7 CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 14 Spike

APRIL 21 Kara

APRIL 24 KAPYONG DAY

APRIL 25 ANZAC DAY CLOSED

1. APRIL 28 Spike